

Moss Side Primary School

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Friday 17th January 2020

Dear Parent,

Key Dates Reminder

We are hopeful that the long running website calendar saga may soon draw to a close. In the meantime, can I draw your attention to these dates again:

- Thursday 30th January at 6.30 - Year 6 SATs meeting
- Week beginning 10th February - Mrs Simpkins' and Mrs Torbett's Classes Parents' Evenings
- Week beginning 24th February - Parents' Evenings for remainder of school
- Class assembly dates **are available** via the website

Dinnertime Changes

As I am sure pupils will have discussed with you, we are trialling a new system at dinnertime. We have returned to an Infant and Junior sitting in the hall as well as developing the activities on offer on the Junior playground (we hope to do similar in the Infants soon). Mrs Miller, Mrs Berry/ Mrs Hopkins, Miss Clarkson, Mrs Sumner and Mrs Leadbetter rotate on a daily basis, providing a skipping area, active area, playtime games area and a 'free play' zone. Mrs Swain continues to run her Science Room Club and, on Wednesday and Thursday, Homework Club is still available for Year 5 and 6.

This is an attempt to encourage pupils to try new activities, engage with fellow pupils and staff and to model *how to play together* at dinnertimes.

Clubs

Clubs will return over the next two weeks. For this half term, clubs will be:

| Day | Before School | After School |
|-------|----------------|--|
| Mon | | Handball Y1+2 |
| Tues | Badminton Y5+6 | Guitar KS2 Coding Y3+4 Clogging Y6 |
| Weds | Dodgeball Y3+4 | Art Y4+5 Football Y5+6 |
| Thurs | | Netball Y5+6 |

All clubs starting **next week** are in the key events box. Any other clubs will start the following week. Admission to new clubs is via the attached slip. Mr Kellett will contact those pupils who are in the **new group** of Coding Club to let them know, whilst existing members of Football, Netball and Guitar Clubs should simply come along to the next session. Mrs Heaton will speak separately to Year 6 about clogging.

Head Lice

We currently have an outbreak of head lice in school. Please check and comb your child's hair carefully and contact your local pharmacist if you spot a problem.

STEM Week

This year, Maths Week has been expanded to STEM Week (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). Mrs McKenna and Mrs Dunwell have been busy preparing an exciting week for the end of this half term. Details will follow in the next few weeks...

PC Tony

PC Tony will be in to talk to Year 5 next week ahead of this year's project. Last year, PC Tony worked with our current Year 6, alongside Miss Thomas, on an online safety unit of work, culminating in a brilliant assembly. All our pupils should be mindful of the need to only use age appropriate apps and to allow responsible adults to have oversight of their activities whilst out of school. Advances in electronic communication have lots of advantages, but we continue to try to support pupils to avoid the potential dangers.

Attendance

Last term as a school, we achieved **97%** attendance, reaching the school target and yesterday we had **100%** attendance for the first time this year. Being in school, ready to learn is a crucial part of primary school life. Well done to all our pupils and parents!

Key events next week

Monday Y6 Fire Brigade Talk, Handball Y1+2, EYFS Library

Tuesday Badminton Y5+6, Brass, Guitar KS2, Coding Y3+4

Wednesday Dodgeball Y3+4, Art Y4+5, Football Y5+6

Thursday Swimming, Netball Club Y5+6

Friday Y5 PC Tony Talk

Yours faithfully,

Mr A Wright (Headteacher)

| Stars of the Week | |
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| Mrs Swift | Chantelle Calvert for some good sentence work. |
| Mrs Dunwell | Lola Sullivan for excellent maths and a great piece of writing! |
| Mr Gilyead | Mia Doyle for great maths work this week. |
| Mrs Simpkins | Rosie Kendall for always trying her best and always with a smile. |
| Mrs Dunne | Olly Page for Super fractions work this week. |
| Mr Kellett | Lilly Ronald for always being helpful and considerate towards those around her in the classroom. |
| Miss Thomas | Millie Lythgoe for persevering with fractions this week and working so hard! |
| Mrs Torbett | Zander Bruce for sharing super knowledge in our rainforest geography lessons. |
| Winning House: Blue | |
| Silver Leaves: | |
| Respect for others - Andile Maphiwa-Ndlovu who helped Mr Wright when he was incapacitated last Friday. | |
| Respect for themselves - Tyler Keane who learned from his mistakes and made himself proud in the process. | |
| Respect for school and the environment - Finlay Fortune who quickly got paper towels to clear up a spillage. | |
| Respect for learning - Kya Mallon who showed great pride when completing a magnificent poem this week. | |

Extra-curricular clubs (January 2020)

My child wishes to attend:

| Club | Day and Time | Collection |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Badminton Club (Y5+6) [_____] | Tuesday (8.10-8.45) | |
| Dodgeball Club (Y3+4) [_____] | Wednesday (8.10-8.45) | |
| Art Club (Y4+5) [_____] | Wednesday (3.15-4.15) | Walk home [_____] Picked up [_____] |

Signed

Date