

Moss Side Primary School

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Dear Moss Side Community,

School is now delightfully decorated following our Decorations Day activities - peep through the windows to spot this year's Christmas colours and some fab work from the children.

Christmas Tickets

There are now no further evening tickets available for any performances. Unfortunately, some requests received later in the process have only received one evening performance seat following our first-come-first-serve approach. In these cases an additional day ticket has been sent home/can be requested to make two overall. All tickets have been sent home (Y6 & Y2 have received their tickets today).

A few ticket slips included requests for two for every performance (above the maximum amount) - in these instances one day and one evening ticket has been given out.

It is also important to stress that, in order to be fair to all, we **can only run a one-ticket-one-person** system as it is the limiting of the overall number in the hall that we are required to do in order to fulfil the adaptations we have tried to make due to COVID. Therefore, it is not possible to have additional siblings attending without a ticket, even sitting on knees. We know that this is not ideal but it seems the only way to ensure that we can control the numbers as the majority of families have more than one child who could potentially attend.

Once tickets have been received, please could **any unwanted tickets be returned ASAP** so that these can be reallocated where possible. Please contact Mrs Price in person, via email or via phone if you wish to be placed on the reserve list (preference will be given to those who have not used their allocation rather than families requesting a third ticket). You may also wish to trade a ticket and, wherever possible, we are happy to do so. As always, I am more than happy to help and do what I can so please see me with any concerns.

As I am sure that you are aware, allocating tickets has been challenging and extremely time consuming this year where, despite there being more performances overall than in previous years, the necessary restrictions on numbers have made it difficult to accommodate all requests. In some instances, schools have decided not to even attempt this but we feel it is so important to at least give it a go. Established families will know that we traditionally attempt to

accommodate wherever we can and this is certainly not our ideal arrangement but this year is particularly challenging. The only other solution is to increase evening performances but experience tells us that this is not ideal for younger pupils and it is also unfair on a fatigued staff who are already willing to volunteer their own time to make these happen - which I know we are all appreciative of.

To add to the mix, the COVID situation continues to evolve and we will still assess the suitability of holding these on a day-to-day basis. **Please check Class Dojo in the lead up to all performances for any updates as late cancellations are possible.** This will depend upon the national and regional rates as well as our current rates of COVID in school. As we know, the situation can change dramatically in a short space of time and I know of some local schools who have cancelled due to their rate of COVID within the last week.

Evening Performances

All pupils should return to take part in evening performances by 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.

Christmas Parties

On their party day (last week of term), 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 accessory for our Christmas dinner (Tuesday 14th December).

Staff Change

At Christmas, Mrs Glynn will leave us to move to a new job in Blackpool. We are really disappointed to see her go but know that she will do a great job in her new school which is a little closer to home. We will have more news in due course but Karen and I will take over as the SENCO team again for the remainder of the school year. Should any parents have concerns relating to SEN, please feel free to contact us at school in the usual way.

Councils

Last week, the remaining elections took place:

School Council

Y6 - Isla, Logan

Y5 - Jacob, Emily

Y4 - Sadie, Dominykas

Y3, Addison, Sienna

Y2 - Rory, Penny

Eco

Y6 - Sofia

Y5 - Olivia

Y4 - Max

Y3 - Mia

Y2 - Noah, Eva

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone for contributing to this year's Poppy Appeal. We raised an amazing £413.32. Together with the amount we were able to collect last year, the grand total raised was £631.08. Fantastic!

Stars of the Week	
Rec	Levi Fairclough and Finley Holt for being superstars at getting dressed.
Rec/ Y1	Zach Quinn for trying really hard and doing lots of reading and letterland games at home!
Y1/2	Noah Clarke for having a great costume try on session for our Christmas concert.
Y2	Sienna Duckworth for managing to find a great loud voice in our concert rehearsals
Y3	Elizabeth Teslim Balogun for impeccable behaviour 100% of the time!
Y4	King Jennings-Minors for his efforts in maths this week - listening, working hard and being independent!
Y5	Kaci Cuerden for her amazing enthusiasm, bright smile and lovely singing voice during our Christmas rehearsals.
Y6	Lavani Karia for superb performing skills in our rehearsals.
House	Red
Silver Leaf	Jimmy Tillott - Respect for others by being such a brilliant role model during Decorations Day. Avianna Karia - Respect for others for offering to lend Mrs Crighton her gloves on a very cold day!

Key events next week

Monday Ukulele Y4

Tuesday

Wednesday Fencing

Thursday Swimming Y5, Eve Performance 3/4

Friday AM Performance Infants

Happy Friday!

Mr Wright