

Moss Side Primary School

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Dear Moss Side Community,

It is always a bitter-sweet moment at this time of year, as we finish 2021/22 and reflect on all we have achieved as a school. It has been a pleasure to see school return to the environment we want it to be - busy, happy and vibrant - no matter how tired this has left us all! The year has brought much progress from our pupils and great success, whether that be academic, sporting, artistic or simply (but most importantly) growing to be better human beings, more tolerant, caring and compassionate. We look forward to another bright school year next year but are also sad to be saying goodbye to another group of children who have done Moss Side proud.

Year 6

It is always right that our leaving cohort take centre stage on their final day of primary school life. We are always proud of our pupils and this year group is no exception. They have been through the most turbulent years that education has known in this country since World War II, but have still been expected to continue as normal! Working alongside the dedicated staff team and so many incredibly supportive parents, their resilience has grown and they are ready for high school. We have loved having them at school and hope that they remember that they will always be a 'Moss Sider'. As a Year 6 class, they have thrown themselves into productions, organised school through their jobs and captain roles, represented school at Borwick and done phenomenally well in SATs (considering all the challenges that they have faced). We wish them luck in their next phase of education but hope that they know the door is always open here and we love to hear how our ex-pupils are doing.

Awards

This morning, we handed out this year's awards. It was a tough decision as there are so many worthy winners in this class.

Mullen Shield for Positive Attitude - Levi Johnson

Cairns Caring Cup - Jimmy Tillot/Lilly Ronald

Fairey Borwick Shield - Dylan Bretherton

Hazel Smith Progress - Harry Cutler

Jones Service to School - Sofia Holden

Baybutt Academic - Harry Torbett

Holmes Science - Oliver Owens - Crook

Heaton Performing Arts - Drew Walmsley

Alexander Sporting Shield - Noah Walsh

Dunne Reading Role Model - Lavani Karia

Burdin Maths Award - Lowri Whittaker

Underwood English Award - Dylan Blake

Mrs Swift

Today also marks the retirement of Mrs Swift, who is our current longest-standing member of staff. I know from the outpouring of well wishes that she will be missed by everyone. Mrs Swift has dedicated her entire teaching career to the pupils at Moss Side, nurturing and guiding so many members of our community. She has told me consistently that she 'did not want a fuss' but I know that many of you feel she deserves one!

Mrs Swift has always put the children of this community at the centre of everything she does. School will certainly feel differently without her but we all wish her well in her hard-earned retirement.

A Message from Mrs Swift

I would just like to take this opportunity to say it has been an honour and a privilege to be part of Moss Side School. I have been very lucky to have taught so many amazing children and to have worked alongside such outstanding colleagues. I have always looked on Moss Side School as my extended family and I want to thank you all for the joy, support and wonderful memories you have given me and I

send my love and thanks to you all. I wish Moss Side School and you all every happiness and success in the future.

Love and best wishes

Mrs. Swift

Timings

Ahead of the new school year, a reminder of timings for the school day:

Juniors (front gate opens at 8.45am) 8:50am-3:15pm

Year 2 and Year 1/2 8:55am-3:10pm

Reception and Rec/Y1 9:00am-3:15pm

Meet the Teacher

At the start of the new year, we invite parents of pupils in Year 1-6 to meet with their child's new teacher. These are really important meetings, not only marking the start of a new relationship but also giving the chance to hear about key organisational and curriculum themes for the year. Parents may also have questions that they wish to ask of staff. We would urge every family to be represented (even if parents are unavailable) as this information is so important.

Meetings are straight after school for approximately 20-30 minutes.

Wednesday 7th Sep - Y2

Thursday 8th Sep - Y1/2 and Y6

Monday 12th Sep - Y5 and Y4

Wednesday 14th Sep - R/Y1 (Y1 pupils only) and Y3

Governor Change

Earlier in the term the Governing Body accepted the resignation of Mrs J Owens-Crook as a co-opted governor. Mrs Owens-Crook has dedicated much time and effort towards the development of school and, while understanding of her reasons, we're sad to see her go. We would like to thank her for all of her dedication over many years.

School Games Mark

Last week, we were delighted to earn the Gold School Games Mark again. This is a recognition of all the high

 Stars of the Week 	
Rec	To my whole class who have been stars all year.
Rec/ Y1	To all my class for a fantastic year! You've been super stars!
Y1/2	To everyone in class for having a fantastic year!!
Y2	Seth Warburton for doing a great job on his safety booklet this week
Y3	Jake Matthews for playing co-operatively with his friends and being a good role model.
Y4	Kye Thomas for his bravery & courage - venturing to the deep end!
Y5	To everyone in Year 5 for a brilliant year!
Y6	All of Year 6 for completing a fabulous year!
House	YELLOW
Silver Leaf	Respect for Others - Nominated by Year 6 pupils - All the staff for being amazing - especially Karen and Mrs Swift for always looking after us when we were upset.

quality PE and Sport that happens at school. The pupils and staff have worked hard to achieve this, with a special mention to Miss Clarkson who dedicates her efforts to keeping such a high level.

Staff Appointments

We were delighted to make two staffing appointments this week in Miss Brown and Mrs Topping. Mrs Topping will join our EYFS department as a teaching assistant on a full time basis, while Miss Brown will be our Rec teacher on a Wednesday. Mrs Evans will still be working five days a week, but this will allow her to have some dedicated time in the week to focus on her role as our SENDCo. Miss Whittle will continue to have a similar role in Year 6 to allow Mrs Torbett to focus on her leadership duties on a Friday.

As a reminder, the teaching staff structure for next year is:

Rec - Mrs Evans/ Miss Brown

Rec/ Y1 - Miss Thomas

Y1/2 - Mr Gilyead

Y2 - Mrs Simpkins

Y3 - Miss Jones

Y4 - Mr Kellett

Y5 - Mrs Fahey

Y6 - Mrs Torbett/ Miss Whittle

Maths - Mrs McKenna

English - Miss Whittle

Weddings

Two members of staff are set to get married in the summer (separately, not to each other)! We wish Miss Clarkson good luck as she becomes Mrs Freeman and Miss Whittle all the best as she becomes Mrs Roscow.

Happy end of the school year!

Mr Wright
