

Moss Side Primary School

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Dear Moss Side Community,

Another hard-working week in school where our pupils have produced some excellent work!

SATs

Next week, our Year 6 pupils sit the national SATs tests. They have worked incredibly hard, alongside the dedicated staff team, to prepare for these and we wish them good luck. All of the pupils know that the expectation is simple: 'Try your best'.

It is always really important to reflect at this point of the year as well. Whilst external examinations are a part of the education system and a means to assess how pupils have progressed, they do not share the whole picture at all. These tests are a snapshot of English and Maths but we also have pupils skilled in drawing, sport, coding and - most importantly - being well rounded citizens who are kind and compassionate. We value these things just as highly (if not more so) and will continue to celebrate these sorts of achievements with our pupils.

In order to prepare for the morning tests, Year 6 are being encouraged to arrive a little early next week. We will open the doors for **Year 6 only** at 8.40 so that they can be at their desk for 8.45. They are invited to bring a snack with them, which they may want to eat when they first arrive, to ensure they are fuelled up for the day's test.

Mon - Spelling, punctuation and grammar

Tues - Reading

Weds - Maths arithmetic and reasoning

Thurs - Maths reasoning

Attendance

A reminder that the school attendance target is 97%. As we move away from the COVID era, we are hopeful that we will be able to return to a more traditional approach to dealing with being 'slightly under the weather' and keep going as much as possible.

One of the bigger issues with attendance is the increase in holidays taken in term time. It is easy to understand why this is happening due to the inflated costs of travel in school holidays and the lack of opportunity to travel during the past few years. However, any absence should always be offset with the

damage to pupils' education. Particularly where attendance is already not reaching the target, further unnecessary absence should be avoided. At this time of the year, all classes are undertaking assessments to support their transition to the next year group and missing these impacts our ability to support pupils in their education.

Whilst we understand the dilemma faced with regards to holidays, it is important to reinforce that the Government expectation is that they are taken when school is closed unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Clubs

There are **no clubs** next week due to SATs preparations in the hall and some staff training. All spring **sports** clubs (apart from netball) have now ended and our summer clubs will start w.b. 16th May. Miss Clarkson will send out an updated form for the new clubs next week.

New clubs will include:

Volleyball Y5+6

Rounders Y3+4 and Y5+6

Athletics Y3+4 and Y5+6

Multi-skills Y1+2

COVID

Nationally, attempts to 'live with COVID' have obviously increased over the last few weeks. This, in turn, has changed some of the guidance around isolating etc. In short, we will follow the [NHS guidance](#) in the same way as we do for other illnesses (such as sickness bugs).

Where COVID has been identified, children should isolate for three days and adults for five, starting the day after a positive test.

Second Hand Uniform

We are ready to accept any donations of uniform for our second hand shop. If you have items to donate, please drop them at Front Desk.

We will inform parents when the shop will run, should they wish to purchase any more items.

 Stars of the Week 	
Rec	Isabelle Chivers for outstanding work in phonics and for lovely sentence writing.
Rec/ Y1	Jake Turner for fantastic behaviour and attitude!
Y1/2	Juliette Hook for great story writing this week.
Y2	Callum Nicholas for always working hard and trying his best.
Y3	Lily Geldard-Wareing for fantastic work on telling the time this week!
Y4	Olly Midgley for some great tennis skills and team work this week.
Y5	Riley Cartmell-Brown for brilliant listening and ideas about our novel and great determination at swimming.
Y6	Lucas Fortune for superb work in English this week.
House	Green
Silver Leaf	Harry Marquis and Noah Walsh - Respect for Others - for running sporting activities for the younger children at lunchtime.

Key events next week

Monday SATs

Tuesday SATs

Wednesday SATs

Thursday SATs

Friday

Happy Friday!

Mr Wright