

Dear Parent/Carer,

The end of term is rapidly approaching, and we have many events planned. We are looking forward to seeing you and welcoming you into school. Thank you for the positive feedback in the way we restructured Stay and Play. We have slightly restructured the fair and we hope this works as well.

Christmas gifts

As a school we are aware of the ongoing cost of living crisis. Last year we took the step to ask parents not to send in gifts for staff and instead spend the money on their children. Having spoken to staff again they are of the same opinion in that they would rather parents didn't send in gifts but instead focused on buying presents for their children.

We will have a tree at the front of school where you are more than welcome to place a message of thanks for staff. Staff really enjoyed reading these messages last year. All children have had the opportunity in school to add their own Christmas wish to this tree and we would encourage you to read some of them when you are in school.

Staffing Update

Firstly, we are delighted to welcome Mrs. Howey back and the children were pleased to see her. She will continue to work with Miss Gillanders over the next couple of weeks to ensure a smooth transition.

We have a couple of staffing changes happening in January. As previously notified Mrs. Charlton will be joining us in the role of Assistant Headteacher/SENDCO and working with Mrs. Wheatley, our Deputy Headteacher, within Year 6. Miss Maddison has taken the decision to leave Moorside, and will therefore leave at the end of this term. Her last day in school will be Friday 22nd December 2023. We wish her every success in the future. Mrs. Sinnamon will be joining us to work in year 1 from the 22nd January. We have recruited supply who will work with the children from our return on the 8th September until the 22nd. They will be supported by Mrs. Howey and Miss Cox will continue to work in Year 1 to provide a constant and familiar face.

We also currently have an advert out for additional staffing within our EYFS to increase levels of support for our children and will keep you updated in relation to this.

Christmas Vouchers

All eligible parents should now have received these please can you contact us if you have not yet received your voucher.

Community Links

Please use the attached link to see what is happening in the local family center's [Family Centre Newsletter](#)

Can we also draw parent's attention to the playgroup that runs on a Monday morning at St John's Church Hall from 9 till 11 visit their Facebook page [Baby and Tots Moorside](#).

Reception Places September 2024



Aiming High

If your child is eligible for reception in September 2024 remember you need to apply for their place using the attached link [APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE](#). The deadline is the 15th January 2024.

Free 15 Hours Nursery Care for working parents from April 2024

Please see further information in relation to this [here](#). If you are eligible please pick up a nursery application form from the main office.

Nativity tickets

Nativity Tickets are now on school gateway. We are putting them on £1 a ticket, this is to raise some money for our school fund.

Our Nativities are both on Monday 18th December.

EYFS Nativity will run from 9-9:30am and Our Year 1/2 Nativity will run from 9:45-10:15am.

Diary Dates

Fri 8 th Dec 2023	Christmas Fair from 1:30pm
Mon 11 th Dec 2023	EYFS Christmas Party
Tue 12 th Dec 2023	Y1&2 Christmas Party
Wed 13 th Dec 2023	Y3&4 Christmas Party
Thu 14 th Dec 2023	Y5&6 Christmas Party
Mon 18 th Dec 2023	EYFS/Ks1 Christmas performance Year 2 and 3 Parent Evening
Tues 19 th Dec 2023	TOP 25 Year 1, 5 and 6 Parents Evening
Wed 20 th Dec 2023	Team Treat (PM) Nursery and Reception Parents Evening
Thurs 21 st Dec 2023	Christmas lunch for the children in school.
Fri 22 nd Dec 2023	Carols Around the Tree (from 1:30) *
w/c 25 th December 2023 & 1 st January 2024 - CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS Children return to school 8 th Jan 2024	
Fri 26 th Jan 2024	Multi-skill competition at New Brancepeth Yr1/2
Tues 6 th Feb 2024	Safer internet day – Workshops with Parents (from 2pm) *
Tues 13 th Feb 2024	Parent drop in session (from 2pm) *
w/c 19 th February 2024 FEBRUARY HALF TERM	
Wed 6 th March 2024	Reception Assembly
Thurs 7 th March 2024	World Book day
Fri 8 th March 2024	Mother's day lunch and assembly *
Fri 15 th March 2024	Year 1/2 Assembly for parents/carers (from 2:45pm) *
Fri 22 nd March 2024	Year 3/4 Assembly for parents/carers (from 2:45pm) *
Tues 26 th March 2024	Year 5/6 Assembly to parents/carers (from 2:45pm) *
Wed 27 th March 2024	Parents Evening (Face to face from 3:30pm) Top 25

Thurs 28 th Mar 2024	Team treat (AM) Easter Stay & Play (PM) *
Fri 29 th March 2024	Bank Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED
w/c 1st April 2024 & 8 th April 2024 EASTER HOLIDAYS Children return to school 15 th April 2024	
Mon 6 th May 2024	May Bank Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED
13 th – 17 th May 2024	KS2 SATS Week
20 th – 25 th May 2024	KS1 SATS Assessment Period
Tues 21 st May 2024	Parent drop in session (from 2pm) *
w/c 27 th May 2024 MAY HALF TERM	
10 th – 15 th June 2024	Y4 Multiplication Check Period
Fri 15 th June 2024	Father's Day Lunch *
Tues 18 th June 2024	EYFS Class Assembly for parents/carers (from 2:45pm) *
Wed 26 th June 2024	Year 1/2 Assembly for parents/carers (from 2:45pm) *
Fri 5 th July 2024	Non-Uniform – Summer fair donations
Wed 10 th July 2024	Year 3/4 Assembly for parents/carers (from 2:45pm) *
Thurs 11 th July 2024	Moving up day in school
Fri 12 th July 2024	Summer Fair (Running from 1:30pm) *
Mon 15 th July 2024	EYFS Sports day (10:30-11:30) * R-6 Sports day (2pm-3pm) * Key Stage 2 Performance (5pm) *
Tues 16 th July 2024	Leavers disco (3:30-5pm) Top 25 (AM)
Wed 17 th July 2024	Parents Evening (Face to face from 3:30pm) * Team Treat (PM)
Thurs 18 th July 2024	Reception graduation (Running 9:15-10:15am) * Leavers Assembly (Running 10:30-11:30am) *
Fri 19 th -Tues 23 rd July 2024	PD Days- SCHOOL CLOSED
SUMMER HOLIDAYS	
w/c 2 nd September 2024 - Return to school!	

Should you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

Mrs H L Templeton

Executive Headteacher