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Friday 24th November 2023

Dear Moss Side Community,

More hard work this week as we head towards Christmas preparations, while still keeping the rest of our curriculum going! A big thank you to those staff who have suffered with illness this year but have kept going - it is a big time for bugs at the moment and I really appreciate the commitment of the team.

Next week's Moss Side Way in Action target: Noticing kind acts of others

Secrets' Room

Due to popular demand, Secrets' Room will return again this year. This has been a long standing school tradition but, for new parents in particular, 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 to others they are close to. It also provides some much needed funds for school, which go towards an end of term 'treat' for all of our pupils.

Our chief elf (Mrs Burdin) has been busy preparing this, which will be an opportunity for pupils to buy gifts for their families and hide them away before Christmas. We will send out further details on next week's letter.

Christmas Tickets

Ticket requests will open shortly via a Dojo link so please keep your eyes pealed. Families can request up to **two tickets per family on a first-come-first served basis.** Families could therefore have two evening and two afternoon tickets for the same performance but not four for the same time. Parents are reminded that these are only for productions in which your child is performing ie. No Y3/4 tickets if your child is in Y5/6 and please be considerate and **only attend once**, in order to allow us to distribute any spare tickets to more grandparents etc at a later date. The evening performances are usually the most in demand so we may need to restrict tickets for this, particularly for Infants where we have three classes to cater for.

All pupils are expected to attend evening performances, even if no parent is watching, as this allows the quality to be maintained and is fair for those audience members who can only attend after work. Wherever possible, please do not bring other Moss Side siblings to attend evening performances as they will have already watched the dress rehearsals in school.

In cases where families feel they need to, this would also use up one ticket request per family. Pre-school pupils attending during the day do not need a ticket, as long as they sit on a parent/carers knee (and therefore do not take up an extra seat).

Our aim, as always, is to give the opportunity for as many people as is reasonably possible the chance to watch the children perform. As usual, there is no charge for tickets as we believe that watching the pupils perform should be open to all.

Dates

Weds 13th Dec @ 6:00—Y3/4 Christmas Production
Thurs 14th Dec @ 2:00—Y3/4 Christmas Production
Fri 15th Dec @ 9:30—Infant Christmas Production
Fri 15th Dec @ 2:00—Y5/6 Christmas Production
Mon 18th Dec @ 9:30—Infant Christmas Production
Mon 18th Dec @ 6:00—Y5/6 Christmas Production
Tues 19th Dec @ 6:00—Infant Christmas Production

Tag Rugby

We are delighted that the Tag Rugby team won their central venue league and will now compete in the South Ribble event after Christmas. They have worked hard and represented school with distinction over the last month.

A big thank you to Mrs Roscow and Mrs Freeman for running the club and taking the team to matches. Training has now stopped until after Christmas.

Christmas Book Café

A quick reminder of dates:

Thursday 30th November

9.00-9.45am Mr Gilyead's Class

10.00-10.45am Mrs Simpkins' Class

11.00-11.45am Miss Thomas' Class

1.45-2.30pm Year 3 (Mrs McKenna)

2.35-3.15pm Mrs Evans' Class

Friday 1st December

9.00-9.45am Year 4 (Mr Kellett)

10.00-10.45am Year 5 (Miss Taylor)

11.00-11.45am Year 6 (Mrs Torbett)

Fundraising and Raffle

We are starting to receive a range of items for our fundraising efforts - thank you. If you can get any other businesses to support, please let us know or bring in any donations!

Christmas Bauble

Lancashire Constabulary are looking for young artists to design this year's Christmas e-card for the Chief Constable.

Budding designers in reception to year six Primary School age groups in Lancashire can enter to be in with a chance of being chosen personally by Chief Constable, Chris Rowley, as the winning design.

This year's theme is 'Bobbies on a Bauble' and designs must include a policing element on our template of a Christmas bauble. This could include a police officer, dogs, cars, horses or police symbols like the crest, checked pattern or thin blue line. Further details are available via Dojo and there are print outs of the design available at Front Desk for pupils to collect.

The Big Ambition

We have been asked to promote this opportunity for young people to make their voices heard. You can access the survey here: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/ thebigambition

Stars of the Week	
Rec	Nadía for fantastíc letter formatíon.
Rec/ Y1	Reggie G-W for great contributions to class discussions and always working hard with a smile!
Y1/2	Halle for great gymnastics work in PE.
Y2	Annabelle for showing a much more mature attitude towards improving her own work.
Y 3	James for some fantastic exchanging in maths this week – and some brilliant problem solving too!
Y4	Seth for his amazing knowledge in maths.
Y5	Ethan B for superb work on well composed sentences in English and neat presentation at all times.
Y6	Ella-Mae for some superb art-work and being the class 'art role model'! Ava for making a fantastic DT model at home, inspired by our project.
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Sílver Leaf	Kezíah-Rose Y1 - Respect for the School Environment - for offering to tidy away without being asked.
	Jamíe P Y6 - Respect for Others - for helping a class mate work out his maths question.
	Roman WC Y6 - Respect for Others - showing great interest through brilliant questions during a careers assembly this week.
	Kingsley YR - Respect for Others - for being kind to an older pupil and offering them a hug!

Key events next week

Monday Art Club Y6/6, Sports hall Athletics Club Y5/6

Tuesday Choir Club Y4-6

Wednesday Dodgeball Club Y3/4 (8.10)

Thursday Book Café, Swimming Y5

Friday Book Café

Dinner Week #2

Happy Friday,

Mr Wright