

Moss Side Primary School

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Friday 25th September 2020



Dear Moss Side Community,

Another week has passed us by - thunderstorm and all - as we approach the halfway point of this half term!

Congregating around gates

As you will have seen on Dojo this week, the police are likely to visit during the next few weeks to assess whether there are 'groups' forming around the gates and as people move away from the school site.

Parents are reminded of the times and to please only arrive for the correct time—some Year 3 and 4 pupils are outside school at 8.40 but do not start until 8.55!

Mrs Swift	Miss Jones	Mr Gilvead	Mrs Simpkins	Mrs McKenna/ Mrs Glynn	Mr Kellert	Miss Thomas	Mrs Torbett
9.00	8.55	8.50	8.50	8.55	8.55	8.50	8.50
3.15	3.10	3.05	3.05	3.15	3.15	3.10	3.10

Ukulele

Year 4 began their lessons on Monday and will continue next week. It was reported that they listened very well and managed to play a couple of notes!

Toys

Mrs Swift and Miss Jones are still asking for donations of hand sized toys such as cars, trucks, trains, action figures, dolls, ponies and animals. This is instead of toys being brought in from home and shared at break. Instead, staff will keep these toys in their bubbles.

Home Learning Support

This is now up and running and, should your child be unable to attend school due to COVID isolation, there will be work sent to you via Class Dojo by Mrs Berry (she will be in touch within the first 24 hours).

Parents should also be aware that the homelearning@mosside.lancs.sch.uk email address is still being monitored but this might not be as often as during lockdown as staff are obviously now busy in school. If you have issues regarding Dojo, particularly after an update, please check the useful help pages on the Class Dojo app or website.

Suitable Clothes

Please remember that, as the weather changes, it is really important that your child is dressed appropriately for school. Now, more than ever, the children will go outside for breaks in a variety of weather so a suitable waterproof is crucial.

PE lessons will also, the majority of the time, be outside so suitable warm and waterproof clothes will be important.

Please can pupils remember the correct items for PE as a few 'rogue' pieces of clothing have appeared:

- School jumpers rather than tracksuit tops
- Navy blue 'shadow' shorts or similar—no football strips etc
- Tracksuit bottoms/ leggings (with shorts on top)
- Trainers

Bags

We are continuing to try to reduce items travelling back and forth unless educationally necessary. Please remember that everything should go in school bags where possible—including lunchboxes.



Parking

Please do not park opposite the Infant playground—although the fences look like the back of gardens, they are driveways and residents need access at all times. We value our neighbours and do not want to inconvenience them unnecessarily.

Nasal Flu Vaccine

Just a reminder, if you would like your child to have the flu vaccine, you must complete the online form using the link

New EYFS Visits

We are, unfortunately, unable to offer new families a visit during school time ahead of the Primary Admissions 2021 but we are hoping to offer a chance to look around school after school. For further details, please encourage any interested parents to email bursar@mossside.lancs.sch.uk

sent earlier in the week via ParentPay (and email for the new Reception children) by October the 8th.

Stories

Starting next week, we are attempting to make another push on reading by sharing stories as part of 'assembly time' via a video stream in class. Junior pupils will be continuing to read Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets as we did not get chance to finish this at the end of last year—pupils might wish to watch the videos from Class Dojo from last term to catch up/ recap (they will be on the Class Story but you might need to scroll).

Topics for the term

Mrs Swift - Ourselves

Miss Jones - All About Me/ Pirates

Mr Gilyead - The Gruffalo

Mrs Simpkins - Festivals and Celebrations

Mrs McKenna and Mrs Glynn - London

Mr Kellett - Vikings

Miss Thomas - The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe

Mrs Torbett - Maps and Journeys

Stars of the week



R	George Kingsbury for telling me a lovely story as he looked at the pictures in his new read and share book.
Y1	Logan Corkin for settling in to his new class amazingly and always trying his best.
Y1/2	Avianna Karia for always doing lovely work and for having lovely manners.
Y2	Amelia-Rose Alty for being a lovely, kind friend.
Y3	Ben Nicholson for coming into school every morning and getting on with his work!
Y4	Harry Brindle for his enthusiasm, great listening and always having a hand up to ask or answer questions.
Y5	Carmel Calvert for a great effort with her triple jump in PE and some super ordering of numbers in Maths!
Y6	Millie Lythgoe for trying her best and showing great courage and determination.
House	Red

COVID-19 Illness

Should your child develop any of the main three symptoms of COVID-19 (new, continuous cough; high temperature; loss of taste or smell) they will not be able to attend school. Families should follow public health advice and households should self isolate, book a test for members of the house with symptoms and keep school informed of the test date and outcome. **All absence, whether COVID-19 related or not, should be communicated to the front desk via telephone.** Please reference the flowchart sent out via Dojo if you are unsure what to do.

If any tests come back positive it will require at least one bubble, or in some cases a blob, to isolate and stay away from school: in Mrs Swift and Miss Jones' class, for example, given the nature of our department it is probable both classes would need to isolate should there be a positive tests. It is likely, in this event, that such a closure will need to be arranged quickly and we **will inform parents via Dojo.**

Enjoy the weekend,

Mr Wright