

Moss Side Primary School

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Friday 17th December 2021

Dear Moss Side Community,

We made it to the end of term (although there were times in recent weeks when that seemed a long way off)! It has been wonderful to have a term where we have been able to perform at both harvest and Christmas, as well as sending sports team out to competitions, holding assemblies and starting a choir to name but a few. I wish all of our families a very merry Christmas and hope that you have a safe, enjoyable festive period. The staff team has, once again, worked incredibly hard this term and I thank them for their dedication to our pupils and school life in general.

Christmas Fundraising

As announced at the Christmas productions during the last week, we are looking to run a 'post-Christmas' fundraising effort. We maintained our usual approach that there is no charge for attending productions but decided that a collection box on the way out was a further complication that we did not need! Instead, donations can be made via ParentPay or cash to the school office, should anyone wish to contribute. The fundraising will close on Friday January 21st.

This year, we aim to split any monies raised between school funds (having not been able to run a Christmas Fair) and the local Community Network and Outreach Service based on Dunkirk Lane (at the shops). They support all members of the community with groups for children and adults, including, youth groups, arts, crafts, baking etc... as well as a 'Community Fridge' and signposting to other services. You can find out more information about the great work they do on their Facebook page.

Christmas Productions

A big thank you to all those who attended - the children loved having a live audience. Let's keep our fingers crossed that next year will not require us to have so many restrictions and we can have even more people in attendance.

Pupils and staff alike welcomed the positive feedback for their efforts.

Altru Theatre

We have just enjoyed a magnificent performance of Wind in the Willows. A huge thank you must go to Sector Security Services who kindly donated the funds to allow our pupils to have this Christmas treat. We are extremely grateful.

January Return

The current COVID situation obviously appears to be escalating in recent weeks and you may have spotted speculation in the press about preparations for remote learning post-Christmas. I feel it important to stress that this is speculation and we are certainly preparing for a 'normal' return from 4th January. I would urge all families to ignore press rumours and, if there is any change as we start the new term, I will be sure to keep all parents informed. Staff have been encouraged to have two weeks off from thinking about 'if, but and could-be' and I would urge our families to do the same.

Staff Change

As you are aware, Mrs Glynn leaves us today. We will miss her and are grateful for all her hard work with Moss Side pupils, both as our SENDCo and in her previous role as a specialist teacher.

This has created a vacancy within our teaching staff and I am delighted that Miss Whittle will join us after Christmas, where she will mainly focus on English teaching with our Junior pupils. She has lots of experience teaching Key Stage Two and I am sure she will be an asset to our team.

Request from Mrs Fahey

Please can any empty McDonald's fries boxes be recycled in school. I was told not to ask why so, I will be honest, I haven't!

Dance Club

Slips were sent home for year 3 and 4 pupils earlier in the week. This club is run by South Ribble and therefore places are limited. Pupils who have a place to start Friday 7th January will be notified after the holidays.

Attendance Figures This Week

You will have received your child's attendance report for this term, alongside the letter (via Dojo and ParentPay) which explains this.

Unfortunately this year, there has been no way to separate COVID absences from other illnesses (Mrs Cranmer has made a lot of phone calls to try) so any ten day isolations should be factored into interpreting this percentage. We also know there has been a lot of other genuine illnesses this term.

The report is to ensure you are aware of your child's attendance and allows a chance to reflect if there have been any occasions when pupils could have attended school. If you know that COVID and/or other mitigating circumstances have impacted this term then do not worry, it will quickly rise next term. If you know that the percentage is low for other reasons, we are here to support you in improving this for all pupils.

Christmas Holiday

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

Stars of the Week	
Rec	Archie Houston for always trying his best and for staying focussed on his work.
Rec/ Y1	Jake Turner for some amazing Christmas performances and always using his brilliant smile!
Y1/2	Isla Stringer for always working extremely hard at everything we do
Y2	Penny Billsborough for always trying her best in everything we do.
Y3	Ellis Walsh for always finishing his speed test in super quick time!
Y4	Sadie Wood for some excellent explanation writing about Wallace's Snoozatron!
Y5	Charlie Dargie for being an excellent Christmas crafter and helping others.
Y6	Noah Walsh for always being kind and helpful.
House	Blue
Silver Leaf	Alby - Tash Wilson and Jaiden Birch - Respect for Others for comforting and being really kind to a class member who was upset. Miss Jones was really impressed with their empathy and understanding! Sofia Holden - Respect for Others for asking a member of staff how they were and asking how they enjoyed their Christmas lunch the day before. Logan Campbell - Respect for Others for showing great maturity and kindness towards another child. Lenny Burke - Respect for Others for helping a class mate with their Christmas craft and maths.

Key events week beginning 3rd Jan

Monday Bank Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday Start of Spring Term

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday Dance Club Y3/4

Happy Friday!

Mr Wright