

Moss Side Primary School

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Friday 20th December 2019



Dear Parent,

May I take this opportunity to wish all of our pupils and their families a Merry Christmas. I hope that everybody enjoys some quality time together over the festive period.

Christmas Productions

Well done to all those pupils who performed admirably in the Christmas Productions over the past few weeks. Thank you to all those who attended and ensured that pupils returned to school for evening performances.

The staff team worked incredibly hard this year, coping with a variety of illnesses and absences, continuing to dedicate their time for the enjoyment of the pupils.

We collected £868.00 in donations for the defibrillator box. Thank you for your generosity.

Secrets' Room

A big thank you to Mrs Burdin and her team of volunteers who have helped prepare and run the Secrets' Room this year. As well as sharing some Christmas spirit, we raised £1492.00 for school funds. Some of this will go towards paying for our STEM Week (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) in February.

Junior Start Time

Several years ago, we made the decision to open the Junior doors at 8.50 in an effort to stop congestion in the morning. Officially, the register has always opened at 8.55, meaning that pupils have a 5 minute window for pupils to enter school, organise their equipment and be sat at their desks. Over the past few weeks we have trialled leaving the doors open from 8.50, rather than the pupils queuing up. This appears to have eased the congestion and we will continue to do so after Christmas. It is worth noting that, on rainy days, we are not in a position to open the Junior doors any sooner than 8.50 as staff are still preparing lessons at this point.

Toast and Fruit

Junior pupils will be able to purchase toast and fruit again as soon as we return in the new year. Christmas productions have disrupted some break times for the last few weeks but we should now be able to return to normal.

Key events next week

Monday Handball Y1+2

Tuesday Brass

Wednesday

Thursday Swimming

Friday

Packed Lunches

As previously stated, we decided to relax the rules around packed lunches this year, while the Student Council undertake a review of 'healthy' lunches. This is still the case but could children refrain from bringing into school 'tube' yoghurts, as we have had several occasions where the yoghurt has fired across the hall, causing a mess and covering children! In lots of cases this is because the pupils have struggled to open them. Please could no lollies be sent in packed lunches as, apart from being a dubious item in a balanced lunch, they take a long time to eat and/or pupils are tempted to take them outside, causing a choking hazard. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Poppy Appeal

We are delighted to report that, through the sale of poppies etc. for the Royal British Legion, we raised £350.00. Thank you for your generous support.

Twitter

Our Twitter account has been up and running for a term and is another useful source of information about school. Why not follow us [@mossideprimary](https://twitter.com/mossideprimary)?

Handball

All pupils with a place at handball club will have received a slip. Please note that the club starts on **Monday 6th January** (finishing at 4:15pm).

School Holidays

School closes today at 3:15pm. We return on **Monday 6th January 2020**.

Yours faithfully

Mr A Wright (Headteacher)