

Moss Side Primary School

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Friday 26th March 2021

Dear Moss Side Community,

It is the end of the term and, despite all of the events of the last twelve months, possibly the toughest of them all for everybody. It has been wonderful to have the children back in school for the last three weeks and I know how much of a positive it has been for pupils, staff and parents, despite the obvious continued restrictions. Hopefully the national picture will continue in an upward trajectory over the next few weeks and school life can begin to return to more normality, although we will - of course - need to continue with a high level of limitations as the Summer term re-starts.

In school over the past three weeks, we have focussed on settling the children back in and, again, assessing where to start teaching from as the impact of the past twelve months of disruption continues to take a toll for some children. As always, the way to overcome this will be through hard work and teamwork from pupils, staff and home. You will see lots of initiatives, both on this letter and from class teachers, over the coming months to try to support children in their studies and they will really benefit from the continued support of their parents or guardians.

Easter Holidays

It feels strange to be breaking up when the full school has only been back for three weeks but, equally, both pupils and staff are showing signs of fatigue (as are most in the country) which has been born from the last few months. I hope that, wherever possible, all our families can have a safe and restful two weeks, ready to return motivated for the Summer term.

Although we have not returned to a 'full' homework schedule at the moment, I would urge all pupils to continue to do the basics over the next couple of weeks as this will make a big difference to hitting the ground running again after the break:

- Read regularly - school books, home books, listening to a story from an adult/older sibling etc
- Practise key maths facts - number bonds for all with the addition of multiplication tables for Juniors. Chanting number patterns, playing times table games, listening to multiplication songs are all brilliant ways of doing this.

Uniform Appeal

South Ribble Borough Council are running a uniform appeal over the next few weeks:

You can drop off your clean, wearable, outgrown or unused uniforms now! There will be a trolley to drop them off in at the Civic Centre, 10am-4pm.

If you require uniform, email

sam.jones@southribble.gov.uk with school(s), size(s) and colour(s) required. Please note, no collections can be made.

We will run our own second hand uniform week in school when the opportunity arises before the summer holidays so you are also welcome to keep hold of/donate uniform directly to school for us to store as part of this.



Red Nose Day

We were delighted to raise a total of £233.00 for Comic Relief 2021.

In addition, we have the £247.00 raised by the 2020 House Captains for Sports Relief.

Class Dojo

It is still really important to keep checking Class Dojo for important messages from school staff. It will also be the first messaging tool used should a bubble close in the middle of the school day.

Jamie's Fact of the Week

What is the biggest ever Easter Egg?

Track and Trace

From the close of school today until Thursday 1st April, school still needs to be informed of any positive cases involving pupils. Please message Mr Wright via Class Dojo with the date and time that symptoms started and the date of the positive test. Should these mean that contact with other school pupils has occurred within the 'window' then the bubble will again be advised to self-isolate for ten days. Class Dojo will be checked daily but hopefully this service will not be needed.

After Thursday 1st April, all cases will be dealt with solely by NHS Track and Trace.

Self Isolation Packs

Should pupils be required to isolate, work has been updated on the resources section of the school website.

End of Term

School closes at 3.15 today and re-opens on Monday 12th April.

Stars of the Week	
R	Tommy Lawrenson Hesketh for always doing his best and for very good literacy and numeracy work.
Y1	Eva Frogson for always being helpful and trying hard.
Y1/2	Seth Warburton for great Maths work this week.
Y2	Roman Wiggans-Clarke for an amazing score in our numeracy assessment yesterday.
Y3	Kye Thomas for taking responsibility for his behaviour and learning. What a role model!
Y4	Taylor Hurst for some great rugby this week.
Y5	Ellie-Mae Hillman for her perseverance and great team work this week.
Y6	Alfie Wilson for being a good role model and for always being kind and thoughtful to everyone in class.
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Jamie's Fact of the Week

An Easter egg sculpture in the town of Vegreville, Canada is over 9 metres tall! It weighs 2200kg.

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 and should arrange for a full COVID test. *It is also advisable for pupils to not attend school should they be in any other way 'under the weather'.* 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