

Moss Park Junior School March 2017 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you!

Thank you so much for supporting the new end of day procedures. I know it is a change and means that some parents have to pick up from two places but we all feel that the children are much safer as it is much easier to see who pupils have gone with. Please feel free to stand wherever you want in the playground - you don't have to stay at the end fence. Next step is to standardise the walking home permission letter (coming out on Monday) - all Y6/Y5 and in discussion with individual parents about younger pupils. Again, this is a change. I'm trying to introduce things to our school which are considered outstanding safeguarding practice. There are always lessons to be learned from local and national stories. As I always say to the staff, "Never think it couldn't happen here..."

Thanks to those parents who came to our last Headteacher & Parents Coffee morning - you had lots of ideas and there were two main themes. 1) Communication: ensuring you know which child a text is for (!) and also ways of using the website better so that parents who can't get in during the school day can see what their child is learning. 2) Fun and exciting experiences for the children (and you as families). We would really like to develop this aspect of school life and we welcome ideas for social activities and fund-raising. The next coffee morning and chat is on 30/3/17. Please see slip going out with this newsletter asking for parents' ideas and where you could offer help in school.

Reading Development

We have now colour banded all the books for independent reading at home and school and I have bought books to fill the gaps in our stock. We hope you like the new reading records - I've checked 256 this week. It is fantastic to see the reading done in school and at home and the range of stickers/stamps and your comments. The labels at the front of the records explain how the system works and also give you ideas to support your child when reading with them. We will organise an event next half term to tell you about how we teach reading in school and some tips and hints to encourage your child at home. I'll check the reading records each month and we will hold a Reading Champions event in June. Pupils who do lots of reading outside of lessons will have a 'film of a book' cinema event after school.

Magic Moments at Moss Park Junior School

Year 4 had a visit from a dentist (Fatima's Mum) who gave us lots of information about healthy teeth. This really helped our topic work. The new Y4 sign language club is going well and the pupils are learning to sign brilliantly.

Well done to the swimming team: Callum, Kwame, Cole and David; Olivia, Lydia, Poppy and Megan. Boys came 7th and girls 6th out of all the school competing. Our new dodge ball club has got 84 members and that is going really well. Mr Myers is training the staff how to play dodge ball too!

Coming Soon

We've won a 'Google Explore Expedition' day in school. This is very exciting news - letter out next week. Our new photographer is moving into take some 'casual' shots of our Y6 pupils to create a fantastic, free Leavers' Book that they can take away with them at the end of the year.

Mr Pieri (dad of Rafael) is coming in to do some Science Technology Engineering type activities with Year 6. He is a very dedicated High School teacher who is volunteering to come in on his Easter break!

The School Council are organising Red Nose Day for Comic Relief. They are writing their own letter and this will go out next week.

We are holding a 'Golden Day' at the end of term (Friday 7th April) with lots of Easter themed activities/competitions to celebrate the excellent behaviour at Moss Park Junior School and to award Team Points for good co-operation:

- There will be a competition for the best decorated egg. Pupils will design and make these at home to bring in on the day - we will give them ideas. Go for it!
- Each class will be put into teams of 4 to hold an 'Egg Parachute' competition
- We will have an Egg Scavenger Hunt
- Egg & Spoon Races and Bunny Sack Races
- Chocolate Bingo

This will be a non-uniform day and we would be grateful if you could bring in an Easter Egg or some chocolate for prizes on the day.

World Book Day Winners

Well done to everyone who dressed up for World Book Day. Our winners and runner-ups were as follows:

3T	William Whitwood, Nia Hewlett	3RG	Alfie Bostock, Holly Allen
4F	Kady White, Sharna-May Coleman	4I	Brandon Burke, Kiera Blood
5K	Mika Kandane, Hafsa Hussain	5L	Mason Armstrong, Lydia McCabe
6B	Ellie Green, Aiza Begg	6H	Ruby Wheeler-Wright, Catherine Boland

Dates for your Diary (some new dates added)

Monday 13 th March	Sue Smith (ex-England footballer) leading assembly
Monday 20 th March	Y6 to Lancashire Cricket Club all day
Friday 24 th March	Red Nose Day (Comic Relief charity)
Monday 27 th March	Y4 Samba concert @ 2.45 (Y4 families welcome)
Tuesday 28 th March	E-Safety team to Internet Safety Roadshow
Wednesday 29 th March	Y6 Brass concert (Y6 families welcome)
Thursday 30 th March	Head teacher and Parent Coffee Morning (2) 9.00am
Friday 31 st March	Y6 at Robinwood residential trip
Monday 3 rd April 2017	Y6 'Open Week' - don't forget to sign up to sit with your child☺ <i>My next check of reading records (whole school)</i>
Tuesday 4 th April	Y3 Romans Workshop Day
Wednesday 5 th April	Y4 Assembly (Y4 families welcome)
Thursday 6 th April	Y4 Tudor Workshop day
Thursday 6 th April	Y6 STEM afternoon
Friday 7 th April	School breaks up for Easter Holidays and returns on Monday 24th April.

F.Y.I. School Closure days in May = Bank Holiday Monday (1st May) and Polling Day (Thursday 4th May)



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