



Dear Moss Side Community,

What a busy week! Thank you to all those who supported our Christmas Book Cafes—they got great feedback again and were a lovely way to start our festive period.

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

Secrets' Room

Pupils will get a 'sneak peak' into the Secrets' Room next Friday, with full details on next week's newsletter before they visit for their Christmas shopping on Monday 11th or Tuesday 12th December.

Raffle

We are really excited to announce that the amazing prizes we have gathered will now form our **Christmas Raffle 2023**, to be drawn **Wednesday 20th December**. Raffle tickets will be sent home next week, alongside a letter explaining the amazing prizes and return dates. Please support this event, which will go towards funds for our student council to bid for (they are really eager, for example, to improve our trim trails again).

Lottery

As a further fundraising venture, the new year will see a brand new school lottery running, to raise invaluable funds. Further details to follow, ahead of the first draw on Saturday 27th January. Visit <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/s/865288532> and see for yourself!

Christmas Tickets

A reminder that applications for performance tickets must be made via the link <https://forms.office.com/e/7GtGvPS8sC>

This is also available on Dojo. The deadline is Monday 4th December. Parents are reminded that this is still first-come-first-served and, once the link closes, we will be unable to fulfil any further requests.

After School Clubs

There will be no further clubs at the end of the day (apart from choir which has **one more week**) for the remainder of the term. Before school dodgeball will still continue next week.

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: Santa hats, deely boppers, Christmas hair bobbles, Christmas T-shirts or shirts ... in short, pupils can accessorise uniform on Tuesday 19th December.

This is to raise money for Save the Children so, 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.

Christmas Presents

A quick reminder as I repeat my regular plea that, while a lovely thought, Christmas presents for *staff* are not necessary. We would much rather money be spent on what your family needs, including the heating on for an extra hour at the moment. Even if you feel that you have the financial security to do so, this could possibly be a chance to donate that elsewhere, whether that be a cause of your own or towards the remaining *optional* donations/events at school this term.

As always, if families feel that they wish to express any



kind Christmas sentiment, a kind word in a card or a positive conversation at the door make all the difference - these are free (or nearly free) ways to get the same outcome and I cannot express the difference that they make to a highly committed but very tired staff team at this time of year.

St James' Church

On Friday 22nd December, we will walk to St James' Church for our annual Christmas service. We will require some volunteers to walk with us and stay for the service approx. 10:30-12:00. If you think you could help, please let Mrs Sudworth know (bursar@mosside.lancs.sch.uk).

Toast

Information about Junior toast for January-February will appear on ParentPay next week.

 Stars of the Week 	
Rec	Regan for brilliant blending.
Rec/ Y1	Nellie for creating a brilliant story map about the Gingerbread Man and listening so well on the carpet.
Y1/2	Franklyn for always settling straight down to work and always trying his best.
Y2	PoppyJ for trying amazingly hard with moving up to a new maths group.
Y3	Tommy for some great work on arrays and always doing the right thing at the right time!
Y4	Chantelle for some amazing story writing this week.
Y5	Lily for coming back to school with a positive 'can do' attitude and picking up our Christmas dance routine super fast!
Y6	Coby for successfully programming two lights for his amazing DT Christmas decoration project.
W House	Yellow
Silver Leaf	<p>Danielle Y5 - Respect for Others - for helping another child when their water bottle cracked by offering to fix it with cello tape.</p> <p>Kiera P Y5 - Respect for Others - for helping a classmate pick up their work when they dropped it on the floor.</p>

Key events next week

Monday

Tuesday Choir Club Y4-6

Wednesday Dodgeball Club Y3/4 (8.10)

Thursday Swimming Y5

Friday Decorations Day

Dinner Week #2

Happy Friday,

Mr Wright

An enjoyable series of Book Café sessions!

