



Dear Moss Side Community,

The end of the school year is upon us again and once more I am reflecting on the achievements and stand-out memories we are taking away from 2023/24. There are far too many to mention them all; I have felt a vast sense of pride at seeing our Moss Side Way in action in so many varied ways throughout the year. From performances, music workshops and art projects through to sports tournaments, fundraising events and STEM week, As always, I have been delighted at the confidence and resilience shown by our pupils who throw themselves into everything our school offers.

It is a real privilege to be headteacher at Moss Side Primary. The pupils make it what it is, with the support of our amazing families. But at this time of year, please can I pay tribute to our staff team, especially those who go the extra mile, without complaint or seeking gratitude, to allow our pupils to get everything that they possibly can from primary education and make life-long memories. We are all extremely lucky to have such a dedicated team. I wish you all a safe and happy summer holidays.

### **Meet the Teacher**

The dates for the September 2024 meetings are now set. Please make every effort for at least one family member (even if this is a grandparent) to attend. We are really eager to continue strengthening the face-to-face relationships that we have over the next twelve months and hope to start this with these important information sessions in the new academic year. Each session is straight after school for 20 minutes and pupils can stay in school at this point.

Friday 6th September– Mrs Roscow & Mrs Torbett

Monday 9th September– Mr Gilyead and Mrs Simpkins

Wednesday 11th September– Miss White and Mrs McKenna

Thursday 12th September– Miss Taylor and Mr Kellett

### **School Day Times**

A reminder, in order to comply with current DfE rules, by September 2024 our school day must be 6 1/2 hours in total.

**So from September**, the school start and finish times are:

Juniors, Y2 and Y1/2 classes: 8:45-3:15 (Junior gate to open at 8:40 for pupils to line up)

R/Y1 and Rec classes: 8:50-3:20

(NB. New EYFS pupils will use the timings once they start full-time).

### **Sports Day**

I am aware that it is the time of year when we run sports days in school and, for some newer parents, there are sometimes queries about why we do not run this event with a watching crowd. Every year we review this, as we do with all aspects of school life, but continue to believe that the manner in which we run this part of school life works best for the majority of our pupils.

In terms of encouraging families to engage with school life, you will know that we offer lots of opportunities. Even during COVID, we tried our best to maintain this even when other schools made, understandably, the decision to stop this part of school life completely. It is simply that we do not think spectators enhance this part of school life for our pupils, in the way that an audience for a performance does.

I am sure that some parents may feel that this decision is to discourage competition, which it is certainly not! You will know from our excellent sporting successes in inter-school tournaments this year that we definitely wish pupils who feel confident to compete to do so in such an environment. Our current (and ex) pupils will tell you all how competitive I am, and our PE coordinators are even more so! All pupils have the opportunity to put themselves forward to represent school across a wide range of events as they progress through school—a significant aspect of our School Games Gold Award—with parents encouraged

to support these wherever possible. But we also understand, from talking to pupils and parents, that for some children the idea of a sports day with a huge crowd is a daunting prospect. This will not encourage them to compete (as they do in PE lessons) but to shy away from such activities. If a pupil found times tables challenging, it would not be appropriate to have a crowd watching them sit a maths test and the same applies to many pupils in regards to sport. Our aim is to encourage pupils to compete, be active and see sport as a healthy part of their lifestyle long-term and we work hard to do so throughout the year.

As always, please feel free to pop in for a chat if you have any concerns about this.

### Donations for the Leavers' Festival

We would like to say a huge thank you to Dr Oetker for donating pizzas for the evening.

### End of Term

School closes on Wednesday 24th July at 3:15pm. We re-open Wednesday 4th September for years 1-6. Our new EYFS pupils begin their part-time days from Thursday 5th September.



### Year 6

The SATs results arrived in school last week. As you know, we believe that there is far more to primary school life than SATs. However, we always hope that our pupils get a reflection of their efforts in English and maths at the end of Year 6. We are delighted that, in the main, their attitude has been rewarded with pleasing results.

Next week we shall be saying goodbye to our Year 6 cohort, many of whom have been with us since reception. They will leave us with many memories and we wish them well as they move through to high school. We hope they take some cherished memories from their time with us, keep true to the Moss Side Way and that they never forget that they are always a 'Moss Sider' and are welcome to come and tell us how they are getting on in life.

Happy Friday,

Mr Wright

 Stars of the Week 	
Rec	Felicity for her fantastic artwork this week! She is always being a kind friend and following the Moss Side way. Well done Felicity!
Rec/ Y1	Olivia for being a super member of the class all year.
Y1/2	Farrah for always trying her best at everything we do at school
Y2	Harper for making incredible progress in her reading over the whole of the year.
Y3	Lucie B for some fantastic artwork (printing) and for always being a great role model in class every single day!
Y4	Oakley M for some great listening, taking part and getting involved this week.
Y5	Hudson for a superb week of encouraging others both inside the classroom, at breaktimes and in PE!
Y6	Blake D for making superb progress this year and being brilliant in the performance.
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### **Key events next week**

**Monday** uniform sale from 3.00pm in the Library, Y6 Leavers' performance 6.00pm

**Tuesday** Uniform Sale 8.30am-9.00am in the Library, Y6 Leavers' Festival 6.00pm

**Wednesday** Y6 Leavers' Assembly 9.10am

### **Dinner Week#3**

### Uniform Sale

Uniform will be available to buy at the following times:

- Monday 22nd July from 3.00pm in the Library accessed from outside before the end of school
- Tuesday 23rd July 8.30am - 9.00am in the Library
- From the start of term until Friday 13th September in the foyer. It will be on a rail, please help yourself and leave a donation with the office.