

Moss Side Primary School

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Friday 2nd December 2022



Dear Moss Side Community,

It is definitely beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

Secrets' Room (5th and 6th December)

The Secrets' Room will be open on Monday and Tuesday. The idea behind it is to encourage the children to think of Christmas not just as a time of receiving presents, but also as a time of giving presents to others. We have discussed this again today in assembly, to ensure that pupils understand the moral message behind this.

We will put up photographs of our special room in the Infant porch, if you are interested in what it looks like. We try to provide a range of gifts suitable for mums, dads, grandmas, grandads, brothers and sisters. There will be prices from 50p to £6.00. The children visit the Secrets' Room a class at a time supervised by staff and parents. We stress that they are buying things for their family and not themselves.

This year Y6, Y5, Y4 and Y3 will visit the Secrets' Room next Monday (5th December) and Mrs Simpkins', Mr Gilyead's, Miss Thomas' and Mrs Evans' classes on Tuesday (6th). If your child would like to visit the Secrets' Room please could you make sure that they bring to school on the day:

1. Their money in a named purse or envelope.
2. A named, *strong*, plastic bag to hold their purchases.
3. A list of the people they would like to buy presents for.

The children should bring home a slip today on which to record who they would like to buy presents for. Please would you help them complete it and add the amount of money they are bringing in.

The money will be collected by the teachers for safekeeping (apart from Year 5 and 6 who will keep their own) at the beginning of the day and any change, plus their bags of gifts, will be given out at home time. Today the children have been shown samples of the things that they will be able to buy so that they have an idea of what is available, and its cost.

Christmas Tickets

Thank you to all those who have submitted ticket requests. Any ticket orders placed by midday yesterday (Thursday) will have been distributed and pupils should have brought these home. Please do not lose the tickets as they are the only way to come along!

The link will close at midday on Monday, so any remaining families should place their orders by then. After this point, the link will re-open later in the week (keep an eye on Dojo) for any additional ticket requests. Please note that, where we can, a second ticket for the Infant evening performance will be distributed based on the order that these were originally received.

Thurs 8th Dec - Y3/4 @ 6.15pm

Mon 12th Dec - Y3/4 @ 2.00pm & Y5/6 @ 6.15pm

Tues 13th Dec - Infant @ 9.30am & Y5/6 @ 2.00pm

Weds 14th Dec - Infant @ 9.30am

Thurs 15th Dec - Infant @ 6.15pm

You will be aware that we do not charge for Christmas productions and see this as an intrinsic value for school. However, we do normally give the chance to leave donations at a performance should you wish. This year, we have decided that the donations will be used to pay for a special Christmas treat on the last day of school when we have invited Altru Theatre into school to perform for us.

Decorations Day

School is currently being decorated in readiness for Christmas. The pupils have created decorations in this year's Christmas colours (red, green, gold) and our tree is now lit.

Christmas Parties

These will be held in the last few days of term. Pupils are encouraged to wear their party outfit for the day (but remember that they still need to be able to play out).

Fri 16th Dec - Y3/4 Party

Mon 19th Dec - Y5/6 & Infants Party

Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

As part of our Christmas dinner celebrations, pupils are invited to wear their favourite Christmas jumper (instead of their school jumper if they wish). They may also like to wear: Santa hats, deely boppers, Christmas hair bobbles, Christmas T-shirts or shirts ... Basically, pupils can accessorise uniform on Wednesday 14th December.

This is to raise money for Save the Children, who have been promised match funding from the Government this year, so that for every £2 we raise, they will double the contribution. As usual, we ask for any donations (if you can) on the day so that pupils can see their money in action. Please do not go and buy anything specifically for this - a homemade Christmas badge or t-shirt will do the same job.

SATs Dates

Year 6 should be aware that, due to the new bank holiday, SATs will now take place one day later (Tuesday 9th May 2023 – Friday 12th May 2023).

Deacon Ellen

We were pleased and grateful to welcome Deacon Ellen, from Midge Hall Methodist Church, to Junior assembly on Wednesday where she talked to our pupils about the time of preparation before Christmas that Christians think about.

Stars of the Week	
Rec	Vinny for being super helpful!
Rec/ Y1	Alice for her growing confidence and super listening in class.
Y1/2	Archie for great comparison work in history this week.
Y2	Juliette for being super in school even though things have been very difficult at home.
Y3	Noah for coming in brilliantly every morning this week.
Y4	Jacob for some excellent PE this week and... perfect sizing of his elf drawing!
Y5	Jamie for having a great attitude towards learning. Always gives his best in everything!
Y6	Jacob for superb acting skills and speaking with great expression.
W House	Green

Key events next week

Monday

Tuesday Choir, SR Football Finals (AM)

Wednesday Fencing, EYFS Vision Screening

Thursday Junior Leaders Training, Swimming Y5,
Y3/4 Carol Concert (6.15pm)

Friday

School Dinner Week: #2

Happy Friday,

Mr Wright