

# Moss Side Primary School

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Friday 7th May 2021

Dear Moss Side Community,

Despite the changeable weather, I hope that all our families enjoyed the bank holiday. Our pupils certainly looked tired when they returned on Tuesday!

## Coats

Please do not let the appearance of sunshine in the morning lull you into a false sense of security - it is always possible that rain will arrive in Leyland! We have had several pupils who have been caught out by a lack of coat this week and ended up slightly wet. All pupils should arrive with a waterproof or coat every day.

## Reading

As always, reading regularly (five nights a week) makes a huge difference to all our pupils. There has been a noticeable difference in rates of reading in some classes and the progress that pupils are making as a consequence. It is difficult with busy schedules but building this into family routines makes a proven difference - if that has been disrupted of late, using the three weeks to half term to re-establish a system at home will make lots of difference.

## PE Tops

The original stock of blue t-shirts with Moss Side logos has now run out. From now, any PE tops purchased from Impressions will be a 'quick dry' style. Our uniform policy has **not** changed which means that PE kit is still 'light blue t-shirt' therefore both the old and new style kit are perfectly suited for PE lessons at school.

## Borwick

A reminder to all parents of Year 6 that a payment of £30 was due by Monday 3rd May for all pupils attending.

## Key Dates

The school nursing team will be in on Monday 17th May for the annual heights and weights checks for EYFS and Year 6 pupils.

On 18th June, Tempest Photography will be in school to take the individual and sibling photos that would normally have been taken in the Autumn term.

## Timings

A reminder that the current start and finish times are as follows:

Mrs Swift	Miss Jones	Mr Gilyead	Mrs Simpkins	Mrs McKenna	Mr Kelleth	Miss Thomas	Mrs Torbett
9.00	8.55	8.50	8.50	8.55	8.55	8.50	8.50
3.15	3.10	3.05	3.05	3.15	3.15	3.10	3.10

Until we are guided differently, it remains important that we keep to these as much as possible to reduce congestion within the school grounds and avoid bubbles coming into contact as much as possible. No pupils or parents need to be at school more than five minutes before the time (with the exception of siblings in the morning).

### Jamie's Fact of the Week

**The largest living thing on Earth is a fungus colony in Oregon, USA. It is 3.8km across! It could also be anything up to 8000 years old!**

Stars of the Week	
	
Mrs Swift	Mikey Mallon for working hard at writing his own words in phonics.
Miss Jones	Kai Mathewson for working really hard on his phonics!
Mr Gilyead	Lola Taylor for excellent work in Maths!
Mrs Simpkins	Ivan Neale for being very <u>industrious</u> in our work using new vocabulary in sentences!
Mrs McKenna/ Mrs Glynn	Thomas Cafferkey for some super sentences and brilliant vocabulary.
Mr Kellett	Noah Gornall for great concentration and a better focus on his learning this week.
Miss Thomas	Lilly Ronald for some excellent reading and writing work in Literacy about our novel Holes.
Mrs Torbett	Layla Topping for working so hard to write an extended survival story!
Winning House	Red

#### 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