



# MOORTHORPE NEWS - OCT 2022

## Welcome back

Where did September go? It has been a positive start to the term. Our new pupils seem settled and happy to be at Moorthorpe. Our Friday 'Golden Assembly' has shown that pupils are working hard, making progress and following our school rules: ready, respectful, safe. I'm looking forward to starting hot chocolate with the head this week!

### **Covid update**

We have had a few positive cases among staff and pupils however there is no requirement to do a test or to stay at home. Like flu, we are 'Living with Covid' so the general rule is: if you are well enough (general coughs and colds) dose up and come in but if you are too poorly, stay at home. We will not be providing work - if your child is too unwell to attend school, then they are too poorly to work at home.

### **Coffee morning**

We value your support and are keen to work closely with parents/ carers in school. We would like your ideas of how we can improve school life for our pupils. We are in search of a new parent governor, PTA members and keen to speak to anyone who feels they have something to offer. This may include organising 'pre-loved uniform' events and generally helping with fundraising events in school. Our first coffee morning will be Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Oct at 8.50am. Hope to see you there! (The second one will be Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Nov.)

### **School name change**

We are proud to have our Inclusion Resource pupils and staff working closely with us and are delighted their Willows classroom in main school is now in full use. At our first Governors meeting last week, we agreed to change our school name to 'Moorthorpe Primary School with Inclusion Resource'. We will check with Wakefield Council any further steps we need to take. There will be no changes to uniform, but we will look to change letterheads, signs, website etc.

### **Change in school hours/ times**

The government have stated that from September 2023, all schools must provide a 32.5 hour offer across the week. This equates to 6.5 hours per day. We currently offer 31.67 hours per week as we open at 8:40am and school finishes at 3:00pm. Following advice from the Local Authority, it is clear that we need to extend the school day slightly. We plan to close 10 minutes later from September 2023. See Parentmail for consultations letters.

### **Visits**

Last Thursday we received a phone call from a member of the public who was walking his dog at Sandal Castle, while our year 6 cohort were enjoying a class trip there. He was full of praise saying how polite and well-mannered they were – they're simply a credit to our school! I am so proud of them all. It is the turn of year 5 this Thursday. I'm sure they'll have a great day too. Going by train proved very popular and also meant the cost was £3 – much less than by coach!



## Home/school agreement

Please read the home/school agreement with your child. Please note the new bullet point under the parents' section about supervising your child on the trim trail or gym equipment before & after school. Thank you for your support.

## Reading Books

Unfortunately, quite a few RWI reading books are not being returned this is causing problems for the next group going home. If you find any at home, please send them to school as soon as possible. We do not want to ask for money but we cannot afford to keep replacing these at £4 per book. Thank you for your support. Miss Stead will be starting parent workshops on Tuesdays at 2.30pm. Please look out for dates on dojo. ks2 children should bring their books to school every day for ERIC time, even if they've not yet had chance to read it with a grown up at home, thank you.

## RSE

Just a reminder that all the Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) materials are on our website for consultation. Children cannot be withdrawn from the relationships and health education, only for the Sex Education, however if you have any queries please phone school to discuss this further.

## Uniform & PE Kit

We do have lots of spare uniform, please ask if you need anything. Please ensure that your child comes to school in the correct PE kit on their PE days, including footwear. Their games session with Mr Stringfellow will be outside, even as it gets colder, so please ensure they have track suits/ jogging bottoms and sweatshirts. Due to health and safety regulations, if your child does not have the correct footwear, they will not be able to participate.

There's so much going on at Moorthorpe Primary – before we know it Christmas will be here! Mrs Deborah Birdsall, Headteacher

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### October 2022

Thursday 6th October – Y5 Trip to Sandal Castle and Wakefield Museum.

Monday 10th October – World Mental Health Day – donations please. Non uniform - Wear yellow

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Y6 go to Robinwood

Friday 21st Spooky day – Dress up & disco in the afternoon

**Friday 21st School closes at 3pm for half term and reopens Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.**

### Harvest Festival:

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 2:00pm for EYFS – Parents invited.

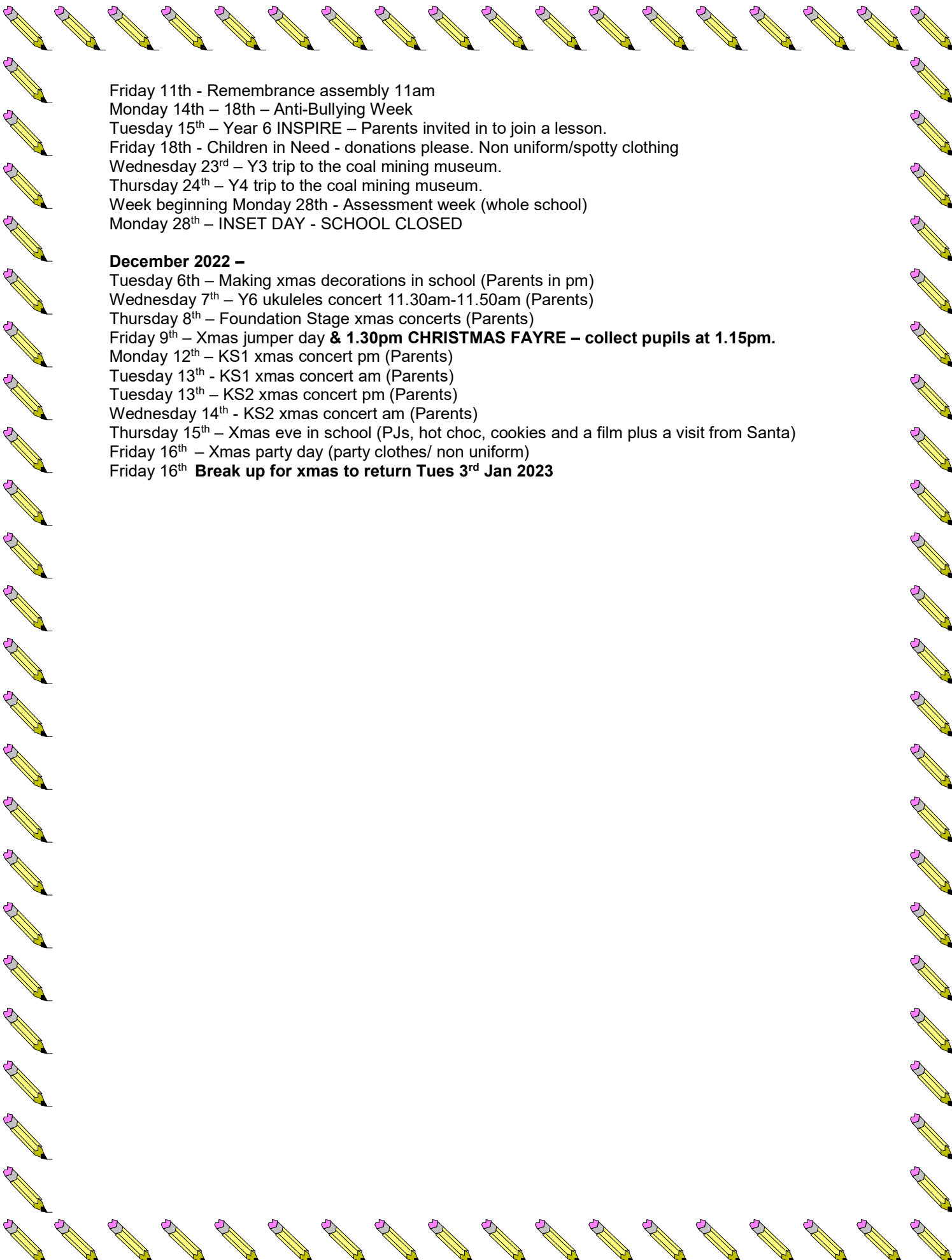
There will be a harvest assembly for the rest of school. Produce for the harvest can be brought to school from Monday 10th (non-perishable goods only)

All produce will then be distributed to elderly residents in the local community on Thursday 13th October or taken to Food Bank.

### November 2022

Monday 7th – Police Cadet Assembly & training (more details to follow)

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov – Parents Evening in the school gym



Friday 11th - Remembrance assembly 11am  
Monday 14th – 18th – Anti-Bullying Week  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 INSPIRE – Parents invited in to join a lesson.  
Friday 18th - Children in Need - donations please. Non uniform/spotty clothing  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Y3 trip to the coal mining museum.  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> – Y4 trip to the coal mining museum.  
Week beginning Monday 28th - Assessment week (whole school)  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> – INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED

**December 2022 –**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> – Making xmas decorations in school (Parents in pm)  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> – Y6 ukuleles concert 11.30am-11.50am (Parents)  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> – Foundation Stage xmas concerts (Parents)  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> – Xmas jumper day & **1.30pm CHRISTMAS FAYRE – collect pupils at 1.15pm.**  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – KS1 xmas concert pm (Parents)  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> - KS1 xmas concert am (Parents)  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> – KS2 xmas concert pm (Parents)  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> - KS2 xmas concert am (Parents)  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> – Xmas eve in school (PJs, hot choc, cookies and a film plus a visit from Santa)  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> – Xmas party day (party clothes/ non uniform)  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> **Break up for xmas to return Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2023**