

Moss Side Primary School

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Friday 19th March 2021



Dear Moss Side Community,

It has been a busy week in school, culminating in a lovely day today as part of the Red Nose Day fundraising. Thank you to all of those pupils who came in something red and helped to raise funds for such a good cause. Once we have allowed any cash to decontaminate, we will total this up with the Parentpay donations before sending them in. As always, we are so grateful for your support.

Arrangements at the start and end of the school day

It has been a much slicker operation this week - thank you for your support. Please continue to stick to the timings and remember that it is just as important not to congregate on pavements as it is on the school site. We have shortened the exit pathway and blocked off the car park with barriers in an effort to make more room for those with prams who are collecting both Infant and Junior pupils while they wait. If it appears busy, it may be preferable to wait further away for older pupils and/or collect from the Junior playground instead. As always, we can all just try to do our bit and use common sense wherever possible.

It would also support pupil safety for vehicles to avoid parking close to the entrance to the car park (as well as on or opposite zig-zag lines as always). As the weather improves, hopefully there will be even more opportunities to walk to school but, if vehicles are needed, the long stretch down Paradise Lane is usually the best place to park in order to avoid blocking residents' drives and keeping the immediate school area relatively clear.

PE

Pupils should continue to wear PE kit on PE days - making sure that it is warm enough for the current climate. If you are unsure when your child's PE day is, encourage them to check and/or message your child's class teacher.

Homework

We have deliberately not re-established the full homework system in most classes, in acknowledgement of the need for homes to get back to being just that and not school. It is also in recognition that pupils are - understandably - finding full school days tiring at present. We will look to re-establish this after Easter.

However, the expectation that every pupil reads **every night** still remains and makes a huge difference to pupils. Your support in this is invaluable to your children and, wherever possible, needs to be an immovable part of the daily routine.

In Infant classes, we read regularly with pupils on a 1:1 basis to build up their ability to use their phonic knowledge and sight recognition of words. Replicating this at home, by listening to your child, often means that pupils make huge progress in lots of subjects, not just English.

As pupils move further through Juniors, they may be a 'free reader' but it is still important that they read every night. For older pupils, it might be more supportive to discuss what they are reading, asking questions that encourage them to think about texts. Who is the book about? Where is it set? When did the events happen? Why do you think that character did that?...

For all pupils, listening to good quality stories as a family remains really important. We all know the challenges for family life at the moment but finding the time to share a ten minute story (or part of a story) is brilliant for family bonds as well as benefitting children immensely.

The Lancashire Holiday Action Fund Easter Offer

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions, our Easter offer will be an online programme delivered between the Tuesday 6th and Friday 9th April 2021; consisting of exclusive online content supported by a digital activity pack. We at [Youth Action](https://discovercamp.youthaction.org.uk) are going to deliver the 'Discover Camp' <https://discovercamp.youthaction.org.uk>, and this will be available to all children and young people of primary and secondary school age, regardless of FSM status.

Jamie's Fact of the Week

Which animal has the largest eye in the World?

The Offer

- Digital Activity Packs

- Exclusive live daily online workshops/ activities
with a range of fun workshops/ activities to suit all ages
(6 live sessions per day!)

- Competitions and quizzes with some great prizes!

Sign Up Process

The sign up process is very simple:

- 1) Parents/ carers need to go online: <https://discovercamp.youthaction.org.uk>
- 2) Click on 'Sign Up'
- 3) Fill in the brief sign up form
- 4) They will receive an email confirmation, once submitted

It's really simple, and only takes a few minutes!

End of Term

School closes at 3.15 on Friday 26th March and re-opens on Monday 12th April.

Stars of the Week	
	
Mrs Swift	Claire Greenhalgh for working very hard with her reading and writing.
Miss Jones	Harlow Deakins for a brilliant first few days at Moss Side!
Mr Gillyead	Grace Moyo for great writing in her chick diary.
Mrs Simpkins	Amber Atchia for some beautiful handwriting.
Mrs McKenna/ Mrs Glynn	Amber Clews-Ashworth for always working hard in every single lesson!
Mr Kellett	Loui-Joe Squires for his great progress with decimals this week.
Miss Thomas	Sophie Ormston March for having a great first two weeks at Moss Side and working hard!
Mrs Torbett	Ieva Alsauskaitė for some super descriptive writing.
Winning House	Yellow

Jamie's Fact of the Week

The Colossal Squid. It is 27cm! That's bigger than a dinner plate.

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 test. 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