

Moss Side Primary School

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Friday 26th February 2021



Dear Moss Side Community,

It was wonderful to receive the news that we can make a full school return on Monday 8th March, alongside hearing the plans for a wider return to normality over the coming months. It will, of course, depend on a variety of different data continuing in a positive trend and we all have our part to play in keeping the spread of the virus to a minimum and supporting the plans. The staff team were certainly delighted with the news and, although we still need to work in restricted conditions in order to make the building more 'COVID secure', we are all over the moon that all of our pupils can come back to school. Teaching children in a classroom is what we do best and thoroughly enjoy. We also know how much this will benefit the pupils (and their parents).

Return to School

There will be further details sent next week but, in the main, we will return to the same routines and procedures as we had before the lockdown started. This will include the same staggered start and finish times, distancing on the playground, masks etc. A reminder of all of these will be sent next week once all of the updated school guidance has been received and interpreted. The first day back is **Monday 8th March**.

Remote Learning

I continue to be in awe of the dedication that so many pupils and parents have shown towards this. We know how tough it has been but those pupils who have continually engaged with remote learning have certainly benefitted from this ahead of the full return. It is really important, with one week to go, to maintain those efforts wherever possible. At Christmas, for example, we find that a two week holiday sees pupils 'slip back' in their learning so easing off now will make it harder for pupils when they return.

Before half term, this Friday Newsletter also contained the link for our parental survey on remote learning; thank you to all those families who completed the questions. The closing date for this is Monday 1st March, should you have five minutes to complete.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=pAW9aLoj1kiWWnHfrKyCoJ2u3CuqoehKgZCoXaKjH7hUMTQ1UE9PNIFCMkxYVTVIM081MzJKOVYyOC4u>

World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day, we are going to have a special

remote learning plan for *Friday* next week (we are keeping to our Moss Side tradition of not always following the dates)! Pupils working at home and at school are invited to wear a book themed fancy dress as they work next Friday - keep it simple and it is completely optional.

Next Friday, staff are likely to be involved in preparing school for the full return so please be aware that Dojo communications might be more limited during that day.

As well as our plans for Friday, Lancashire Adult Learning have plans for some sessions of their own but these need to be signed up for in advance so that resources can be posted:

KS1- Monsters, Dinosaurs and Poop!

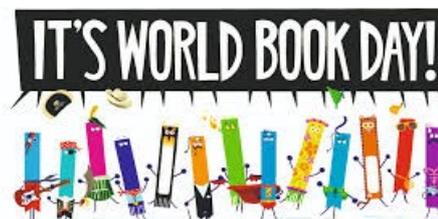
Thurs 4th March 1pm-2:30pm

Join us for a special World Book Day themed session based on two books by 'the author of the moment': Tom Fletcher. Expect monsters, dinosaurs and poop! (yes, we did write that!).

This fun, online session has been created so that you can listen to the stories together and carry out fun craft activities from home; as well as top tips on how you can help your child develop their reading skills.

ENROL HERE:

https://portal.mis.nelsongroup.ac.uk/Page/U_PublicCourseDetails?uio_id=12341



KS2- The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse (Art, Illustrations, storyboards and more!)

Thurs 4th March 1pm-2:30pm

Join our family learning team and a professional artist and learn as a family the art of illustration, story boards, journaling and more!

ENROL HERE:

https://portal.mis.nelsongroup.ac.uk/Page/U_PublicCourseDetails?uio_id=12342

World Book Day for all- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Saturday 6th March 1-2:30pm

Join us as a family for a super-tastic trip around Charlie and the Chocolate Factory! Look out for the golden ticket, pop into the invention room, and create some phizz-whizzing craft creations of your own!

ENROL HERE:

https://portal.mis.nelsongroup.ac.uk/Page/U_PublicCourseDetails?uio_id=12340

Uniform

I am pleased to be able to inform parents that we have a new uniform supplier. 'Impressions' will be opening a shop in Leyland shortly, but there is an online 'click and collect' ordering system available from them while the shop is being fitted.

Our school uniform page is available via bit.ly/mossside.

Full details of the school uniform policy have been updated and continue to be available via the website.

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. 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