

# Moss Side Primary School

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Dear Moss Side Community,

Thank you so much to all those people who came to watch our harvest assemblies over the past few weeks. The pupils have loved putting them on for a live audience and we value the support. It is such a fundamental part of school life and we hope that the experience increases the confidence of our pupils, as well as providing them lifelong memories; an ex-pupil commented to me how lovely it was to hear some of our 'traditional' songs again and our current pupils' smiles suggest that they feel the same! Not only that but it is a great demonstration of so many elements of the curriculum - English speaking and language, music, PSHE... it shows so much of the hard work that our pupils put into school life.

## Parents' Evening

It was lovely to see parents for a much more 'normal' parents evening on Wednesday and Thursday. If you were unable to attend, I would urge you to make contact with your child's class teacher after half term for an update.

## Parent Governor Election

Candidate information has been distributed this week, alongside ballot papers. The deadline for votes is Friday 5th November at midday, when the ballot box will be removed from the main entrance.

## Christmas Productions

We are hoping to run three separate productions this year - for Infants, Year 3 & 4 and Year 5 & 6. The plan at present is to have a live audience again and we will release these dates after half term to give plenty of notice.

It is worth stressing that we will - of course - need to keep an eye on current data around COVID cases etc, both within school and locally/nationally so all of these events are (unfortunately) subject to change.

On a similar note, we have made the decision not to run the Christmas Fair this year. Although some precautions can be taken for parents' evenings, assemblies etc we feel that it would be very difficult to run a fair under any form of restrictions and, as cases rise, it is not appropriate to hold one given the nature of our building.

All of the Christmas dates will be distributed (including parties etc) at the start of November.

## Harvest Appeal

Many thanks to those families who supported our collection for items for the Tippy Toes Baby Bank. All of the donations will be dropped off during the half term.

## Dinners

The new dinner menu starts straight after half term on week 2. Any dinner arrangement changes should have been notified to Mrs Cranmer by October 20th.

## Clubs

There will be no before or after school clubs in the first week back after half term. From w.b. 8th November, the clubs available will be:

Day	Club	Year
Mon	Netball	5 & 6
Mon	Gardening	5 & 6
Mon	French	3 & 4
Tues (AM)	Dodgeball	5 & 6
Tues	Fit 4 Life	3 & 4
Weds	Coding	3 & 4
Weds	Tag Rugby	5 & 6
Fri	Choir	4, 5 & 6

There will be a new Form available to complete for all new clubs (keep an eye on Dojo) after half term. It is really important that pupils remember the importance of committing to a club once they sign up, particularly when numbers are limited. If a new club clashes with a previous club, pupils can switch but should speak to the member of staff running their previous club to let them know.

### Remembrance Day

We will be selling poppies, wristbands etc after half term. House Captains will let pupils know when they will be available to buy and the recommended donation prices, so that money can be brought into school.

 Stars of the Week 	
Rec	Oliver Bradford for fabulous blending of his sounds in phonics.
Rec/ Y1	Jaiden Birch for being so kind to everyone and finishing his discovery time challenges!
Y1/2	Royal Wiggans Clarke for great independent maths work .
Y2	Ava Nicholl for a great piece of writing in our assessment this week.
Y3	Mia Doyle for an all round wonderful attitude towards school and giving her all in the Harvest Festival!
Y4	Noah Sherlock for some great contributions to our discussions about a story.
Y5	Harry Brindle for great enthusiasm to our Harvest songs and excellent behaviour throughout our rehearsals and performances.
Y6	Harry Torbett for playing the piano so beautifully in both Harvest Assemblies.
W House	Yellow
Silver Leaf	Respect for others - Noah Sherlock for helping another pupil in his class with his work.

Happy Friday!

Mr Wright