

Moss Side Primary School

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Dear Parent,

I hope you all enjoyed a lovely half term and made the most of some fairly favourable weather before winter really begins to set in.

Infant Playground Door

Please could I make parents aware that the Infant door is becoming more crowded in a morning as parents try to say goodbye to their children. It is, of course, important that parents are assured that their child has entered school safely but it would ensure the safety of all pupils if goodbyes were made as pupils join their class line. Parents are, of course, welcome to observe their child entering school with their classmates but it would help enormously if a clear space was left for pupils to enter the building and the door to be shut. Thank you in advance for your support.

EYFS Reading Meeting

As has been previously advertised in this letter, there will be an opportunity for parents of pupils in reception to learn a little more about how reading is taught in school and to confirm classroom arrangements for swapping of books, hearing readers etc.

All EYFS parents are invited, although the talk will be tailored more towards Mrs Swift's pupils as Mrs Dunwell was able to discuss a large amount of the information at parents' evenings. Parents from both classes, however, may use the opportunity to ask further questions to staff about how best to support their children in this crucial aspect of their learning.

The meetings will be held in the Science Room (accessible via the Junior playground door) at 2:45 on Tuesday and 9:05 Wednesday.

EYFS Library

From next week, our after school library will return on Mondays. This year we are aiming this at all children in reception and any pre-school children. There are a wide range of books that can be borrowed, shared at home and then swapped the following week.

Reception and pre-school children are invited to visit the library, using the main Infant doors, at the end of the school day (once pupils have been dismissed).

Football Team

Congratulations to the A team who secured a place in the South Ribble play-off finals after finishing 2nd in the Leyland qualifiers. They secured their place with two wins and a draw on Tuesday, including a last gasp equaliser to secure the point that took them into 2nd. They play again this Thursday.

Our B team completed their Autumn fixtures this week, finishing with a couple of excellent victories. Most importantly, all players have played with excellent spirit and sportsmanship over the past few weeks.

School Meals

The new menu starts from Monday. As usual, the menu is available to view via the website.

Key events next week

Monday Dodgeball Y5+6 (8.10am-8.45am) EYFS Library

Tuesday Brass, EYFS Meeting

Wednesday Fit 4 Life Y3+4, EYFS Meeting, EYFS heights and weights, Band Y6

Thursday Fencing (8.00am-8.45am), Swimming, SR Football Play Off Finals, Netball Club

Friday Gymnastics Y3+4 (3.15pm-4.15pm)

Conkers

Following a request from some Junior pupils, conkers are allowed in the Juniors. Pupils have been reminded about the safe use of them, which should only be in our special 'conker zone'. I personally always favoured soaking mine in vinegar, although I do not know how much difference that made!

Poppy Appeal

Pupils have begun to donate to this year's poppy appeal, with Year 6 pupils selling a range of products at set times during the day.

Head Lice

We have been given information regarding a new treatment available that treats head lice. It is called NITWITS, an all-in-one treatment that comes highly recommended! Available from the Chemist.

Christmas Fair

Please remember that the Christmas Fair will be on 28th November. This is our main money raising 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 Prizes
- *Cakes (to bring in on the day of the Fair)

Bonfire Night

Bonfire night tickets are still available until Tuesday at £3 each from school or £5 at the venue on the night.

Clubs

Fencing Education wished to apologise for the confusion over a start date for the course; the application forms had the wrong date printed so it was felt best to stick to this in the end. Pupils are reminded that access to before school clubs is via the hall doors on the Junior playground. No pupils should attempt to enter via the car park for safety reasons.

Next week's netball club will be the last for this term. All pupils should remember that signing up to clubs is a commitment for both pupils and staff and that failure to attend on two occasions (illness does not count) will result in pupils being taken off the register. If pupils cannot attend, parents must inform staff by the usual means as we have a duty of care should pupils fail to attend. This has been made very clear to pupils and may result in them being exempt from other clubs in the future should they fail to

follow this rule. In some cases, pupils have taken the place at an oversubscribed club and it is unfair on other pupils to not attend.

Smart Watches

Please be aware that some types of watches are not suitable for use in school. With the development of technology, any items that have games, cameras etc. are not appropriate for the school environment. A traditional watch is a great thing for pupils to have, supporting them to develop their ability to read and interpret time.

Stars of the Week	
Mrs Swift	Trinity Murphy for some super number work.
Mrs Dunwell	Evie Hamilton for giving 100% in everything in class.
Mr Gilyead	Amber Atchia for great work in the computer room.
Mrs Simpkins	Ben Nicholson for wonderful writing about Guy Fawkes.
Mrs Dunne	Riley Mathewson for a Super writing assessment piece.
Mr Kellett	Sofia Holden for being very kind, patient and helpful towards the person she sits next to.
Miss Thomas	Ella Taylor for always being ready to listen and working hard in every lesson.
Mrs Torbett	Abbie Keane for always being helpful in class. Keane by name and keen by nature!
Winning House: Yellow	
Silver Leaf Lou-Joe Squires, Charlie Kingsbury, Jude Kirkham - For respecting others enough to offer fellow pupils their seats at dinner. Jamie Speakman for giving his beautiful leaf collection to Mr Gilyead!	

Yours faithfully

Mr A Wright (Headteacher)