

## MOSS PARK JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Newsletter Number 1

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Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016

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Acting Assistant Head teacher: Miss Katie Higson  
School Business Manager: Mrs S Corrigan CSBM

Welcome to all our new families, we are delighted that you have joined Moss Park Junior School! We are once more over-subscribed and have 252 pupils on roll with waiting lists for all year groups. It is very rewarding to know how highly the school is regarded in the community. Thank you.

### **Contacting School**

Mrs Corrigan, our School Business Manager, can be contacted by phone from 8.30am until 4.15pm or 4.40pm if there is a Club for the children running after school.

Our school is open to parents for enquiries and payment of lunch money etc. from 8.30am.

Emails are usually read before 9.00am, again after lunch and before Mrs Corrigan leaves at 4.45pm. We deal with all emails within 24 hours wherever possible but if you have an urgent message, a change of arrangement for your child or need to contact me or a teacher quickly, please ring or call in to the School Office, as we would not want to miss important communication. Please ensure all contact details for your child are up-to-date for emergencies.

### **Fair Processing – Privacy Notice**

Please find attached to this Newsletter a Privacy Notice which we send out to parents every year. This is for your information and does not require a response.

### **Learning Environment**

We have carried out some more refurbishments to our building over the summer holidays and have installed another door into the shared quad, for health and safety, by Year 5 classrooms on the corridor. The corridors are painted on a rolling programme and fitted cupboards have been installed in all four shared areas between classrooms, for storage; our school is always very tidy and now looks even smarter. Our perimeter trees are monitored every two years and a few have been cut-back again during the holiday to ensure the safety of our children and staff. Mr Irvine, our new Site Manager, has done a wonderful job redecorating parts of the hall and corridors, resealing windows and ensuring the building is cleaned to a very high standard. Our children are very proud of their school.

### **Web-site**

Please look at our web-site for information about events, holiday dates, curriculum, spellings, etc. Would parents and carers please note that the main Trafford web-site has only term dates; for dates of our closing and opening for holidays, it is necessary to check our web-site and keep the last page of this Newsletter where the dates are shared. Holiday lists for 2016/17 and 2017/18 have also been attached.

### **Fencing Presentation and Demonstration**

On Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> September there will be a fencing presentation led by Fencing Education. We are running a Fencing Club after half-term, for all year groups. Y5 and Y6 Club will be on Mondays starting 7<sup>th</sup> November. Y3 & Y4 will be held on Wednesdays starting 9<sup>th</sup> November. Number of places are limited on both evenings so parents wishing their child to take part will need to bring back the form and money immediately once these go home in a few weeks.

### **'Horrible Histories' Day - Friday 23rd September at Wellacre Academy and Flixton Girls' Academy**

Year 6 will be attending this 'dress up' day at the Academies which help to promote good transfer to secondary school for our pupils. More details to follow.

**On the same day, we will hold our Roald Dahl Day for Years 3, 4 and 5. A letter will follow.**

### **Parents' Drop-in - Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> October**

From 3.45pm - 5.30pm we will be holding our Drop-In session for any parent who wishes to call in to school to speak to the teachers about how their child has settled this term. Please note, this is not a formal Parents' Evening, no pupil books will be available and 'slots' are 5 minutes long. Parents wishing to speak to a teacher for longer are asked to make an alternative appointment on another day. Thank you.

### **Cross Country Running Club - Year 5 and Year 6 - starting Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> September**

This will take place every Monday after school, this half term only, 3.30pm - 4.15pm. It is led by Mr Boyer. Please note the earlier finish time, 4.15pm, due to darkening evenings.

### **Girls' Football Club - Year 5 and Year 6**

Also on Mondays, led by Ms Foster this half term after school and with the same earlier finish time of 4.15pm.

### **ECO Enhancement - live theatre - 11<sup>th</sup> October**

All the school will watch the Kinetic Theatre perform 'Robin and the Withering Wood' on 11<sup>th</sup> October. This is an educational production focussing on protecting our world. School has funded this performance so there is no cost to parents.

### **Sponsored Jog - Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> October**

Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> October is the day of our annual Sponsored Jog. This takes place on our running track. All our children will receive a Sponsor form and will be told not to knock on doors or approach people they do not know well for sponsorship. PE kit and a bottle of water will be necessary on the day. Parents are welcome to watch and cheer on their children; a timetable for runners will be sent home with further information nearer the time.

This is a very popular event which raises much-needed funds for the school to spend on the children. In the event of very bad weather, we will hold the event next day.

### **Welsh Birds of Prey - Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October**

On the morning of Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October, we are having a visit from the Welsh Birds of Prey. This is an amazing experience for the children who will be able to observe a selection of owls, hawks and falcons native to this country. There will be two sessions in the morning - one for Y3 and Y4 and the other for Y5 and Y6 when the children will also hear a short talk and watch a display of the birds being handled.

School will fund this wonderful event so there is no cost to parents.

### **Harvest Festival - Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> October - 9.00am**

Year 5 will be leading our Harvest Festival Assembly this year on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> October at 9.00am. Parents of Year 5 pupils are invited to join us. We would be very grateful for donations of tinned or packeted food which can be sent into school the week beginning Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> October. These will be distributed to the elderly and homeless within the community as well as local Food Banks. Thank you for your generosity as always.

### **ParentPay**

This is an on-line payment service, used by many schools, for parents and carers who wish to pay for school dinners and trips on line. Please contact the school office if you require another copy of the activation letter.

### **Jewellery in PE and swimming lessons**

The Policy on jewellery in PE and swimming lessons states that no jewellery can be worn for these activities for health and safety reasons. With this in mind, may we remind Year 4 parents that children should not have their ears pierced during the academic year as this means they have to miss at least 6 weeks swimming lessons until the earrings can be removed? We can cover newly pierced ears for a few weeks, until they have healed enough to have earrings removed for PE but cannot do this every week due to time issues.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

### **Curriculum Enhancement - Rotation Afternoons**

To provide our children with expert teaching in Music, Spanish and Sport, each year group is split into 3 groups and rotates around the 3 activities enjoying about 45 minutes of each, one afternoon a week. PE is taught by either Sport Trafford or Tricks and Flicks; Music, taught by Trafford's Music Service and Spanish, taught by our own teacher, Miss Butler.

### **Rotation Timetable**

Year 4 have their rotation afternoon on Mondays, Year 5 on Tuesdays, Year 6 on Wednesdays and Year 3 on Thursdays.

### **Sport and PE in School**

All classes also have an additional PE or Games lesson taught by our class teachers during the week so all pupils will require their PE kit in school every day, please, in a suitable bag. All kit (white T shirt, black pumps, black shorts or leggings) must be named, please. Also, every class takes part daily (weather permitting) in a 1K run around our running track. Trainers, coloured boots, football shirts and Cartoon T shirts are not suitable for indoor PE. Jogging bottoms will only be needed for outdoor games in winter and parents will be informed. Pumps not trainers are required for indoor PE. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Parental Financial Contributions for Trips off-site**

At Moss Park Junior School we try only to ask for contributions for 2 annual trips off-site for each year group, as entrance fees and coach hire is expensive.

As a very experienced Head teacher and a Local Leader of Education, Mrs Stallman has provided Leadership support to other schools in Trafford and surrounding authorities for many years. Our school receives funding for her time. The Governing Body of Moss Park Juniors has decided that this money should be spent on our pupils to provide a wide range of activities that would otherwise require payment from parents.

We know that our parents/carers recognise and are pleased with the exceptionally wide variety of experiences we provide free of charge. Therefore, your cooperation and generosity, when we do have to ask for contributions or hold fund-raising events for the children, really is appreciated. Thank you!

### **Dates for your Diaries**

Please be aware that it is not always possible to avoid having to change some dates due to events outside our control (like rain on sports day!) but we promise that this will only happen in unavoidable circumstances and we will always give as much notice as possible.

There are still many dates and events to follow, such as Poetry Week, Cinema Trips for all classes, Sponsored Type and other year group assemblies to name just a few!

**Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> September, 9.00am** - Badge Presentation for our Sports Ambassadors and Playground Leaders (their parents are invited)

**Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> September, 9.00am** - Badge Presentation for our School Council, E-Safety Ambassadors and Eco Council (their parents are invited)

**Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> October - 3.45pm - 5.30pm** - Parents' Drop In

**Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October** - Kinetic Theatre present 'Robin and the Withering Wood'

**Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> October** - Sponsored Jog for the whole school (morning)

**Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October** - Welsh Birds Of Prey

**Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> October - 9.00am** - Year 5L & 5K Harvest Assembly (Y5 parents invited)

**Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> October SCHOOL BREAKS UP FOR AUTUMN HALF TERM**

**Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> October - SCHOOL OPENS FOR AUTUMN SECOND HALF TERM**

**Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November** - Freddy Fit activities all day

**Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> November** - Dogs Trust to visit Years 3 and 4.

**Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> November** - Individual Photographs taken

**Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> November** - Year 6B and Year 6H Assembly (parents/carers invited)

**Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December** - Y3 and Y4 Christmas production (afternoon)

**Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December** - Y3 and Y4 Christmas production (afternoon)  
**Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December** - Year 3 Christmas Party (afternoon)  
**Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December** - Year 4 Christmas Party (afternoon)  
**Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> December** - TEXT SANTA - Christmas Jumper Fund Raising Day  
**Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> December** - Year 5 Christmas Party (afternoon)  
**Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December** - Year 6 Christmas Party (afternoon)  
**Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> December** - Live Theatre Pantomime in school (pm) 'Sleeping Beauty'  
**Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> December** **SCHOOL BREAKS UP FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY**

**Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017**- **SCHOOL REOPENS FOR SPRING 1 HALF TERM**  
**Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> January** - 3.45.00pm - 8.00pm, Parents' Evening  
**Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> January** - 3.45.00pm - 8.00pm, Parents' Evening  
**Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> February** - **SCHOOL BREAKS UP FOR HALF TERM**

**Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> February** - **SCHOOL REOPENS FOR SPRING 2 HALF TERM**  
**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> - March** - Class Photographs taken  
**Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March** - World Book Day and Pop Project  
**Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> April** - **SCHOOL BREAKS UP FOR EASTER**  
**Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> April** - **SCHOOL REOPENS FOR SUMMER 1 HALF TERM**  
**Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> May** - School closed (used as Polling Station)  
**Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> May - Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> - SATs WEEK - Year 6 assessments only**  
**Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> May** - Sports Day (1<sup>st</sup> attempt! ALL MORNING) parents invited  
**Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May** - Sports Day (2<sup>nd</sup> attempt if rained off on 18<sup>th</sup> ALL MORNING)  
**Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> May** - **SCHOOL BREAKS UP FOR WHITSUN HALF TERM**  
**Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> June** - **SCHOOL REOPENS FOR SUMMER 2 HALF TERM**  
**Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> - July** - **SCHOOL BREAKS UP FOR THE SUMMER**

Mrs K Stallman, Head teacher and Staff

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This newsletter arrived home safely!

Well Done.....! (Name of child/children)

Class.....

My mobile phone number has changed. The first contact mobile phone number for my

child is:.....

Signed: Parent/Carer.....