

Moss Side Primary School

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Dear Moss Side Community,

This has been a long half term but what a pleasure it has been to be in school together - long may it continue!

Progress Meetings

You will now have received (or it will arrive shortly) your appointment time if you sent in a request this week. The time will be sent via a Dojo message.

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.

Parents should enter via the car park gate and onto the school field. They will collect a chair and wait until the class teacher is available, taking their chair with them. At the end, they will drop the chair back off to be sanitised and then leave via the car park. If the weather is poor, the same procedure will be undertaken but meetings will be in the hall. There will be no waiting space inside so please keep to your time slot and (I would suggest) bring a coat! Masks should be worn as usual until appointments start.

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 the hard work that is already taking place to get them '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.

If you have not made an appointment yet but wish to do so, please contact your child's class teacher via Dojo and they will endeavour to find a time that is available.

I look forward to seeing you all next week.

Due to these meetings, **there will be no after school clubs next week.**

Swimming

Our Year 5 class attended swimming this week. They were excellent and really gave their all, which bodes well for the next few weeks. As those pupils will have no doubt shared, there was a change to arrangements when we arrived and pupils used the changing rooms both before and after lessons. This means that pupils can choose whether to wear swimming costumes under their uniform or not next week, as they will all get changed at the pool (rather than in school) prior to the lesson starting.



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.

New Smartboard

We have spent a significant amount of the school budget this year enhancing our ICT provision, purchasing new iPads, laptops and SMARTboards. This week, we were incredibly lucky to be gifted a brand new SMARTboard, which Miss Jones' class will now benefit from. We are extremely grateful to Pure Audio Visual, based at Walton Summit, who donated and fitted the interactive board for R/Y1. Thank you!

Jamie's Fact of the Week



Palm trees are not actually trees. They are a type of grass! It doesn't grow bark or create rings as it grows.

Cricket Sessions

We are fortunate to have Lancashire Cricket Foundation delivering taster sessions in KS2 next week. Year 5 and 3 should attend in PE kit on Monday, with Year 4 and 6 doing the same on Tuesday. This is in addition to normal PE sessions, unless your child's class teacher informs pupils otherwise.

Nuts

Parents are reminded that, due to allergies, nuts should not be brought into school as part of packed lunches or as snacks.

Stars of the Week	
	
R	Rhyse Staples for working really hard on his reading this week and doing some excellent sounding out of his words.
Y1	Gabriella Zarina for always trying her best and being kind to everyone.
Y1/2	Kiera-Leigh Prescott for brilliant maths work this week.
Y2	Jacob Holt for some fantastic work in our numeracy, geography and writing this week!
Y3	Finley Wright for producing some great work in all subjects all week.
Y4	Olly Page for his excellent behaviour and attitude to learning.
Y5	Ella Whiteside for some excellent persuasive writing work.
Y6	Kaydon Sarti for writing a fabulously 'unique' poem.
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Silver Leaf	Joe Marquis for being an outstanding friend, stepping in to support a classmate who was upset and making them happier. A true Moss Side role model!

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