

# Moss Lane School

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Dear Families,

Happy New Year to you all. I really hope you enjoyed Christmas and had a good rest too. We'd like to express our thanks and gratitude, once again, for the thoughtful cards, messages, and gifts we received. We are all very grateful!

It was wonderful welcoming the children back to school last week where there was such a positive atmosphere around school. The children have come back settled and ready to learn. They have quickly got back into their usual classroom and school routines. It has been amazing seeing the excitement of being back and reading some of the children's super holiday recounts.

The beautiful writing in classes wowed me; the children really enjoyed getting their Headteacher stickers and Gold awards well done!

We know that many children had issues with illness over the holiday period and we know there are lots of viruses going around. We hope the children are returning to school fit and well, but if your child is unable to attend school please report the absence before 9am each day on the school answerphone.

**The next Parent Clinics will be on Thursday 1st February and Friday 22nd March.**

To book a slot please call the school office. However if you have any concerns or issues please speak to your class teacher in the first instance. If you feel an issue is unresolved then please book a slot at a parent clinic.

It looks like the weather is set to change next week so please send children with warm coats and base layers as required. We hope that you will enjoy a wonderful weekend together.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Abbott  
Headteacher

## **A special thank you to our PTA!**

Your support of our Christmas events, whether it was Movie Night, The Christmas parties, Mini Market, Christmas Jumper Day or a selection of all events. This money will be used to buy resources and equipment to help facilitate the learning of all our pupils, so thank you!



Our Value for this half-term is Responsibility.

## **What's coming up...**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January**

Otters Woodland School

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January**

Full Governing Board Meeting

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January**

Honeybees Woodland School

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January**

Fun Maths Day

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

Parent clinic

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

Chinese New Year

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February**

Inset Day

**Half term 12<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> February**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February**

Inset Day

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February**

Children return to school

Please see our online calendar of events [here](#).

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## **INSET DAYS...**

- **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024**
- **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024**
- **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

## What's going on in school...

### Reception

Bees have enjoyed coming back to school after the holidays and starting our new topic 'On the Water.' We have been exploring floating and sinking and enjoying water play. We have also had great fun with our 'Drawing Club,' which this week has been all about Banana Man!

We would love donations of boxes for our workshop area - please deliver to Bumble Bees classroom. Also don't forget to sign up to come and help at Morning Challenges if you can.

### Year 1

Foxes and Squirrels have started their topic of 'Under the Sea' and enjoyed their dressing up day on Monday.



### Year 2

Otters have been reading 'Samson's Titanic Journey', about Samson the mouse who travels aboard the Titanic on its journey to America. They made mouse ears as part of the topic.

Hedgehogs enjoyed their visit to Woodland School and have also started their Titanic topic, and have been learning about mammals and birds in science.

## Timekeeping

Timekeeping is important in the education of your child. If your child is persistently late, then they are missing out on important learning opportunities at the start of the lesson. Children go straight to their class from the playground 08:45 and lessons start as soon as the register has been taken.

Gates will be closed at **08:50**. If your child arrives after this they must go to the office and be signed in. The school day ends at **15:20**

## Why is school attendance so important?

Moss Lane works closely with children and parents in connection with attendance so that each child can achieve their full potential. By law, all children of compulsory school age (five to sixteen) must receive a suitable full-time education. Once your child is registered at school, you are legally responsible for making sure that they attend regularly and on time. If your child fails to do so, you risk getting a penalty notice or being prosecuted. You should also consider the negative impact upon the following:

- their learning
- their friendships
- their self-esteem and confidence.

## Safeguarding...

### Designated Safeguarding Leads Mrs Abbott and Mrs Betterton

These members of staff monitor and manage all safeguarding practices and ensure staff are supported and have the training they need.

Please ask to see one of these adults if you are worried about the safety of a child at school.

**If you have a safeguarding concern about a child out of school hours then the number to ring is:**

Surrey C-SPA 01483 517898

## Important Reminder...

**All children should have access to a warm winter coat at school.** The children have playtimes outside even during light rain.

PE takes place outside unless the playground conditions are considered to be dangerous or there is a torrential downpour.

Again, **please ensure that your child is equipped with a full PE kit.**

This should include: Plain black shorts /joggers, red plain T-shirt/polo shirt, school jumper and trainers.

**Jewellery should not be worn** in school for health and safety reasons. Thank you.

Minutes late per day	Learning time lost in a year
5 minutes	3½ days
10 minutes	7 days
15 minutes	10 ½ days
20 minutes	14 days
30 minutes	21 days

## Sickness

Children do get ill which does mean they may need to have a day off school. However, I am aware that sometimes children are missing school when they could be in school learning. The traffic light guidance below may help you decide if your child is well enough to come into school.

RED – STAY AT HOME	AMBER – SEEK ADVICE	GREEN – COME TO SCHOOL
<b>Sickness &amp; Diarrhoea</b> – 48 hours must have elapsed before a child can return to school from the last episode.	<b>Headache, Feeling Sick, Tummy Ache</b> Children often feel unwell if they are anxious, if in doubt contact the school for advice.	<b>Mild cough, Cold, Sore Throat, Feeling Tired</b> We will always contact you if your child is ill during the school day.

## School rules

The children started the week with an assembly reminding them about our school values and our all-important school rules. All the children were able to share our main rules which are:-

**Be Ready**  
**Be Safe**  
**Be Respectful**

Be Ready - encompasses how we learn through both listening to adults and peers and being mentally ready to learn.

Be safe - encompasses everything involving harm to anyone physical or verbal.

Be Respectful - encompasses 'treat others how you would like to be treated'.

Please do talk to your children about following the school rules for their success at school.

## Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

The government provides universal free school meals for every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in state-funded schools. However, although meals are provided free of charge, it may still be beneficial to you (if you meet the criteria) to apply for the FSM Entitlement (known as Pupil Premium). For every child in receipt of this entitlement, the school receives extra funding and this money is used to support that child to access school trips, activities, school clubs etc. and it is an important funding stream for every school. The qualifying criteria for Pupil Premium are:-

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seeker's Allowance (IBJSA)
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, provided that their annual income is less than £16,190 and they are not in receipt of Working Tax Credit.
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Working Tax Credit run-on -paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

### REMINDER

#### Apply for a Junior School and Reception School place starting September 2024

If your child is currently in Year 2, you must apply for a Junior school place through Surrey or Kingston Admissions (depending where you live) by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

If your child was born between 01/09/2019 and 31/08/2020 you need to apply for a Reception school place by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

Please click on the applicable link below:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/primary-junior-and-infant/apply>

<https://www.kingston.gov.uk/downloads/file/225/primary-school-admissions-brochure>

### Haslemere Museum

Haslemere Museum are running a series of family events and activities for under 5's and children aged 5-11.

Please click on the link for to see their programme of events for January to March 2024:

<https://heyzine.com/flip-book/8e2097e8e4.html>

### Year 1 & 2 Artist of the Term

In assembly this week, the children have learned all about sculpture, and in particular the work of British sculptor Antony Gormley. They learned how he uses the human form in his sculpture, and how his sculptures connect with their environments.

I have asked the children if they would like to create their own sculpture, and watch how it interacts with an environment. They could use natural materials, like stones or wood, or man-made materials, like cardboard, foil, wire, clay, play-doh and even dried spaghetti. Can they place them in the outdoors, and take a photo of them, to show us how they look? They could experiment with putting them in different places.

Please either email the photos of the sculptures to [ismith@moss-lane.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:ismith@moss-lane.surrey.sch.uk), or leave photos in the tray near the office before half term. We will have a gallery of our Moss Lane sculptors' work in the hall for everyone to admire!

Thanks very much – have fun!

Mrs Smith  
Art and Design and DT Lead.

