

Moss Side Primary School

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Friday 21st January 2022



Dear Moss Side Community,

Attendance this week has been the lowest we can remember due to COVID infections but all the children in school have continued to work extremely hard, alongside the staff. I am proud of the way our community continues to keep going and, hopefully, we will see off this current wave shortly.

Parents' Evenings

Our original plan was to run these in the week before half term. However, given the current high number of COVID cases, we have delayed until Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th February. Appointment details will be sent out shortly.

Clubs

In another change from our original plan, you will have noted that our extra-curricular clubs are currently more limited than usual. We have made the decision to pause restarting many clubs as it has already been very disruptive cancelling those currently in place due to staffing absences and bubbling. Again, we are looking to the new half term to restart but will keep this under review.

Parents are reminded that - should any classes be in a 'bubble' due to COVID cases - pupils will not be able to attend clubs. In the case of judo, refunds will be given where pupils have missed a session because we have needed to implement a bubble (but not for pupil absence, as per the usual protocols).

When outside companies provide paid clubs (such as judo or fencing), parents should continue to be aware that they are making an agreement with a coaching provider and it is not a 'school club' (although we do check the quality of the offer before renting out the hall space).

For **all** before school clubs, it is the responsibility of parents to ensure that pupils arrive at the hall doors. At these times, parents are welcome to walk round the outside of the building with pupils if they choose as all school gates are open at that time in the morning.

Smart Watches

A reminder that watches which play games, take photos etc are not suitable for school.

Head Lice

We have had recent cases of head lice in school. Please check your child's hair regularly and consult a pharmacist if you need support in dealing with the issue. Pupils with long hair should continue to tie it back to reduce the chance of catching them.

Testing

It continues to be the case that a PCR test should be booked if symptoms of COVID are displayed. You will be aware that, in all other cases PCR tests should not be booked within 90 days of a positive result - but this is overridden if symptoms are displayed.

LFD test results no longer need to be confirmed with a PCR and a positive result instantly starts an isolation period of 10 full days (the day of the test being day 0). The isolation period can be cut if negative tests are taken on day 5 and 6.



Money Study

Loughborough University is currently conducting a study into young people's understanding of money. You will receive the survey letter via Parent Pay and/or Class Dojo with a link to sign up and further information. Participants have the chance to win gift vouchers.

Holiday Dates

There has been a small correction to the holiday dates for 2022-23 (**next academic year**) related to the May/June half term. If this has any impact on holidays booked already

based on the original dates, an absence request form must be completed by Friday 28th January 2022 so that it can be reviewed. Please send in evidence of holiday dates and the date the holiday was booked on so that this can be kept with the request form.

Please accept our apologies for the error.

 Stars of the Week 	
Rec	Lydia Mallon for some brilliant design work on the computer.
Rec/ Y1	Bradley Duffy for trying really, really hard at school this week, particularly with his Discovery Time challenges!
Y1/2	Theo Bates for great writing this week.
Y2	Libby Burke for trying extremely hard with her reading.
Y3	Summer-Rose Maudsley for returning to school with a positive 'can do' attitude!
Y4	Boden Grimshaw for his excellent manners and being very helpful.
Y5	Declan Wilson for his perseverance and hardworking attitude towards this week's assessments.
Y6	Levi Johnson for trying so hard with his reading comprehension work.
House	Yellow
Silver Leaf	Ethan Shingleston - Respect for the Environment - for finding a teacher to tell that the tap was still running in the big sink!

Key events next week

Monday Multi-skills Club Y1+2

Tuesday Dodgeball Club (AM) Y3+4

Wednesday Judo (AM) Y2-6

Thursday

Friday Dance Club Y3+4

Happy Friday!

Mr Wright