

# Moss Side Primary School

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Dear Parent,

The end of the year is upon us! Somehow, every year, the moment creeps up and yet it feels like only yesterday that we started the year.

There have been too many highlights to mention but, yet again, pupils, staff and parents have worked together to create a positive and vibrant school atmosphere. In my first year 'flying solo' as head teacher, the warmth of all three of the above groups has been invaluable – thank you! I will leave this academic year behind with the stand out moment still our Comic Relief efforts, a day of fun and fundraising organised by the pupils; it truly embodied the ethos we work so hard to maintain at Moss Side. It was also, undoubtedly, a very proud day for the school when it was announced that Mrs Burdín was to receive an MBE for her services to education.

I wish you all a pleasurable summer holidays to enjoy with family and friends, before we start all over again in September...

## Year 6

...unless you are in Year 6! We wish all of our current Year 6 class the best of luck at high school. They have been a bubbly class who have thrown themselves into school life. We hope that they will always feel a 'Moss Sider', even when they have left the building, and hope they retain the values they have learnt into later life.

The performance last week was magnificent, to go alongside many of their considerable achievements. We look forward to hearing about their exploits in the coming months.

This year's award winners are:

NAME OF AWARD	CHILD'S NAME
Mullen Shield for Positive Attitude	Ben Cockcroft
Cairns Caring Cup	Maisy Walsh
Fairey Borwick Shield	Thomas Walters
Hazel Smith Progress	Summer Barker-Hampson
Jones Service to School	Dani Halliwell
Baybutt Academic	Izzy Berry
Holmes Science	Kourtney Pearson

Heaton Performing Arts  
Alexander Sporting Shield  
Underwood English Award  
Burdin Maths Award  
Perseverance Award

Finn McGuigan  
Tom Berry  
Romani Brown  
Holly Hilton  
Mia Simpson

## Reading

Next term, we are going to focus upon promoting reading. It is crucial that pupils read regularly and widely at home in order to develop their stamina. It is also fantastic for the development of language, vocabulary and spelling if pupils read for pleasure and hear stories on a regular basis. This will form the basis of our work next term but, to get things going early, we are setting the pupils a summer challenge...

### **EXTREME READING**

Pupils have been challenged to take a photo of themselves reading their current summer holiday reading in the strangest place (no Photoshopping please!). Who reads Dahl in the bath? Do you know somebody who takes Harry Potter on a lilo? Are you the sort of person who reads Morpurgo on the train? The stranger the better. All photo entries will create a display in school, with prizes for the best entries. Photos can be sent to [extremereading@mosside.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:extremereading@mosside.lancs.sch.uk) with a short passage about what is being read and where (one or two sentences).

## Twitter

Moss Side's got...Twitter. Please follow us @mossideprimary for the latest news and reminders about important school dates.

## School Games Mark

In a lovely end of term surprise, this year we have received the 'GOLD' School Games Mark in recognition of the quantity and quality of PE and sport on offer at school. Thank you to all the staff involved, especially Miss Clarkson, and the pupils who have participated and led a range of activities this year.

### Meet the Teacher Dates

In an attempt to give parents plenty of notice, the dates for next year's 'Meet the Teacher' meetings are listed below. These are for any parents of pupils in Year 1 to Year 6 and provide an opportunity to be introduced to your child's new teacher as well as learn about classroom routines, expectations etc.

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September** - Mrs Simpkins and Mrs Dunne

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September** - Mr Kellett and Miss Thomas

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September** - Mr Gilyead and Mrs Dunwell

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September** - Mrs Torbett

### ParentPay

The majority of KS2 parents have now activated their child's ParentPay account and we are in a position where from September, we will **ONLY** be accepting online payment for school dinners. This includes Wednesday Wish, so we would encourage all remaining parents to ensure they have activated their accounts, so their child can choose to have one should they wish. Please ensure you only request changes to their dinner arrangements at the beginning of a new half term, as before. Breakfast sales will be the only items we will continue to take cash for.

KS1 have all been sent their activation letters. Please action these (if you haven't done so already) over the Summer break. We will be using ParentPay for the payment of all trips next year and as a means of communicating important information to parents. It is extremely important therefore, that all parents have set up their account.

### Sports Day

Congratulations to Blue team, who come out on top in Infant Sports Day 2019. In the Juniors, Green 1 were the winning field team, with 221 points. Yellow House were the overall winners with 704 points, followed in close second place (just one point in it) by Green House.

### Cross Country

In a correction to last week's newsletter, Thomas Walters achieved a top ten finish that was not written

in the piece. He was so fast he managed to beat the scorer!

### Reports

Reports were sent out on Monday, alongside important information about attendance.

For comparison with your child's attendance, the current school average is 96.6%

### Summer holidays

School closes at 3.15pm today. Pupils return on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September, apart from the new EYFS pupils who start on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

Stars of the Week	
Mrs Swift	Ethan Blake for being a good class mate and comforting his classmate when she was sad.
Mrs Dunwell	Amelia-Rose Alty for always trying hard and being a kind friend.
Mr Gilyead	Luke Sutcliff for a great score on Numbershark.
Mrs Simpkins	Charlie Dargie for some lovely pictures in her safety and writing books.
Mrs Dunne	Blake Holland for extra javelin skills this week.
Mr Kellett	Jake Grimshaw for organising a cake sale this week and raising money for charity.
Miss Thomas	Liam Coulton for being a hardworking, thoughtful and enthusiastic member of Y5 all year.
Mrs Heaton	Pius Whatton for always showing respect to adults and children alike.
Winning House: Red	

Yours faithfully

Mr A Wright (Headteacher)