



Dear Moss Side Community,

A lovely week in school as we head towards Christmas, with lots of singing, performing and Christmas craft on display.

### Next week's Moss Side Way in Action target: Spreading Christmas Cheer

#### Secrets' Room (11th and 12th 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.

There will be photos available via Class Dojo, 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 (11th December) and Mrs Simpkins', Mr Gilyead's, Miss Thomas' and Mrs Evans' classes on Tuesday (12th). 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, 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.

#### Raffle

You should have received tickets (as well as an explanation letter via ParentPay) for **Christmas Raffle 2023**, to be drawn **Wednesday 20th December**. Please sell as many tickets as you possibly can in order to support developments to school that all of our pupils benefit from. If you have any unsold tickets please return them asap so that we can re-distribute.

#### Christmas Tickets

All tickets have now been sent home. The Infant evening performance is now full but we have a limited number for all other performances.

From Monday, up to 2 additional tickets per family per performance for your child can be collected - in person - from the Front Desk. Unfortunately, we cannot accept email or phone requests.

If you have any unwanted tickets please return them asap.

Evening performances **start at 6pm**, with pupils returning at **5:45pm**. When entering the hall, please use all available seats and remember that we cannot have people standing in access routes as this does not fulfil our fire safety requirements.



## Decorations Day

Staff have decorated school today to officially confirm the start of Moss Side Christmas!



## St James' Church

On Friday 22nd December, we will walk to St James' Church for our annual Christmas service. Thank you to those who have volunteered to walk with us and stay for the service between approx. 10:30-12:00. If you think you could help, please let Mrs Sudworth know ([bursar@mossid.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@mossid.lancs.sch.uk)).

## Ruth Perry Inquest

You will, I am sure, be aware of the sad death and the subsequent inquest into the circumstances behind this of headteacher, Ruth Perry. I, along with the rest of the staff and education community, have watched and listened to this from afar over the last year. This week, the coroner has communicated some very upsetting and distressing news.

Firstly, and most importantly, on behalf of our school community, we want to publicly send our thoughts and kind wishes to Mrs Perry's family. While this case has revolved around her vocation, first and foremost a human being is at the centre of this tragedy and other humans have lost a mother, wife, sister, friend. It is easy, in the midst of doing a pressurised job that we care about, to forget that there is a person at the heart of that work.

As a fellow teaching professional, I have felt empathy with the feelings that Ruth clearly had and a deep concern for the education profession moving forwards that committed, well respected members of their local community can end up in such distress. It is, unfortunately, too often the case that I talk to colleagues from across education and hear about the negative impact that the 'system' creates. These are people who care; who are committed; who go above and beyond.

<i>Stars of the Week</i>	
	
Rec	Elijah for showing respect for his learning.
Rec/ Y1	Saylor always trying her best and listening so well.
Y1/2	Oscar for great maths work this week!
Y2	Domíníc and Kaydee for both doing their best piece of writing so far in Y2.
Y3	Will for knowing all the words for our Christmas Performance and singing with gusto!
Y4	Wilson for some fantastic artwork this week.
Y5	Ellie for a superb loud voice in our Christmas performance rehearsals and consistently fantastic behaviour!
Y6	Dominykas for always being a reliable member of our class and always working to the best of his ability.
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Silver Leaf	<p>Respect for Others:</p> <p>Blake J Y6 for always saying please and thank you when being served his lunch.</p> <p>Hudson J Y5 for motivating a classmate.</p> <p>Frankie B Y2 for always helping others in active leaders.</p>

## Key events next week

### Monday

### Tuesday

**Wednesday** Y3/4 Christmas Production (6pm)

**Thursday** Swimming Y5, Y3/4 Christmas Production (2PM)

**Friday** Infants Christmas Production (9.30am), Y5/6 Christmas Production (2pm)

### **Dinner Week #1**

Ultimately, they are the individuals that we should want teaching the future generations. As a country, I hope that real change can happen because this is already one devastating event too many.

On a personal note, can I express the support that the staff team and the overwhelming majority of our community provide for me and the rest of the staff. It does not go unnoticed and is a huge support during moments of challenge.

### Toast KS2

Reminder, the deadline for paying for toast for the first half term after Christmas is Thursday 14th December at 11.00am

Happy Friday,

Mr Wright