

Moss Side Primary School

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Friday 14th May 2021

Dear Moss Side Community,

With the increase in opportunities outside school of late, it has been great discussing with the children what they are doing in evenings and weekends. There is much excitement about the return of sporting and social activities, which pupils are eager to share and are clearly having a positive impact on them.

Progress Meetings

Given the major disruption to all of our pupils' education over the last twelve months and particularly following the school closure in January and February this year, we felt it important to offer an additional opportunity for teachers and parents to meet. This is an opportunity to discuss your child's current progress and their next steps, which is arguably even more important than usual following the challenges of this academic year.

Lots of pupils' educational journey has been side tracked by the COVID climate and this is an opportune moment to ensure that, as parents, you are well placed to support them as we look to help them get 'back on track'. It will be a great chance to explore how you can help their learning, as well as an opportunity to discuss any concerns. Holding the conversations now will hopefully keep parents well informed and allow pupils to make strong progress in the remainder of the year, so that they can approach their next year group in the best possible position.

We feel that meeting face-to-face provides the best climate for such a discussion. Appointments will be kept to a strict eight minute slot and held outside (should weather be suitable) or in the hall. This is in an attempt to keep numbers on site low and avoid additional contacts. In all circumstances, social distancing should be maintained at all times. As always, one appointment slot is available per pupil but, due to the potential limited space and to avoid 'crossing bubbles' with siblings, we also request that only parents attend these meetings this term and not pupils.

The Microsoft [Form](#) can be accessed here and will also be posted via Parentpay and Dojo.

Please complete a separate form per pupil with as many slots as you can by **Tuesday 18th May**. Parents will receive a Dojo message to confirm their appointment slot.

Chickenpox and Ringworm

We have had a low number of cases of both during the past week. Please follow the NHS advice if you see your child displaying any symptoms.

West Lancs Scouts

Time to get outdoors with www.westlancsscouts.org.uk

Do You want to Learn New Skills?

Do You want to Get Creative?

Do You want to Get Outdoors?

Do You want to have Fun?

For More information and how to get involved, follow the link westlancsscouts.org.uk/want-to-join/

Bikeability

THIS HALF-TERM ... Bikeability Level 1/2 FREE course for Y5 & Y6 pupils. Tue 1 Jun & Wed 2 Jun (9.30am-3pm) at Withy Grove Park, Bamber Bridge Each child will need a packed lunch, drink, suitable clothing & a road-worthy bike. Email sports@southribble.gov.uk for info or to book.



Jamie's Fact of the Week

Hippo's don't actually swim!

They just run along the bottom of the river.

Breakfast

Breakfast is undoubtedly the most important meal of the day. We regularly discuss with pupils the need to 'fuel' their body for the day ahead. A combination of cereal, toast, fruit are excellent ways to set up for a full day at school, providing pupils with the energy that they need. Of late, some pupils have arrived at school having not had a suitable breakfast.

Today, all our EYFS and Year 1 pupils have been given a box of cereal that we have had donated. This is an effort to raise the profile of a healthy breakfast amongst our youngest pupils.

Stars of the Week	
	
R	Will Saunders and Ethan Shingleston for writing their own fantastic sentences in phonics.
Y1	Amelia Wood for her FANTASTIC maths this week!
Y1/2	Wilson Swift for lovely neat work.
Y2	Sienna Sear for always trying her best and being enthusiastic about everything we do.
Y3	Leo Gordon for completing his home-work independently - excellent!
Y4	Tate Kirkham for his amazing hand-writing!
Y5	Darcy Brindle for being enthusiastic about learning and helpful around the classroom.
Y6	Chloe Savigar for some brilliant pieces of writing over the last few weeks!
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