

Moss Side Primary School

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Friday 10th December 2021



Dear Moss Side Community,

It has been lovely to get up-and-running with Christmas performances this week - they still feel slightly 'different' but we are certainly trying our best to bring the festive spirit to Moss Side.

Christmas Productions

- Each person attending must have a ticket and this ticket must be brought to the performance. Please remember that tickets are used to control numbers within the hall as part of our COVID measures as it is important that we know exactly how many people are in the hall.
- Face masks must be worn by all within the audience unless there is a medical exemption. This is for the safety of all.
- Where possible, please use a lateral flow test prior to attending - there is no need to show a result on your way into school but we hope that this measure will strengthen our precautions. As always, do not attend if you have any COVID symptoms and book a PCR test immediately.
- You might want a coat as there will be increased ventilation in the hall.
- Entry and exit is via the external hall doors only, accessed via the Junior playground. No audience member should enter through any other door.
- Chairs will be distanced from the performers as much as possible so please do not move them, especially the front or back row.
- **Given the nature of the current situation, performances may be cancelled at short notice so please continue to check Dojo regularly.**
- All pupils should return to take part in evening performances at **6:10** so that they can be ready to start performing at 6:30 prompt. Arrangements for pick up and collection will be explained via each Class Dojo but it is important that **parents drop off and pick up all children** from the door their teacher tells them, rather than at the front gate given how dark it is. If pupils are being collected by someone not in the audience, most performances will last approximately 35-40 minutes if you wish to time your arrival at school.

Y3/4 Afternoon Performances

Please note that, for this performance, doors open at 1:45 and can be accessed via the car park gate onto the Junior playground - the production itself will not start until 2:00.

Infant Start Time - WEDNESDAY

Should any Infant pupils need a lie in after their performance on Tuesday, the register will remain open until 10:00. Any pupils arriving between 9:05-10:00 should come into school via the main entrance.

Christmas Parties

On their party day, pupils can wear their own clothes. These could be party outfits, Christmas jumpers or just their favourite t-shirt but make sure they are suitable for a full day in school (and on the playground). Unless class teachers share otherwise, this is the only time that pupils require their own clothes this term, although they are welcome to bring a **Christmas hat or hair accessory** for our Christmas dinner (Tuesday 14th December).

Choir

We have the treat of a performance from our choir at the end of the day today. This has been a really pleasing new development this term and we look forward to seeing them evolve further. A big thank you to Mrs Lamb (and Miss Thomas) for giving up their time to run this.

Carol Service

We are aiming to reinstate our annual carol service, at St. James' Church, on Friday afternoon. We walk to and from the church, so please make sure your child has suitable footwear and a warm coat on Friday as we will still go if the weather is wet.

Photograph/ Video Reminder

A reminder of our policy re. photography at productions :

At Moss Side we have always allowed parents/guardians to take photographs at school events. We took this decision as we know how valuable it is to record memories in this way. However, we are also aware of the potential problems this could cause. As we have a duty of care to all our children, it is very important that any photographs taken are not put onto social media sites such as Facebook or Instagram. Many parents do not want pictures of their children displayed in this way and some of our children must not have their photographs published for child protection reasons. Photographs taken may involve children in situations that would cause distress or embarrassment if put on the internet.

Because of these problems, lots of schools choose to ban any recording/photography of school events by parents. However, at Moss Side we have always trusted parents to keep all our children safe by not putting any photographs onto social media. Unfortunately, if some parents choose to ignore these child protection issues, we will be forced to prohibit the use of cameras, phones etc. at school events which would be very sad.

Therefore, please could you ensure that any photographs you take are purely for personal use and remind other parents of this, if you see that they have not followed the above guidance for keeping all our children safe.

Thank you.

Altru Theatre

We are excited to see them perform Wind in the Willows for us on Friday.

A Message from Moss Side Playgroup

After 37 happy years, Mrs Denise Johnson is retiring from Moss Side Playgroup. It would be lovely if past and present parents and children, could line up on the path outside playgroup at 4.30pm pm Tuesday Dec 14th, to give her the magnificent send off she deserves.

Christmas Holiday

We finish for Christmas on Friday 17th December at 3:15pm and re-open on **Tuesday 4th January 2022.**

Happy Friday!

Mr Wright

Stars of the Week	
	
Rec	Kaydee Cuerden for fantastic number work this week.
Rec/ Y1	Theo Cottam for some amazing, neat writing in class!
Y1/2	Ellen Teslim Balogun for fantastic singing and dancing in our Christmas concert .
Y2	Robbie Hindle for wonderful singing in our concert rehearsals so far.
Y3	Evie Hamilton for a SUPERB effort in our Christmas Carol Concert!
Y4	Tyler Keane for an excellent performance in our carol concert - loud and clear from start to finish.
Y5	Taylor Hurst for being such a great help around the classroom and being an independent Year 5, using his initiative to solve problems.
Y6	Oliver Owens-Crook for outstanding progress in maths.
House	Green
Silver Leaf	Ethan Shingleston - Respect for others for being extremely kind to a class mate when she was feeling sad. Noah Clarke - Respect for others for offering to help a younger child zip up their coat at playtime. All Year 6 - Respect for yourself for great contributions in our 'understanding emotions' sessions.

Key events next week

Monday Infant Performance (AM), Ukulele Y4, Y3/4 Performance (PM), Y5/6 Performance (Eve)

Tuesday Y5/6 Performance (AM), Christmas Dinner, Infant Performance (Eve)

Wednesday Junior Party Day

Thursday Swimming Y5, Infant Party Day

Friday Altru Theatre, St James' Church