

Moss Side Primary School

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Dear Moss Side Community,

A full week back as a more normal school community has continued to be a joyous occasion - I even remembered to turn up to our Friday assembly today after forgetting that we had swapped the time last week!

Volunteers

After a year of not having volunteers in school, we feel it is an important next step to normality that we re-build our team of volunteers who support the life of the school.

The first step is to re-establish our reading volunteers, who give us an invaluable opportunity to allow lots of pupils to consolidate this key skill.

If you would like to support this, please complete this [Form](#)* to let us know when you are available. We will contact volunteers to arrange a time during the school week and so that Mrs Price is able to complete a criminal records check prior to starting, as part of our safeguarding procedures.

*If there are any issues accessing the link, please contact Mrs Price.

Absence

As a school, we understand how difficult the previous eighteen months have been, the complications it has created with regards to holiday bookings and the importance of family time. However, we must balance this now with an awareness that it is vital face-to-face teaching is delivered wherever possible, especially given the amount of opportunities for this that have been lost in the past two years.

We would ask that any absence (other than illness) is considered carefully by all families before pupils miss any further class teaching.

May we also remind you that any requests for absence must be submitted in advance via the 'absence request form' available either on the website or from reception.

COVID Arrangements

We needed to enact some of these this week so it seems pertinent to remind everyone of the current measures:

- As previously, any pupils showing symptoms of COVID

must **go for a PCR test**. Lateral flow tests (30 minutes) are not sufficient in this instance.

- Where there has been a contact with a positive case, Public Health England are **strongly advising people to go for a PCR test**. You do not need to isolate during this time, unless the test result is positive.
- In school, **we will follow the above advice** and, should there be a positive case within a class,
- strongly encourage **all pupils within the class to go for a PCR test**. They **should not** miss any school during this process (and ideally should be booked for outside school hours). The theory is to quickly identify any positive cases to stop the spread so that no further measures need to be taken.

Meet the Teacher

A reminder that your child's class teacher will have posted details of their Meet the Teacher to Dojo. These are a good opportunity to gain a little more insight into important routines and expectations for the year.

Flu Jabs

Flu jabs will take place in school again this term, an e-link will be available shortly.

Hearing Tests

Years 2 and 3 received information about the primary hearing check this week - this is to catch up on the backlog as pupils should have received this check in Year 1.

Lancon Football

Lancon JFC are looking for girls to join their setup. The information has been retweeted and a poster is also on display in the main entrance. We already have some girls involved at u11s and it would be great to see some more!

E Safety

Again in the last week we have had reason to remind pupils about the need to be aware of potential dangers online. Internetmatters.org has produced a handy tips and guidance leaflet section on their website for a variety of age groups, aimed at parents to read.

Class Times

To ensure that nobody is waiting in the cold and wet as the weather changes over the next month, a reminder again of the new class times:

Junior classes: 8.55-3.15

Mr Gilyead/ Mrs Simpkins: 8.55-3.10

Mrs Swift/ Miss Jones: 9.00-3.15

 Stars of the Week 	
Rec	All of my class for being superstars in their first week of school.
Rec/Y1	Roman Delaney for super listening and being a kind and caring member of our class.
Y1/2	Juliette Hook for being enthusiastic and hard working in everything we do.
Y2	Alyssa Langstreth for some great work in writing and numeracy this week.
Y3	Jessica Quinn for some fantastic answers about U.K. cities in Geography.
Y4	Max Hull for settling in to school life quickly, asking lots of questions and showing plenty of interest with his learning.
Y5	Tate Kirkham for always being ready to learn, trying his best and always contributing to our class discussions.
Y6	Sasha Sullivan for such a positive, 'can do' attitude towards her learning!! Super start to Year 6.
Winning House	Red
Silver Leaf	Alice Jennings - showing respect for others by being straight over to the buddy bench. Boden Grimshaw - showing respect for learning by making a new Star of the Week book for Mr Wright. Kaci Cuerden - showing respect for others by helping younger pupils at lunchtime. Lewis Bashforth - showing respect for others by waiting for a friend who would otherwise have been alone at lunchtime.

Happy Friday!

Mr Wright