

Moss Side Primary School

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Friday 12th November 2021

Dear Moss Side Community,

By coincidence, during our two minute silence on Thursday we had some contractors at school. It was an incredibly proud moment to hear them praise our pupils for the respect that they showed at this point, as the whole school fell silent. Our pupils are shining lights of the Moss Side way and it is brilliant when it is spotted by those who are not normally part of our school community.

Parent Governor Election

Congratulations to Mrs Maphiwa-Ndlovu who has been elected to the Governing Body following the recent parent election. It was really pleasing to see the amount of parents who were prepared to stand and we are appreciative they were willing to give up their time for the benefit of the school.

The school would like to thank Mr Blake, who has now finished his tenure as parent governor, for his contribution during his time on the Governing Body. The hard work of the Governing Body often goes unnoticed but these volunteers are an integral part of maintaining the ethos of the school.

Punctuality

It is vital for all of our pupils' education that they arrive at school on time. Learning begins from the moment pupils arrive at school and often the focus is on developing the same area of the curriculum at that time every day. This means that the impact on pupils who are regularly late, even by just five minutes, is significant. In many classes, for example, phonics begins at the start of the day and pupils who are late miss their

vital daily reading lessons. It also takes pupils time to settle to a task when they are late, so arriving five minutes after the class start time often means pupils are not ready to learn until ten-fifteen minutes after they should be. We know that sometimes being late is unavoidable - unexpected things happen to us all - but it is really important to get into a positive, consistent routine. If any families feel that routines in the morning hinder pupils arriving on time, feel free to contact Karen for a discussion or advice.

Christmas Productions

Dates for your diary are still listed below. There will be further details re. tickets nearer the time. Please note that tickets will be limited to two per family for each performance in order to provide appropriate audience numbers (these can be split across two performances as required). For example:

Infants - A Murray Friday 10th x2

Y3/4 - N/A (no children in family in lower Juniors)

Y5/6 - J Murray Mon 13th x1 Tues 14th x1

Date	Morning (9.30)	Afternoon (13.45)	Evening (6.30)
Thurs 9th			Y3/4 Performance
Fri 10th	Infant Performance		
Mon 13th	Infant Performance	Y3/4 Performance	Y5/6 Performance
Tues 14th	Y5/6 Performance	Christmas Lunch	Infant Performance
Weds 15th	Y5/6 Party	Y3/4 Party	
Thurs 16th		Infant Party	
Fri 17th		St James's Church Visit	

Children in Need - Reminder from the House Captains

On Friday 19th November there will be an own clothes day to celebrate Children In Need. We ask if these clothes can be bright and colourful. If you wish to come in your own clothes you will need to bring in a donation of 50p per student or £1 per family.

Emergency Services Visits

Year 6 and Rec/Y1 were visited by the fire service this week, with both classes taking part in informative discussions. We are hopeful that Year 2 and 3 will have the same opportunity next week.

On Thursday, Year 5 and 6 will be visited by the local police team for a talk about knife crime.

Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas lunch will be on Tuesday December 14th. All children who currently have a school dinner will automatically receive it. Children who have a packed lunch have been contacted via ParentPay with a link to an online form, should they also wish to have this option on that day. The deadline for submission is Monday 15th November at 10.00am.

Holiday List 22-23

This is now available via 'term dates' on the school website.

St James' Church

St James' are having a 'Christmas Tree Festival' on Saturday 20th November 11.00am-4.00pm & Sunday 21st November 1.00pm-4.00pm. All welcome to a sparkly weekend!

Stars of the Week	
Rec	Tina Trahovceva for always trying her best at everything and for always doing it with a smile.
Rec/ Y1	Mikey Mallon for some fantastic phonics and writing this week.
Y1/2	Bobby Key for great reading this week.
Y2	Lola Taylor for a great sequence in gymnastics.
Y3	Joshua Oldham for doing fantastic writing, all by himself, in his Wonderful Writing Book.
Y4	Kye Thomas for some impressive PE this week - passing, catching, attacking, defending and teamwork!
Y5	Olly Page for being a caring and considerate Year 5, especially this week during a lunchtime game with a younger pupil.
Y6	James Guise-Savigar for superb skills at swimming, demonstrating the 'help' float for the whole class.
House	Red
Silver Leaf	Respect for Others - Oliver Owens-Crook for giving some of his pocket money to a classmate so they could make a donation to our Poppy appeal.

Key events next week

Monday Ukele Y4, Gardening Y5+6, French Y3+4, Netball Y5+6

Tuesday Dodgeball Y5+6, Fit4Life Y3+4

Wednesday Fencing, Coding Y3+4, Tag Rugby Y5+6

Thursday Swimming Y6

Friday Children in Need, Choir Y4, Y5 + Y6

Happy Friday!

Mr Wright