

Moss Side Primary School

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Friday 4th October 2019



Dear Parent,

Practising for Harvest Assemblies is in full flow in both departments and the sound of singing is filling school at present. The Junior Harvest is listed on the key events below, with parents and grandparents invited to attend.

Reading at Home

The importance of reading at home has been stressed again this term and I am delighted with the positive response from so many parents.

If your child is in EYFS, sharing a story with them before bed is a really valuable experience in supporting their development, as well as being a lovely thing to do! In Year 1 or 2, as well as the above, hearing your child read every night (as much as possible) mirrors the quantity of work we try to do in school and doubles the amount of time pupils spend practising a crucial skill. In the Juniors, as well as maintaining regular reading of school books at home, sharing a novel (either literally by sharing the reading or discussing one that your child is reading) is a valuable tool to support pupils' development.

I hope that, for those pupils who do not read as regularly as this at home, they might find a few more opportunities over the coming weeks.

Year 5 Readers

To support our younger pupils, some Year 5 pupils have volunteered to hear readers in Year 1 for a small part of their lunchtime. Mrs Dunwell reports that they are doing a magnificent job. Well done!

Key events next week

Monday Fit 4 Life Y5+6, Dance Club Y2+3

Tuesday Junior Harvest Assembly (9.15), Brass, Guitar Club KS2, Coding Club Y3+4, CV Football Y5+6

Wednesday Fit 4 Life Y3+4, Band Y6

Thursday Swimming, Netball Club Y5+6

Friday Football Club Y5+6

Parents' Evenings

Your child should have brought home the slip for this term's Parents' Evenings, which are to be held on either Monday 14th, Tuesday 15th or Wednesday 16th October. As usual, parents are encouraged to attend with their child to hear about their progress and next steps for development, as well as taking the chance to view their classroom and some of their work so far this year. All parents are reminded that each child has one appointment slot so we would encourage both parents, wherever possible, to attend the appointment together as it is not possible to offer more slots.

Please send your slip back ASAP with as many times as you are available for. This is a really important meeting to discuss your child's wellbeing and progress.

Reception Meeting

In order to assist parents in supporting their child's academic progress, we are offering parents/grandparents/carers, the opportunity to listen to their child's class teacher explain a little more detail about the reading and mathematics work that is currently being undertaken in school. The session is an opportunity to give parents a few ideas about how to supplement your child's development in these areas, at home.

The meeting will be Tuesday 5th November at 2.45pm and Wednesday 6th November at 9.05am.

Leyland Library 'Fun Palace'

TOMORROW: On Saturday 5th Oct 10-4, Leyland Library will be hosting an event with a range of activities available throughout the day (all free!) provided by our local community. Activities will include Arts and Crafts, a Lego challenge, a Smoothie bike, printmaking, ukuleles and more.

It is a great opportunity to visit the library and see what they have on offer.

School Applications

Please remember that parents have from now until to 15th January 2020 to express their primary school preferences.

Please note that the application deadline for secondary schools is 31st October 2019.

Applications can be made at <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/>

Yours faithfully

Mr A Wright (Headteacher)

Stars of the Week	
Mrs Swift	Kayden Evenson for sitting nicely on the carpet.
Mrs Dunwell	Freddie Nicholson for super animal sort and 100% effort in everything he does.
Mr Gilyead	Jessica Quinn for fantastic writing.
Mrs Simpkins	Ella-Mae Merrill for the most beautiful handwriting in Y2 at the moment.
Mrs Dunne	Chantell Hutchinson for a super piece of independent writing.
Mr Kellett	Ella Whiteside for great fractions and writing this week. For listening carefully and answering plenty of questions.
Miss Thomas	Adam Renke for getting to work much quicker and completing lots of Maths questions.
Mrs Torbett	Liam Coulton for being a superb role model.
Winning House: Green	
Silver Leaf	
Lewis Bashforth - For respecting the school environment enough to tidy the playground.	
Reece Graham - For respecting others enough to move up in assembly when a friend was squashed.	