

# Moss Side Primary School

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Dear Parent

An audience member for one of our productions spoke to me on the way out of school this week. She said, 'You must be incredibly proud of your school.' My immediate response was to tell her that I am lucky that we have so many wonderful children and an incredibly hard-working and dedicated staff. But her comment has stayed with me all week - it has made my Christmas!

## Christmas Productions

As I have mentioned, performances have now begun. Please support the work of the pupils and staff by ensuring that your child returns to school for the evening performances.

Please remember that entry is by ticket only. All our **Infants** are in the concert so please could they **return to school at 5.30pm** (not before) on Tuesday. If you are not watching the evening performance it should **finish for 7.00pm**. We will keep pupils in the classroom they are changing in, until you arrive. (This may not be their own room as we only use Mrs Swift, Mrs Dunwell and Mr Gilyead's classrooms. Your child will know where they change if you ask them).

All our **Juniors** also play an important part in their performances and should **return to school at 6.00pm** (not before) on the two evenings. Years 3,4 & 5 will need to be in school uniform. As with the Infants, if you are not staying to watch, the performance should be **finished by 7.30pm**. The children will wait in their classrooms to be collected.

Please ensure that Mrs Price is aware of any disabled access requirements prior to the concert so that this can be facilitated more easily. It would also be helpful to arrive in good time if this is the case.

All concerts are free as we feel this is a celebration of the work of our pupils. Instead of charging we will, as usual, collect for a worthy cause. This year, as part of our efforts to engage further with the community, we would like to purchase an external box so that our defibrillator can be kept outside and accessed during out of school hours.

## **Key events next week**

**Monday** Secrets' Room (Juniors), Y6 UCLAN Trip, Infant Performance (2.00), Junior Performance (6.30)

**Tuesday** Secrets' Room (Infants), Junior Performance (2.00), Infant Performance (6.00)

**Wednesday** Y3/4 Party, Junior Performance (6.30)

**Thursday** Y5/6 Party, Infant Party

**Friday** Carol Service, Altru Theatre, END OF TERM (3.15)

## Secrets' Room

The Secrets' Room will be open on Monday and Tuesday. The idea behind it is to encourage the children to think of Christmas not just as a time of receiving presents, but also as a time of giving presents to others.

We try to provide a range of gifts suitable for mums, dads, grandmas, grandads, brothers, sisters and pets. There will be prices from 50p to £6.00. The children visit the Secrets' Room a class at a time supervised by staff and parents. We stress that they are buying things for their family and not themselves.

Junior pupils will visit the Secrets' Room next Monday and Infant pupils on Tuesday. If your child would like to visit the Secrets' Room, please could you make sure that they bring to school on the day:

1. Their money in a named purse or envelope
2. A named plastic bag to hold their purchases
3. A list of the people they would like to buy presents for.

The children should bring home a slip today on which to record who they would like to buy presents for. Please would you help them complete it and add the amount of money they are bringing in.

The money will be collected by the teachers for safekeeping (apart from Year 5 and 6) at the beginning of the day and any change, plus their bags of gifts, will be given out at home time. Today the children have been shown samples of the things

that they will be able to buy so that they have an idea of what is available, and its cost.

### Parties

Children are invited to wear their own clothes on party days (see the timetable for your child's class). Please ensure that they are still suitable to play in outside on the playground.

As usual, the pupils will play games and have a small amount of food and drink.

### Carol Service

We are aiming to attend our annual carol service, at St. James' Church, on Friday morning. We walk to and from the church, so please make sure your child has suitable footwear and a warm coat on Friday. We will still go if the weather is slightly wet, so a spare pair of pants may be useful should the pupils wish to change into dry clothes in the afternoon.

### Altru Theatre Company

Next Friday afternoon, the Altru Theatre Company will perform 'Peter Pan' for the children. This has been made possible by the funds generated from the Christmas Fair.

### Photograph/ Video Reminder

At this time of year, when many people are watching performances for the first time, it is worth reiterating our policy re. photography.

At Moss Side we have always allowed parents to take photographs at school events, unlike the majority of schools.

We took this decision as we know how valuable it is for parents to record memories in this way. However, we are also aware of the potential problems this could cause. As we have a duty of care to all our children, it is very important that any photographs taken are not put onto social media sites such as Facebook or Instagram, for the following reasons:

- Many parents do not want pictures of their children displayed in this way.
- Some of our children must not have their photographs published for child protection reasons.
- The plays we put on prohibit their filming and distribution without purchasing a licence.

- Photographs taken may involve children in situations that would cause distress or embarrassment if put on the internet.

Because of these problems, lots of schools choose to ban any recording/photography of school events by parents.

At Moss Side we have always trusted parents to keep all our children safe by not putting any photographs onto social media. Unfortunately, if some parents choose to ignore these potential issues, we will be forced to prohibit the use of cameras, phones etc. at school events which would be very disappointing.

Therefore, please could you ensure that any photographs you take are purely for personal use and remind other parents of this, if you see that they have not followed the above guidance for keeping all our children safe.

Thank you.

Stars of the Week	
Mrs Swift	Isla Stringer for great participation in all activities.
Mrs Dunwell	Sienna Topping for always trying her best.
Mr Gilyead	Olly Midgley for fantastic speaking and singing in the Christmas concert.
Mrs Simpkins	Elvie Cragg for making a super effort in her reading.
Mrs Dunne	Charlie Crichton for super solo singing in the concert.
Mr Kellett	Sophie Morris for good listening and answering questions at the start of lessons.
Miss Thomas	Layla Topping for some beautiful singing with a big smile in the Junior performance.
Mrs Torbett	Georgia Young for contributing to Mrs Fahey's group writing discussions.
Winning House: Blue	
Silver Leaf: Alfie Wilson for letting a classmate stand on the bench because someone was coming to watch him.	

Yours faithfully

Mr A Wright (Headteacher)