

Moorside News - 17th December

The term seems to have flown by. Although not quite completely normal, we have managed to run a full curriculum along with many additional opportunities and experiences to enhance learning. We are also very pleased that we have not had any class closures because of high cases of Covid 19. Thank you to everyone for your support in testing children, being cautious and talking to us when you had questions. We are very pleased to say that our case numbers this week have been much lower. Testing in the days before we re-open would be very helpful in giving us a fresh start with no cases in January.

Thinking ahead, if any children should test positive towards the later end of the holidays, which means it will affect their return to school on 5th January, please let school know by Tuesday 4th (Inset Day) along with their expected return date. You can either leave a message on 01524 66516 or email: office@moorside-pri.lancs.sch.uk

Support over Christmas

On the one hand Christmas can be a joyful time for many people, but it can be difficult for some because normal support networks or agencies that people rely on are temporarily unavailable. With your help, we have supported local food banks which can be accessed if necessary. The City Council also have a fund available:

<https://www.lancaster.gov.uk/sites/community-hub/household-support-fund>

Other useful contacts include:

Samaritans: 0330 094 5717

Domestic Violence Support: 07341 363 433

Olive Branch: 01524 555715

Lancaster City Council Housing Team: 01524 582 929

Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Christmas Jumper day last week. We managed to raise an enormous **£499.00**.

The Royal British Legion have also been in touch thanking school for raising **£450.65** for the Poppy Appeal this year.

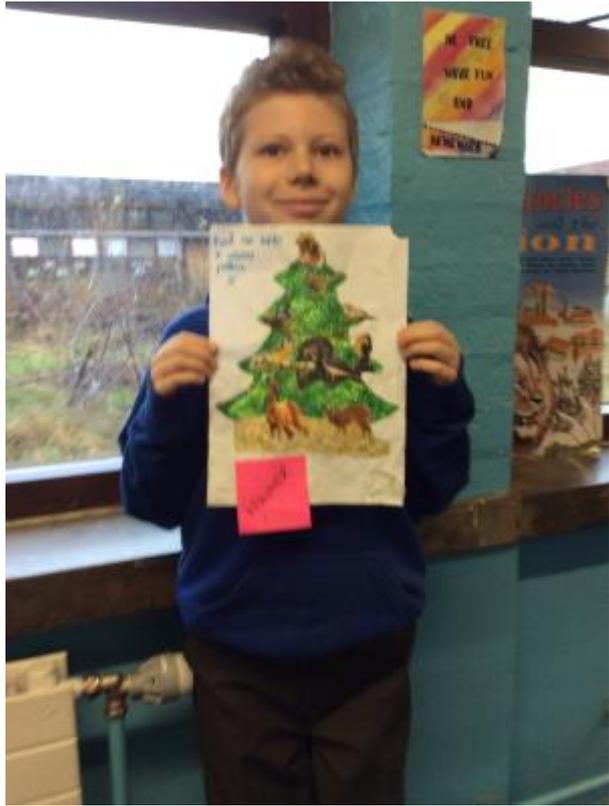
Well done and thank you to Moorside pupils and families for your support.

Christmas Tree Competition

Thank you everyone who entered the Christmas Tree Colouring competition. The designs looked fantastic along the main school corridor and really made school look festive. Thank you Mrs Murphy

for organising again this year. We managed to raise **£43.70** for MOORFS. Judging proved very difficult this year but below are our winners.









Moorfs Dingbats Competition

Thank you to Moorfs for organising the fun Dingbats competition. The 3 winners will receive their prizes today and we will let you know the total raised once it's been counted up. The answers are:

3 wise men, Last Christmas, Reindeer, Holy Night, Mince Pies, Wish upon a star, Snowman, Little Donkey, Mixed Nuts, 1st Noel, Seasons Greetings, Snowball.

Well done to everyone who got the correct answers.

MOORFS Christmas Lights

Later today is the MOORFS' Christmas Lights event, along with the chance to meet Father Christmas if you have pre-booked. We are happy for this event to go ahead because it is outside and the numbers on site at any one time will be less than drop off/pick up time. However, please wear a mask in any crowded areas and especially if you are near Father Christmas. After all, he has a very busy week ahead and cannot afford to be self-isolating! I am sure it will be a great evening.

Once again, thank you for your support and from everyone at Moorside we would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Nuts!

Please can we remind everyone that nuts are not allowed in school because we have a number of children with severe allergies to them. We have noticed several children bringing them over the last week.

School Lunch Menu

We will be starting the new year on WEEK 2 when we return on the 5th January. After now running a full menu since September, we have had the chance to see what is popular and what isn't. Bearing this in mind the kitchen have made a few tweaks to our existing menu, replacing some of the unpopular choices. A draft of the menu will be uploaded shortly to the app whilst we have time to re-type the new version.

Thank you

Diary Dates

December 2021

Friday 17th Last day of term. School finish at **2.00pm**

January 2022

Tuesday 4th Inset Day

Wednesday 5th School re-opens for pupils

Useful Numbers and Emails

School Office: 01524 66516

School Office Email: office@moorside-pri.lancs.sch.uk

Designated Safeguarding Leads for concerns about a child: Alison Lay, Roger Shone, Kate Nuttall, Lisa Newton, Alice Earnshaw

MOORFs Email: moorfs@moorside-pri.lancs.sch.uk

Moorside Pre-School: pre-school@moorside-pri.lancs.sch.uk

Moorside Kids Club: 01524 381403 (answerphone until 2.30pm). Email: moorside.kids.club@outlook.com