

Moss Side Primary School

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Dear Parent,

It has been lovely to return to school this week, although I am not sure whether it is more tiring being at home or at Moss Side! I have been overwhelmed by the kind and considerate response from our pupils and parents – thank you, it means a lot. Both Mrs Wright and Thomas continue to do well, although there is the usual lack of sleep in our house!

Coronavirus update

As you will be aware, coronavirus continues to dominate the headlines. It is an uncertain time for all but we have been working to combat this in the following ways:

- Pupils have been reassured that they should not be concerned but we have increased the vigilance around handwashing, in order to reduce the spread of disease.
- There are currently **no plans to close school** and we are guided by daily directive from the Department for Education.
- We will follow government advice. Yesterday, this changed so that any pupils who have a **new, continuous cough or a temperature over 37.8°C** should remain at home for **7 days**. General details about isolation are available via [Public Health England](https://www.nhs.uk/public-health-england).
- Although currently there are no plans to close school, if this is announced in the future, we will inform parents immediately and continue to communicate further during any closure. The quickest way to do so, will be via the school **Twitter account**. I would urge **parents to follow @mossideprimary** and ensure that you receive the Friday newsletter via ParentPay. We would continue to communicate through these channels during any closure. Should any parents **not be signed up to ParentPay**, it would be prudent to do so **ASAP**.
- We **will inform you** if circumstances change. Although difficult, please ignore hearsay about school closures, cases of coronavirus etc.

- Pupils are welcome to bring water in a named bottle. In Junior classes, these are to be placed on desks, in Infant classes they are stored in bags where pupils can then get them to have a drink.

Sports Relief

Thanks to our House and Sports Captains, we raised £240 after donations from pupils who wore 'sporty clothing' to school today. It was fabulous to see so many different sports represented. Year 6 also took part in the Beat Beethoven challenge, to play sport continuously for the length of Beethoven's 5th Symphony.

Key events next week

Monday Judo, EYFS Library, Multi-skills Y1+2

Tuesday Badminton Y5+6, Brass, Clogging Club, Coding Club, Guitar Club, CV Football

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

Thursday Swimming, Netball Club

Friday Mrs Swift's Class Assembly, Rugby Y5+6

Tables Certificates

Currently, 15 Year 3 pupils have gained their tables certificate after 6 earned one this week, which is a brilliant effort at this point of the year. It is crucial that all pupils know the times tables by the end of Year 4 and continue to increase the speed of their recall in Year 5 and 6. Purple Mash has some great tables games, as well as website games/ apps such as 'Hit the Button'. Year 4 will have a national 'Tables Check' in June.

Collection from School

We have had a series of circumstances where pupils do not know who is collecting them, especially if this is a childminder or the Moss Side Playgroup

Afterschool Club. It is important, for safeguarding, that pupils know where they should go at the end of the day, especially in Years 4-6 because they leave the building unsupervised and must make their own way to wherever they need to be.

Clubs

Clubs continue next week. The A and B football team matches, postponed from this week, will hopefully be played on Tuesday instead.

Brass Concert

Please accept the relative short notice for this term's brass concert, to be held on Tuesday 24th March at 9.15.

Easter Treats Reminder

Just a reminder that final orders for the KS2 sausage butty on the last day of term are due on Monday. Orders for the Easter lunch for any KS2 child, currently bringing a packed lunch, must be placed by Friday 20th.

Yours faithfully

Mr A Wright (Headteacher)

Stars of the Week	
Mrs Swift	Grace Moyo for a lovely loud voice in our assembly practice.
Mrs Dunwell	Luca Kirkby for an amazing story about Beegu (Bee-ju) this week.
Mr Gilyead	Ethan Blake for great dragon dancing in our class assembly.
Mrs Simpkins	Jamie Speakman for super numeracy work with money.
Mrs Dunne	Beth Campbell for being an 'angles' Superstar this week!
Mr Kellett	Carmel Calvert for an excellent piece of prediction writing linked to a Brer Rabbit story.
Miss Thomas	Dylan Gregory for being caring towards others on the playground.
Mrs Torbett	Evan Crosby for superb effort in Maths.
Winning House: Blue	
Silver Leaf: Respect for others – Levi Johnson for taking a classmate's brass instrument to the hall when they were busy doing a job.	