

Moss Side Primary School

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Friday 18th October 2019

Dear Parent,

The end of the half term is upon us. We like to keep things quiet at the end of a half term, so we have only had a harvest assembly, football matches and an emergency air ambulance landing (on the field) this week!

Harvest

Thank you for all of the shoe donations which have been sent into school. As usual, the generosity of the Moss Side community amazes me. I will drop them at Clarks in the next few weeks, where they can be exchanged for education boxes for Unicef. We are happy to take any further donations for the first week back after half term.

Parking

May I take this opportunity to remind parents and grandparents of the need to park safely and sensibly at the beginning and end of the school day. We pride ourselves on being a 'community' school and wish to ensure that residents are not unduly disrupted by blocking driveways etc.

Staff Changes

Today marks Mrs Cook's last day as a teaching assistant in R/Y1. Mrs Cook has been a hard working member of our team over the past few years and we are disappointed to see her leave but wish her luck in her new career.

Miss Cartmel is also leaving us today, after several years as a welfare assistant. We would like to thank them both for their efforts in school.

Extreme Reading

Congratulations to Hudson Jackson, who was voted the winner of our Extreme Reading competition in the Infants. In secret, the pupils have also been voting for their favourite staff photo and Mrs Stephens amazing under water shot was our winner! Thank you to all pupils and staff who took part in our efforts to raise the profile of reading for pleasure.

Why not use the half term break as an opportunity to visit Leyland library? Or maybe just snuggle up in front of the fire with a good book from home or school?

High School Admissions

If any parents have not completed the application for secondary school places, please remember to do so during the half term break in order to meet the deadline.

School Library Books

We are looking to collect books suitable for pre-school and EYFS Children so that we can lend them out as part of our library.

Key events next week

Monday INSET DAY

Tuesday Brass, KS1 Change 4 Life event, CV Football Y5+6

Wednesday Fit 4 Life Y3+4, A Christmas Carol, Band Y6

Thursday Fencing, Swimming, Netball Y5+6

Friday Gymnastics Y3+4

Central Venue Football

Well done to our A and B teams who represented school on Tuesday night at Wellfield High School. They came back covered in mud but should be proud of their efforts; the A team won three and drew one match, whilst the B team managed their first win of the season.

Parents' Evenings

Thank you to all those parents who attended Parents' Evening. Your support has a huge impact on your child's education.

Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair will be on Thursday 28th November. This is our main fundraising event of the year (along with the Secrets' Room) and is always extremely well supported. We are now asking for contributions for the following items: -

*Toys and games (if you could check all games and puzzles, and mark on if they are working and complete, it would be helpful)

*Books

*CDs & DVDs

*New items (including bottles) for the Tombola

*Raffle

*Cakes (to bring in on the day of the Fair)

We would be most grateful if you would find some time during the holiday week to sort out toys etc. that you no longer want (before the new items arrive on Christmas Day!) We are happy to receive contributions from **4th November** (after we have cleared the harvest donations).

Second Hand Uniform

Second hand uniform will continue to be available to purchase for the week after half term, should any pupils require any additional school clothes.

Jars for Mrs Burdin

Mrs Burdin needs small empty jam jars with lids (eg. the size baby food used to be sold in). Please send into school as soon as possible.

Clubs

Miss Clarkson's Fit 4 Life club for Year 3 and 4 will now swap to 'group 2' after the holiday. All pupils should have received a slip informing them of this. There is a new dodgeball club for Year 5 and 6 (replacing their Fit 4 Life club). Any pupils wishing to join should complete the slip below.

Football club has finished for this term and will return in February, although the teams do have matches on the first Tuesday back.

Coding and guitar clubs will return week beginning 4th November.

All pupils who returned slips for fencing have a place at the club. Pupils who returned slips for gymnastics will have received a slip to confirm their place or otherwise as the club was oversubscribed. Places were drawn from a hat.

Christmas Dates

Unfortunately, although the website has the key dates for the rest of the term, the times for these are still not showing. As such, here are the key Christmas events that parents may wish to know about:

28th November - Christmas Fair (3:30)

12th December - Infant Performance for grandparents (9:45)

12th December - Junior Performance for grandparents (14:00)

13th December - Christmas Lunch

16th / 17th December - Secrets' Room

16th December - Infant Performance (14:00)

16th December - Junior Performance (18:30)

17th December - Junior Performance (14:00)

17th December - Infant Performance (18:00)

18th December - Junior Performance (18:30)

School Photographs

The deadline for returning photographs via school is Thursday 31st October. You are able to order them online yourselves after this date.

Half Term

I hope all pupils have a good rest next week.

Remember that school re-opens on **Tuesday 29th October**.

Stars of the Week	
Mrs Swift	Sophia Thomas for some lovely handwriting.
Mrs Dunwell	Seth Warburton for super-fast changing in PE and general good listening skills.
Mr Gilyead	Amelia-Rose Alty for having a great 'welly walk' this week.
Mrs Simpkins	Max Hull for having a great first half term in Y2.
Mrs Dunne	Alana Halliwell for Super Maths and Literacy work this week.
Mr Kellett	Evette Swann for great skills in PE yesterday - team work, demanding the ball, fake passes...
Miss Thomas	Reece Graham for always being a kind and respectful member of Y5.
Mrs Torbett	Joshua Ashworth for making a super start to Y6 during this half term
Winning House: Green	

Yours faithfully

Mr A Wright (Headteacher)

Extra-curricular clubs (November 2019)

My child wishes to attend:

Club	Day and Time	Collection
Dodgeball Club (Y5+6) [_____]	Monday (3.15-4.15)	Walk home [_____] Picked up [_____]

Signed..... Date.....