

Moss Side Primary School

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Dear Moss Side Community,

It has been a busy week in school, with Remembrance Day, the culmination of poetry fortnight, ukulele sessions, a visit from our tag rugby coach and Year 6 in pyjamas! Life is certainly never dull at Moss Side...

Reporting Absence

Parents are reminded that all absence, whether COVID related or not, must be phoned into the office by 9.00 on the first morning. This is crucial in order to maintain safeguarding and absence records. Some parents have been informing class teachers via Dojo and, while this might be useful in some instances, parents must still ring school as teachers do not always check communication before school when they are preparing lessons, nor can messages be quickly or easily passed to the Front Desk currently. I know that you will want to help make the workload of our admin team easier at this moment in time by following this.

Home Learning

From next week, any individual pupils isolating will need to go to the Home Learning/ Resources page of the website in order to find their work should they be well enough. It is really important, wherever possible, that pupils not attending school due to COVID continue their education. As well as the relevant 'pack' there are also lots of relevant suggestions/ websites on the page.

Pupils isolating for a second time should start where they finished ie. Day 5 of week 1 if the last absence was for four days. Class staff are accessible via Class Dojo should there be any queries, but parents and pupils are reminded that these staff are engaged with teaching all day so there will likely be a delay in any responses.

Should a whole bubble isolate, we will transfer teaching to home learning via Class Dojo (as has been explained previously).

Competition

Our House Captains have set up a new competition for our Junior pupils and would like to pass on the following information:

Junior pupils can enter the colouring competition. The rules are to draw a picture of your feelings in lockdown [e.g. if you got a bike for your birthday you could draw a bike]. We will have 3 winners for each year group [12 winners altogether]. On the back of the paper you need to put your name and a small paragraph of what the picture is about and your year group. The competition starts on the Friday 13th November. The deadline is Friday 20th November (they can hand it on the Friday but no later). We will announce the winners on the Friday 27th November. Make sure you do your work solo. Give your picture to your teacher and they will give it to us then they will go in a plastic bag. If you are doing it from home only hand it in when it is finished.

From Martha Brown, Eve Robinson, Leilah Doyle.

Poetry Fortnight

Poetry fortnight has proved a huge success. There have been many fantastic performances, culminating in a virtual assembly on Friday afternoon. Thank you to all those families who supported pupils to learn poems at home.

Poppy Appeal

The pupils were excellent during our silence on Wednesday to commemorate the members of armed forces who have sadly died protecting the freedoms we enjoy. We discussed with the pupils that, even though life is not normal currently, we still have much to be grateful for. Year 6 performed a wonderful version of 'In Flanders Field'.



It was unfortunate that we have been unable to sell poppies throughout school as usual, but we will still announce a final total for the Royal British Legion when this is available.

Jamie's fact of the Week

Crocodiles have a third eyelid – but why?

Christmas

We are making tentative plans to bring some festive cheer to Moss Side. Although we are aware that many things might disrupt this this year, not least the permanent possibility of pupils needing to isolate, we are hoping to film a small amount for you to see.

Should you not have given permission for your child to be photographed or recorded on the 'Parental Consent Form for Photographs In School', we will be in touch to confirm that this is still the case in this instance.

We have reluctantly made the decision **not to distribute Christmas cards between pupils in school this year due to the increased items moving through one house-school-another house**. Instead, each pupil will make a card for another member of the school community and we will allow these to decontaminate before sending them home (where you may wish to do similar before putting them up). We are continuing to try to keep items sent back and forth to a minimum, and also limiting items sent one way from school, although there are instances (such as some items of homework) which are challenging to replicate in quality without sending via paper.

Thinking of becoming a teacher?

Yarrow Teaching School Alliance is holding a Zoom open

Stars of the Week	
R	Aarish Rajeev for excellent reading and phonic work.
Y1	Charlotte Bradshaw for always trying her best and having a go!
Y1/2	Chantelle Calvert for great maths work.
Y2	Betsy Dixon for trying really hard with her reading and making good progress.
Y3	Alexia Wood for trying hard and settling down quickly to every task.
Y4	Alana Halliwell for some excellent work in maths this week, finding remainders in division.
Y5	Sasha Sullivan for excellent listening, concentration and hard work all week!
Y6	Reece Graham for great poetry work.
W House	Yellow

event for anyone considering Initial Teacher Training, on Tuesday 1st December at 7.00pm.

Email a.hitchen@st-georges.lancs.sch.uk for login details.

Jamie's fact of the Week

So they can see underwater without getting bits in their eyes (they act like swimming goggles!)

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**.

Happy Friday!

Mr Wright