

Moss Side Primary School

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Dear Moss Side Community,

There has been a lot of outdoor learning this week; hopefully the weather will hold and we can continue to utilise all of our school grounds over the next term. It is certainly a wonderful sight to see our pupils smiling during a PE lesson, exploring on a nature walk or singing their hearts out.

Primary School Places

All those families who have a pupil starting school in September 2021 should have received their named school from Lancashire County Council last week. We emailed a welcome letter on Monday to those pupils on our list. If you think that your child should be starting school here in the new academic year but you have not received the information, please contact school and inform Mrs Price. Once all parents have replied to the email, we send further details of our transition programme for this year. We can't wait to welcome a new class into school!

Borwick

The only downside of welcoming a new class is that we must let another leave. Our Year 6 class have been magnificent over the last twelve months and so many of them have been great examples of resilience and hard work, whether they have been in school or learning from home for large periods. As such, we are continuing to plan for a much more 'normal' end to the term. One such bit of planning is our weekend at Borwick Hall, which we are hoping will take place (residential visits are allowed from mid-May on the current Government dates). Mrs Heaton will contact Year 6 parents this week so that we can confirm which pupils are attending.

Afterschool Enrichment

The best news of the week for many of our older pupils was the announcement that afterschool clubs will return next week for Years 4-6. Miss Clarkson has posted the information on Class Dojo so that pupils wishing to attend can sign up. Football for Year 5 & 6 will require pupils to bring appropriate clothing to change into, while Fit4Life can be completed in PE kit (worn all day) and clogging in school uniform. I personally can't wait to get the goals set up!

The wide range of enrichment is a fundamental aspect of

school life and we have felt restrained this year by being unable to include it. For now, we will keep clubs within their bubbles and have started with our older pupils who are more able to distance from staff so that they can continue to work across bubbles on a regular basis.

Please remember that pupils will leave via the 'old normal' route from the Junior playground and through the front gates. Should any parents be collecting pupils, they can wait outside the main entrance as Mrs Simpkins' parents do at the end of a school day.

Warm weather

As was mentioned previously, we are attempting to use the outdoor space wherever possible. It is therefore advisable, on sunny days, for pupils to come to school in sun cream and bring a suitable hat.



Website

The website continues to hold current information about uniform, the school curriculum and key COVID information (such as risk assessments). This weekly newsletter is also available via the website, should you happen to misplace it.

Jamie's Fact of the Week

A mantis shrimp's punch is so powerful, it can break bullet-proof glass!

Stars of the Week	
	
Mrs Swift	Rhyse Staples for joining in with our re-telling of 'The Three Little Pigs Story'.
Miss Jones	Rosemary Finney for being really helpful and enthusiastic all week!
Mr Gilyead	Alyssa Langstreth for super phonics work !
Mrs Simpkins	Evie Hamilton for being friendly and kind to everyone in our class .
Mrs McKenna/ Mrs Glynn	Leah-Mae Walsh for an outstanding attitude to her learning!
Mr Kellett	Charlie Dargie for always giving her best and making great progress.
Miss Thomas	Harry Marquis for persevering with our multiplication work this week and having a positive attitude in class.
Mrs Torbett	Poppy-May Kershaw for researching and writing an excellent balanced argument about the use of palm oil.
Winning House	Blue

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