

Moss Side Primary School

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Friday 4th November 2022



Dear Moss Side Community,

What a lovely - if not busy - first week back! I hope that all of our families enjoyed the half term break and are ready for another busy half term.

Mental Health Month

We are using this month to support the mental health of all our school community. Following Lancashire Mind's 'Ways to Wellbeing', we are focussing on five important steps:

- Being active
- Taking Notice
- Connecting
- Giving
- Learning new things

A range of different activities and opportunities has been planned, as well as our usual assembly themes, starting with yoga sessions tomorrow.

Photographs

Tempest, the school photography company, will take photos next week. Should any families wish pre-school or older siblings to be included, they can attend school from 8:15am to have a photo. After that, individual and sibling photographs will be taken throughout school before being sent home for potential orders at a later date.

The Jingle Bell Jog - A message from Children's Appeal

This December, the Children's Appeal will be holding its first ever Christmas-themed event - **The Jingle Bell Jog**. This event will take place on **Sunday 11th December at UCLAN Sports Arena**, Tom Benson Way, Preston PR2 1SG

We invite families to take part in a **one-mile**, fancy dress toddle/ walk/ jog / run around UCLAN's running track! They'll be special visitors joining us and NWAS choir to bring some festive cheer. Everybody is welcome, including well behaved dogs on a lead.

The Jingle Bell Jog opens **at 11am** when we will judge a fancy-dress competition including best dressed individual, and dog! before starting the jog at 12noon!

Tickets are only **£3 each** or **£10 for a family of 4** and just £1 per dog.

UCLAN Sports Arena has changing facilities, toilets and a café for hot drinks and snacks.

For more information and to book your tickets just [Click here!](#) This event is kindly sponsored by Gables UK Ltd.

Come and join the festive fun and all whilst raising vital funds for the Children's Appeal.

Fruit and Veg Break

Junior pupils are welcome to bring in a healthy snack for playtime. This follows a simple rule - it must be fruit or veg. Breakfast bars, Winders etc are not classed as being suitable for break and should therefore not be brought into school to be eaten in the morning.

Parent Governors

A reminder that we still have two vacancies for parent governors on the Governing Body. Nomination forms are now available from Mrs Price and must be returned by **Monday 14th November at midday**. Should you wish to find out more, feel free to contact Mr Wright for further information.

Rugby Team

On Thursday, an excellent start was made to this year's league, as the team earned three wins and two draws from their opening fixtures.

Fencing

This starts next week for those who have paid for the course. A reminder that activities such as this are run through outside providers who rent the school hall.

Attendance

We continue to set a 97% target for our pupils, in order to give them the best possible chance to achieve during their time at primary school. We have recently updated our attendance policy to support this aim, which can be viewed via the website.

Two important points to remind parents of are:

- All absences must be communicated via a phone call to school between 8.15-9.15 on the day of absence

(unless Front Desk staff have stated differently during a previous phone call). This applies to every day of absence and Dojo messages, emails cannot be counted as notice. If a phone call is not made, the attendance is likely to be unauthorised. This is because other communication routes are not monitored closely enough and staff do need to check on the reasons for absence in order to comply with our duties.

- Holidays in term time can only be taken in exceptional circumstances. By definition, this is deemed to be limited and very rare. In the unlikely event that a holiday needs to be requested, this must be made at least two weeks before the date of potential absence.

Remembrance Day



We will be continuing to sell poppies, wristbands etc during the next week, should pupils wish to bring money in for donations.

Choir

All choir members should have gone home with a letter and order form for the Young Voices event this week. It is vital this is returned by this Thursday at the latest. Copies are available from Mrs Price if needed.

Paper Copies

A reminder that this letter is available in paper form from the Front Desk, should it be required. We know that some readers may find written print easy to read.

 Stars of the Week 	
Rec	Regan for brilliant concentration when counting in Maths.
Rec/ Y1	Archie for his brilliant attitude to school this week - super sitting on the carpet and being a brilliant a helper!
Y1/2	Kayden for great reading this week.
Y2	Jim for some brilliant thinking and reasoning in our discussion about the Gunpowder Plot .
Y3	Libby for having a really positive attitude this week. Well done!
Y4	Betsy for some excellent gymnastics this week.
Y5	Rosie for delivering the School Council information to the class in a clear and confident manner.
Y6	Eva for just being you! You are fantastic and we really appreciate everything you bring to Year 6!
W House	Yellow
Silver Leaf	Poppy - Respect for Others - for offering to help a member of staff zip up all the infant coats at playtime.

Key events next week

Monday Netball Club

Tuesday Choir, Dodgeball Tournament

Wednesday Fencing (AM), Football Club

Thursday Dodgeball Club (AM), Swimming Y5, Dance, Tag Rugby CV League

Friday Photographs

School Dinner Week: #1

Happy Friday,

Mr Wright