

Moss Side Primary School

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Friday 23rd September 2022

Dear Moss Side Community,

A rather strange week in some ways with the bank holiday and then a return to normality. I have been treated to lots of visits to my room this week from pupils showing me some of their excellent work - one of the best parts of my job!

We met the younger reception pupils in assembly today and look forward to meeting the rest next Friday. This is an important Moss Side tradition and rite of passage for our new pupils.

EYFS

All pupils will be in school full-time as of Monday. Both reception and reception/year 1 start at 9.00am and finish at 3.15pm, with drop off and pick up from the Infant playground.

Operation Encompass

A reminder to all parents that we participate in Operation Encompass, alongside the majority of Lancashire schools:

Operation Encompass is a unique Police and Education early intervention safeguarding partnership which ensures that a child's school is informed, prior to the start of the next school day, that there has been a domestic abuse, vulnerable child or missing incident to which the child has been exposed, and which might then have an impact on them in school the following day.

CEOP

We know that parents being informed about the online world and discussing this with their children forms a key part in protecting younger generations from some of the pitfalls of the internet. CEOP is a magnificent website to support this and parents may wish to view <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

Swimming Kit

We keep a stock of spare swimming kits for Year 4 and 5 pupils, should they forget their kit. We have not got the capacity to ring home when they are forgotten, so it is useful to carry some spares. If you are able to donate swimming trunks, costumes or towels we would greatly appreciate these.

CCTV

Observant families may have noticed the introduction of CCTV around the perimeter of the building. Sadly, we have been on the receiving end of several spates of vandalism over the last two years and, in order to protect the school environment (especially the garden area and poly tunnel), we have purchased this deterrent. Hopefully this will be enough to deter those who have damaged school property over recent months.

EYFS Reading Meeting

A reminder that there will be a meeting for new parents to explain how to support their children with reading. This is **very important and I would urge at least one parent** (or grandparent if you are struggling) to attend. There have been some changes over the last few years so this is useful for both new and longstanding families.

These will be on **Tuesday 27th September at 5.45pm** or **Thursday 29th September at 9.05am**. Feel free to send more than one parent along so that we can explain our approach to reading, how to read with pupils and our expectations for home support so that we can work together.



Afterschool Clubs

Pupils have been reminded of the importance of commitment this week when signing up for clubs. This is because it is an important life skill which needs to be learnt early, as well as because it is unfair to take places from others and then not attend. In addition to this, it also creates an administrative burden on staff who are already volunteering their own precious time.

All pupils signed up to clubs should attend unless there is an exceptional reason why they cannot, in which case parents must inform staff. We have a safeguarding duty to ring parents should pupils who are on club registers not attend and this then delays the start of any activities for other pupils. Staff enjoy running clubs, and we know that pupils gain much from them, so this support from families is much appreciated.

Staffing Changes (sort of)!

You may have noticed some new names on the newsletter but, to confirm, Mrs Roscow and Mrs Freeman are already well known to school - they are the former Miss Whittle and Miss Clarkson. Both enjoyed their weddings over the summer and we are delighted for them.

Mr Kellett (as his class are aware) is currently absent following a routine operation. He will return shortly and I am pleased to report he is making a good recovery when I saw him last week. In the meantime, Mr Houghton will continue to ably deputise in his absence.

Girls Football

Our girls team performed brilliantly on Tuesday night and represented school admirably. They are due to compete in a league after Christmas.

Stars of the Week	
Rec/ Y1	Finley for his super attitude towards his work and fabulous counting in maths.
Y1/2	Rhyse for quickly settling back into class and working really hard!
Y2	Gabby for always trying her best in everything we do.
Y3	Anthony for trying his absolute best all the time and giving an amazing School Council candidate speech.
Y4	Sienna for being an amazing role model and for her outstanding work in our Topic this week.
Y5	Kacper for being a shining example of how to behave in school!
Y6	Declan for always doing the right thing, for being a true team player, for displaying a conscientious attitude towards his learning and for continually demonstrating The Moss Side Way.
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Key events next week

Monday Netball Club

Tuesday Tag Rugby Club, EYFS Reading Meeting

Wednesday Football Club

Thursday Dodgeball Club (AM), EYFS Reading Meeting, Swimming Y5, Cheerleading, CV Football Y6

Friday Brass Y4

Happy Friday,

Mr Wright