

Moss Side Primary School

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Dear Moss Side Community,

Happy New Year to all of our families. I hope that everyone managed to enjoy Christmas and had some form of family time, although I know that COVID was an unwelcome visitor in some of our households.

It was wonderful to return to school on Tuesday and hear about the festive celebrations from our pupils. School has swiftly returned to a normal pattern, with pupils quickly settling down and working extremely hard. As anticipated, COVID is attempting to put us off our stride but I am grateful to the staff team who have worked flexibly, diligently (and incredibly hard) again all week to keep things ticking along.

Christmas Fundraising

As announced at the Christmas productions, we are running 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 21st January.

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.

Remote Learning

Parents are reminded that remote learning is available via the website for any pupils needing to isolate but are otherwise well enough to continue their learning. This is via the resources page of the website. As always, parents are best judged to decide what is a realistic amount of work given that the impact of COVID in households varies from case-to-case.

COVID Contingency

The new plan is available via Dojo and the newsletter section of the website.

Key features include:

- The use of lateral flow tests for contacts.

- Where to get tests from (it would be useful for every house to have a small stock at all times).
- Continuation of bubble procedures as an option should classes reach the trigger level for cases.

Class Assemblies

Those of us who can still remember what life was like before COVID will know that the Spring term is usually our starting point for class assemblies. These are an opportunity for parents to see the work of their children and for our pupils to demonstrate what they have learned, as well as building up their confidence. Normally, dates for each assembly would be sent out at the start of term to give plenty of notice.

The current COVID situation means that our plans to make sure these return this term are on hold - we will continue to review the situation and send dates out as soon as we feel that it is sensible to do so.

Clubs

There are a range of new sports clubs available next week. Places will be confirmed asap so please continue to check Class Dojo. Other clubs will return/begin during the half term, so continue to check this newsletter and Class Dojo for key information.

Please note, Multi-Skills club is now full, however there are still places available for Dodgeball.

Request from Mrs Fahey

Please can any empty McDonald's fries boxes be recycled in school.

Warm Clothes

We continue to strike a balance between ventilation and warmth but, inevitably, pockets of the school building are slightly colder than usual given the current temperatures. Pupils are encouraged to wear an extra layer under their uniform and teachers will judge whether they can wear an additional jumper/coat as this varies from class-to-class, day-to-day.

Cricket Sessions

Despite the winter temperatures, Year 3 and 4 enjoyed a sunny day for their first cricket sessions, which are being delivered by Lancashire Cricket Club. Hopefully some of our pupils will be ready to win an Ashes series in Australia in 16 years from now!

Head Lice

Unfortunately there are head lice in school. Please can you check your child's hair regularly and treat if necessary. There are a variety of treatments available from your local chemist.

Stars of the Week	
Rec	Iris Murphy for working very hard on her sounding out of words for her reading and for some beautiful handwriting.
Rec/ Y1	Estelle Wilson Gabbott for super listening and super sitting on the carpet.
Y1/2	Tommy Lawrenson Hesketh for having a great first week back at school.
Y2	Lola Sullivan for some super work in art drawing with a view finder.
Y3	Amber Atchia for putting her hand up more frequently and joining in with class discussions.
Y4	Layton Brown for an excellent start to the new term especially with his English.
Y5	Hayden Thompson for a brilliant start to the new term: super contributions in class and really concentrating on his work.
Y6	Dylan Blake for making superb progress in Maths and English and having the confidence to show it!
House	Green

Key events next week

Monday Multi-Skills Y1+2

Tuesday Dodgeball Club (AM) Y3+4

Wednesday Judo (AM) Y2-6

Thursday

Friday Dance Club Y3+4

Happy Friday!

Mr Wright