

# Moss Side Primary School

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Dear Moss Side Community,

As the bank holiday weekend arrives, I hope that all of our families are continuing the journey towards greater normality. There is an eagerness to get 'right back to normal' in school but we know that we must remain patient although, as you can see below, there was a significant and welcome change in school this week.

## Sleep Patterns

I think, for lots of people during the last year, sleep routines have been impacted by the constant changes in our daytime routines. As we have started to settle back into a more traditional school routine over the last few weeks, I am aware that some pupils have found getting up in the morning in preparation for a nine o'clock start a challenge. It is so important to have a good sleep (and good breakfast) ahead a school day, to ensure that pupils are able to fully focus on their learning.

The NHS has some great tips for positive sleep routines for children: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/sleep-and-tiredness/healthy-sleep-tips-for-children/>

Our older pupils have shared that many of them are on mobile phones until late at night, with messages flying back-and-forth in the early hours of the morning. The impact of this is significant and only highlights further the importance of setting limits to screen use as pupils still learn to organise their personal routines to support their general health.

## Borwick

Mrs Heaton has contacted all parents with confirmation of the trip and about the next payment dates.

## Afterschool Enrichment

It has been wonderful to welcome back the return of our enrichment programme (at least for our oldest pupils). Football, fitness and clogging have all been part of our activities and high pupil numbers suggest they have been missed! This is a fundamental part of school life and I know that the pupils involved have really valued being able to stay and learn a new skill or practise some old ones with their friends. Hopefully the weather will continue to be kind to us but, please remember, that being outside will be prioritised so

having a suitable waterproof to take part in activities is advisable.

## Maths Facts

All classes are continuing to have a big push on important maths facts. Infant pupils are focusing on number bonds eg.  $2+3=5$  and Junior pupils (as well as that) on multiplication tables. It has been great to announce a large amount of tables certificates in our Friday Zoom assembly and this should be the target for all pupils before they finish in Year 4.

## Vandalism

There has been some low-level vandalism at school in recent weeks including eggs and bottles thrown onto the premises and damage to the brickwork near the car park. We are fortunate to have such a considerate neighbouring community and I would encourage them, should they see anything unusual, to let us know at school so that we can keep our school grounds safe and clean for all of our pupils.



## Bank Holiday

Monday is a bank holiday, meaning pupils will return to school on Tuesday.

## Jamie's Fact of the Week

**The Sailfish can swim at 65 miles per hour, which is nearly the speed of a car on the motorway!**

### Covid-19 Testing Information for Education Settings

There has been some additional information issued to schools this week regarding the types of testing and their use. Hopefully the guidance will help make the situation much clearer. It is available via the website or by following the link:

<http://mosside.lancs.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/1.-Covid-guidance-for-education-settings.pdf>

| Stars of the Week   |  |
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| Mrs Swift   | Bradley Duffy for working hard with his phonics and his number work.   |
| Miss Jones  | Lucie Bradshaw for always being kind and trying her best!  |
| Mr Gilyead  | Harper Walmsley for always being super helpful!  |
| Mrs Simpkins  | Noah Bakai for some great work in fractions this week.   |
| Mrs McKenna/<br>Mrs Glynn   | Sadie Wood for a positive attitude to school life in all areas of the curriculum.                                |
| Mr Kellett  | Hayden Thompson for some great tennis skills in PE this week.  |
| Miss Thomas   | Dylan Blake for always having a fantastic attitude towards class work and showing respect to everyone in Year 5. |
| Mrs Torbett   | Taylor Kendall for always being a fabulous role model and giving his all to everything he does.                  |
| Winning House   | Yellow   |

### 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