

Moss Side Primary School

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Friday 9th September 2022

Dear Moss Side Community,

It has been a fabulous first week back in school, although tainted by the sad news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II. It has been wonderful to see all of our returning faces, as well as welcoming some new pupils in both Juniors and - of course - EYFS. Our new staff members have also settled in well and we even had visits and updates from some of our former pupils who have embarked upon their high school journey.

Queen Elizabeth II

After the upsetting news from yesterday, we held a minutes silence in assembly today out of respect. In the assembly, we took time to reflect upon her as a family member and the impact this will have on her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren as well as so many others. Over the next few days, we will also remember the Queen's remarkable life and example of dedication, compassion and determination, through conversations and lessons with the children.

We will also let you know if there will be any school closures once we have been informed.

Volunteers

We are eager to build up our reading volunteers further, who give us an invaluable opportunity to allow lots of pupils to consolidate this key skill.

If you have previously supported this and/or would like to start, please complete this [Form](#)* to let us know when you are available. We will contact volunteers, via email, to arrange a time during the school week to complete all of the safeguarding requirements, including a criminal records check prior to starting if you are a new volunteer. The Volunteer Policy (available via the website) gives an outline of the expectations of the role but, as always, if you wish to discuss this please do not hesitate to contact me.

*If there are any issues accessing the link, please contact Mrs Price.

Meet the Teacher

A reminder that the remaining meetings for Year 1 and up are next week. These are an invaluable opportunity to gain a little more insight into important routines and expectations for the year and I would urge **all families** to send at least one representative.

Attendance

At the start of the year, it is always worth reiterating the importance of punctuality and school attendance. There is a direct link between pupils who are late to school or miss days altogether, on a regular basis, and their overall achievement. For committed staff to get the very best from pupils, they need to see them!

As has been the case for the past few years, holidays require 'exceptional circumstances' to be granted and, although the money saved by going away in term time is obvious (I know because I have never had the chance to enjoy such a reduction) it must always be balanced up with the impact on a child's education. Holiday request forms can be downloaded from the website or picked up from Front Desk.

Start and finish times were made clear again this week (EYFS do not start full time until Monday 26th September):

- 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

Clubs

There will be a Dojo post next week for pupils to sign up to this half term's clubs, to start week beginning 19th September.

Next week, the only club running will be Cheerleading. Please note that this is now **full** (due to South Ribble Sports Partnership Insurance) and we have needed to draw from a hat those who sent in slips this morning. Any pupils who missed out today have been noted and will get 'first chance' on other clubs this academic year.

EYFS Reading Meeting

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.

These will be on Tuesday 27th September at 5.45pm or Thursday 29th September at 9.05. 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.

Stars of the Week	
Rec/ Y1	Iris Murphy for always doing the right thing and being so positive and smiley in everything she does!
Y1/2	Mikey Mallon for having a great first week in his new class.
Y3	Oscar Povey for settling into both school and Year 3 life brilliantly! Well done!
Y4	Kiera - Leigh Prescott for her fantastic approach to learning and settling back in so wonderfully!
Y5	Shannon Lyons for settling in brilliantly to life in Year 5. A great addition to our school!
Y6	Brandon Lyons and Conor Press for settling in so well to our class and both being fantastic additions to our school.
Silver Leaf	Royal Wiggans - Clarke, Theo Cottam and George Kingsbury - Respect for Others - for showing great kindness on the playground to our new reception children. Brandon Lyons - Respect for Others - for asking a classmate who was on their own if they were ok. Ethan Blake - Respect for Others - for being so welcoming to our new pupils.

Key events next week

Monday Y4 and Y5 Meet the Teacher

Tuesday

Wednesday Y1 (Miss Thomas) and Y3 Meet the Teacher

Thursday Swimming Y5, Cheerleading Club, CV Football
Y6

Friday Brass Y4

R.I.P Queen Elizabeth II.

Mr Wright