

Moss Side Primary School

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Dear Moss Side Community,

The weather has certainly turned more chilly this week but spirits remain high! We have had a variety of issues with keeping bubbles staffed this week but we have somehow found our way through - thank you to all the staff who continue to commit to providing all of our pupils with an education in such uncertain times.

Parents' Evening

If you have not done so, please ensure you complete the Form to register the times that you are available for a catch up call.

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The deadline for appointments is **Sunday at 7:00pm**.

We will endeavour to ring between the times you request (most likely from a withheld number) or will arrange an alternative time if this slot is oversubscribed - staff will only make prior contact if they are full during your requested slot(s). As usual, we can only offer one call per pupil.

In order to provide a more regular stream of information as school is less 'open' this year, pupil targets will be distributed in late November, so that staff can keep you informed if pupils have developed following the parents' evening call.

COVID Measures

As it becomes apparent that restrictions to normal school life will be with us for the majority of this school year, we will continue to monitor and adapt them so that we can find the correct balance of risk reduction, opportunities for learning and a balanced, positive environment. When changes are made, the risk assessment will continue to be updated via the website.

Access to and from school

Please be aware that it is important that access is still available on the footpaths around school. If you are meeting or dropping pupils off site, please try to do this at a distance that allows you to spread out and only move closer to school at the correct time - this ensures social distancing and also gives pupils easier access in and out of the school site.

Flu Vaccination

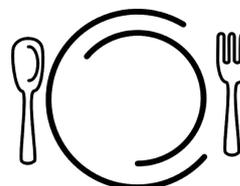
Flu vaccinations were administered today for those pupils who completed the online consent form. The nursing team provided the consent list from the information that they gathered.

Cold Weather

Please can I stress again that pupils attend school in sensible attire for winter. Despite previous reminders, some children have attended school this week without a coat. This is a must-have in these conditions! We are aiming to be outside even more than usual - Moss Siders are a hardy bunch as it is - so a warm, waterproof coat is essential. Pupils may also wish to bring hat, gloves and scarf to wear on the playground.

Dinner Changes

Please remember that the deadline for any dinner alterations for next half term is next **Friday, 23rd October**. Please inform Mrs Cranmer of any changes. The hot sandwich dinner menu will remain unchanged for the start of the half term, before an updated menu arrives later in November.



Media Team

In addition to our House and Sports Captains, we have introduced a media team in Year 6 to keep us updated on school life and add some extra sparkle to this newsletter. This week, Jamie has produced a fact of the week for us (see over) and, next week, Dylan will provide us with an update on PE lessons and our attempts to keep healthy.

Jamie's fact of the Week

How many legs does an Octopus have?

Message from our House Captains

On the last day of the October half term, we will be having a 'Mad Hair Day'. You will be allowed to bring your own clothes and wear the funkiest hair style you can think of. Let's make the last day of half term HAIRMAZING!

(Poppy and Alfie, Red House).

Swimming

We are currently reviewing our swimming arrangements as the leisure centres begin to re-open and are discussing several options. Please could **Year 5 parents** complete the survey to give us an indicator of your feelings about a return to school swimming, which we see as a key part of the curriculum.

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Half Term

We close next Friday (23rd October) after school and pupils return Tuesday 3rd November.

Stars of the Week



YR	Iris Dixon for using fantastic listening skills and being able to blend sounds and make words in phonics.
Y1	Eva Frogson for always having a smile on her face and trying her absolute best this week! She's done so well and should be super proud!
Y1/2	Hudson Jackson for always being sensible and ready to listen in class.
Y2	Ebonie Murphy for working incredibly hard with her phonics and reading.
Y3	Elvie Cragg for working so hard in maths this week. Well done Super Star!!!
Y4	Andile Maphiwa-Ndlovu for persevering with his maths (telling the time) this week.
Y5	Sophie Morris for being ready to listen and working really hard on her decimal numbers and White Witch writing!
Y6	Jamie Meehan for cheering up our day by sharing facts (and for amazing determination in PE!).
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Jamie's fact of the Week

Two!! It has six arms and two legs! Technically, it has zero tentacles!

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