

Moss Side Primary School

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Friday 30th September 2022



Dear Moss Side Community,

A hard-working week from all as we hit the mid-point of the half term.

EYFS Reading Meeting

A big thank you to those parents who gave up their time to attend the reading meetings this week - it makes a big difference to your children when you can support their education and we really appreciate it. On behalf of your children, thank you!

Infant Drop-off and Pick-up

One change to the school arrangements made during COVID was to use a queuing system to collect pupils from Infant classrooms. Due to the success of this, we are eager to keep this going permanently as it remained successful last year. This supports staff in guiding pupils into school calmly and - crucially - being able to safely send pupils out to their adult at the end of the day. It is very difficult to spot parents in a sea of people!

Please could all parents for Miss Thomas' class queue to the left of the door as you look, and on the right for Mrs Evans and Mr Gilyead's classes at both the start and end of the day. Mr Gilyead's class start and finish five minutes earlier (8.55 and 3.10) which should allow that line to clear before a new line is formed.

Parents' evenings

As you are already aware, parents are invited in for a ten minute discussion with their child's class teacher about how they have settled so far this year. All pupils have one appointment slot and it is crucial that parents attend, as we know this support makes a big difference to a child's progress. We encourage pupils to attend alongside their parents, so that they can hear the feedback and show off their work!

Information about requesting appointments will appear on next week's newsletter for either Monday 17th or Tuesday 18th October.

Football Team

A big well done to the school football team who finished top

of their group in last night's tournament. They finished the night with three wins and a draw (only conceding to a 30 yard screamer!). The team played with an excellent spirit, as well as great composure, even if it did cause a few anxious moments for the coaches. The squad also played magnificently in the previous week and we are proud that so many players have represented school across both weeks.

Trim Trails

Please note that the trim trails and tyres should only be used during school break and dinner periods. This is because they are checked before use and managed in a way to reduce the chance of injury. No pupils (or younger children) should use these areas, in either Juniors or Infants, at any other times.

Playground Opening

On Monday, we were delighted to be invited to take some of our pupils to the new Moss Side playground as part of the official re-opening. The Mayor and local councillors were present to mark the occasion. If you have not been, I would recommend a visit!

Scarlet fever (*message from Public Health*)

Scarlet fever is a common childhood infection caused by *Streptococcus pyogenes*, or group A streptococcus (GAS). The early symptoms of scarlet fever include sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. After 12 to 48 hours the characteristic red, pinhead rash develops, typically first appearing on the chest and stomach, then rapidly spreading to other parts of the body, and giving the skin a sandpaper-like texture. The scarlet rash may be harder to spot on darker skin, although the 'sandpaper' feel should be present. Patients typically have flushed cheeks and pallor around the mouth. This may be accompanied by a 'strawberry tongue'. As the child improves peeling of the skin can occur.

Actions to take :

- Children and adults with suspected scarlet fever should not attend nursery / school / work until 24 hours after starting appropriate antibiotic treatment.
- Whilst scarlet fever is circulating it is important that any children and adults with chickenpox do stay off school or nursery until all their blisters have dried over, which is usually 5 days after they first appeared.

Head Lice

We have head lice present in some Infant classes. Please check your child's hair carefully and visit the pharmacist for treatment and/or a suitable comb. This is also the reason that we ask for any hair longer than shoulder length to be tied up.

Nasal Flu Vaccine

Please note, The link for the Nasal Flu Vaccine posted on Class Dojo, is closing on Monday 3rd October, a day earlier than they previously advised. It contains the consent form and additional information such as FAQs regarding the vaccination. Here is the link again for anyone who would like their child to receive it but have not yet completed the form.

<https://www.nhsimms.uk/FLU/information?Id=119336&Type=FLU>

Stars of the Week	
Rec	Freddie for fantastic listening in phonics and brilliant sounding out of words.
Rec/ Y1	Lydia for always being such a super helper in class and being ready to listen.
Y1/2	Thandiwe for always working with great concentration.
Y2	Tommy for always being ready when we are starting to work and great listening skills.
Y3	Isla for always being ready to learn and trying hard this week.
Y4	Ebonie for her attitude to learning and trying really hard in English this week.
Y5	Thomas for a superb attitude to all work and fantastic manners to both children and adults.
Y6	Harry for showing great enthusiasm towards all aspects of school life.
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Silver Leaf	Jude - Respect for Others - for trying really hard to include a team mate in football games when he was really nervous and unsure. Lewis - Respect for Others - for offering one of his teddies to his friend who was upset.

Key events next week

Monday Netball Club

Tuesday Tag Rugby Club

Wednesday Football Club

Thursday Dodgeball Club (AM), Swimming Y5,
Cheerleading

Friday Brass Y4

Happy Friday,

Mr Wright