



# MOORTHORPE NEWS - JAN 2024

Happy New Year! I hope you have had a wonderful Christmas break and everyone stayed safe and well.

At Moorthorpe, we love to celebrate the progress of our pupils and I feel incredibly proud of all our children for the wonderful concerts that many of you attended at the end of term. So many of them performed with increased confidence showing how far they've come. It was a joy seeing the children sing, act and dance their hearts out with obvious enjoyment. There will be more chances for your children to shine in 2024 starting with Young Voices in February.

## CHILDREN & STAFF

We welcome our new nursery starters and their families. When they came for their taster visits they did not want to leave, so I am sure they will settle quickly.

We also welcome Mrs Field who has joined our staff team and will be teaching our Y5/6 class. Mrs Field is an experienced teacher with strong expertise in Maths who I know will be an asset to Moorthorpe Primary. She is also a designated safeguarding leader so will be on all the posters around school!

## ATTENDANCE

Our school attendance figure for the Autumn term was 94.8%. This was in line with the national average at 94.9% so a big thank you for ensuring your children are in school (if they are well). We continue to strive to meet our target of 96%.

59 pupils (24%) had 100% attendance for the Autumn Term and received a bronze certificate. Hopefully many will continue and get silver and gold awards for the spring and summer terms!

40 pupils had attendance lower than 90% so classed as persistently absent. Support will be put in place to ensure this improves.

## PARENTS IN SCHOOL

Please see the diary dates below, including our INSPIRE sessions for Y3 and Y4, where you can come and join a lesson in school and work alongside your child. All holiday dates are on. More dates such as sports days, trips etc will be added in due course.

As always, keep a close eye on our school and class dojo pages for updates plus our school website for curriculum documents, policies and other information.

Best wishes  
Deborah Birdsall

THE DESIGNATED CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER AND SENIOR PERSON FOR SAFEGUARDING IS MRS DEBORAH BIRDSALL, THE DEPUTY CHILD PROTECTION OFFICERS ARE MRS JANET HARDY AND MRS STEPHANIE FIELD



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### January 2024

#### **Monday 8th – return to school**

Wednesday 17th – Y4 INSPIRE – Mrs Norman’s class only 9-10am

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> – Parent/carer coffee morning

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Fri 26<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 Bikeability

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> – EYFS farm visit morning on the school field.

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> – Year 3 INSPIRE session for parents 9-10am

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> – Y6 SATs parents’ meeting

Monday 30th – Friday 3rd – National Storytelling week

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> – Planetarium for Y5, Y5/6 and Y6 - £3 contribution please.

### February 2024

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> - Parent/carer coffee morning

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> – Safer Internet Day

Thursday 8th – Y4 INSPIRE – Miss Mckenzie’s class only 9-10am

#### **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> – school closes at 3pm for half term**

#### **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> - return to school**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – Young Voices at Sheffield Arena

w/c 26-29 Year 4 trip to Eureka (exact dates to be confirmed)

### March 2024

Friday 1st – Individual and family photos day

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> - Y2 INSPIRE – Miss Hazell’s class 9-10am

Thursday 7th – World Book Day (Dress up)

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> – Parent consultations in the hall

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> – Parent/carer coffee morning

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> – Red Nose Day (Wear red!)

#### **Friday 22nd - School closes at 3.10pm for Easter holiday**

### April 2024

#### **Monday 8th – school reopens**

15<sup>th</sup> – Living eggs arrive

### May 2024

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Year 6 photo

#### **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – Bank holiday SCHOOL CLOSED**

Year 6 SATs Week – Monday 13th – Friday 17th May

#### **Friday 24th - School closes at 3.10pm for Whitsun holiday**

### June 2024

#### **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED**

#### **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> – school reopens**

Year 4 Multiplication Check – Week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> June

Year 1 Phonics screening – Week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> June

Wednesday 26th – Induction day at Minsthorpe and transition to new classes in school

### July 2024

Close for the summer break – Friday 19th July at 3.10pm.

Inset Day – Monday 22nd July

