

Moss Lane School

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Dear Families,

It is important to ensure that your child is in school on time to get ready for learning. We are monitoring and tracking this especially as low attendance is part of our schools SDP. There is a direct link with attendance, lateness and performance. With this in mind, the school gates will be closed at 8.50am. Anyone arriving after this time must report to the main school office so that they can be signed in as part of our safeguarding procedures. I would like to thank you for your support with this.

This week I can feel a growing excitement around the school as we start to prepare for our Christmas festivities! Song practices have begun.

Thank you in advance for all the costume making and support for our Christmas events. It is a very busy time of year so please keep an eye out on your classes eSchools page and school notice boards.

Take care and have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Abbott
Headteacher

Learning Partners

As you are all aware, last term we consulted parents about whether to join Learning Partners Academy. We are now in the process of becoming a member of that Academy. We were hoping to join by September but due to some legal issues around the schools land ownership we are still having ongoing discussion with the DFE and Surrey about rental payments of the land. We are hoping to convert officially sometime in the New Year once it is all resolved. I will keep you updated, but so far we are enjoying the benefits of being part of Learning Partners Academy.

Mrs Abbott & Mr Boshoff

Admissions 2024...

Primary, infant and junior school admissions for 2024 are now open. Parents and carers with a child who was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 (or a child leaving Year 2 of an infant school in July 2024) will have until 15 January 2024 to apply for their child's 2024 school place. Full information is available on Surrey County Council's website under 'School Admissions'.

Children In Need

A big thank you to all families who donated to Children In Need last Friday and sent children in wearing yellow or spots. We raised £106 for Children In Need!

What's coming up...

25th November (SATURDAY)

Godalming Christmas Light Switch On – Year 1 and Year 2 singing at the Pepperpot.
10.30 am

27th November

Bumbles at Woodland School

1st December

PTA Mini Market (not mufti)

4th December

Hedgehogs at Woodland School

6th December

Parent Clinic

7th December

Can all Bears ski? Pantomime in school

8th December

Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day
PTA Christmas Decoration making

14th December

Yr R & Yr 1 show 9.30am
Yr 2 show 2.15pm

15th December

09.30 – Year R & Year 1 Show
Pm Father Christmas visits and parties

18th December

No SCL breakfast club

Term finishes at 13.30pm

3rd January

TERMS STARTS

Check out our online calendar of events [here](#).

Lost Property & Coats...

Now that the weather is changing please ensure your child has a coat in school every day. Please name coats, scarves and gloves. All unnamed items if lost will go in the black lost property bin outside next to the scooter shed.

This bin will be disposed of at the end of term so please ensure you claim any lost items by then.

What's going on in school...

Bees

In Bees we have been changing the story of 'Owl Babies' and having lots of fun creating our own versions of the story, such as 'Spider Babies', 'Unicorn Babies' or 'Skunk Babies'. This week we have also made a clay owl to celebrate the end of our topic and we have already begun getting ready for Christmas by practising our nativity songs in Music. Honey Bees had a blast at Woodland School and Bumble Bees are looking forward to their visit on Monday. We have also been busy exploring the changing season and have loved collecting all the falling leaves and playing outside.

Year 1

Year 1 were visited by two Border Terrier puppies as part of their science learning. Some Year 1 pupils also had their colourful Kandinsky inspired artwork exhibited at Farncombe train station as part of the 'Art at the Station' project.

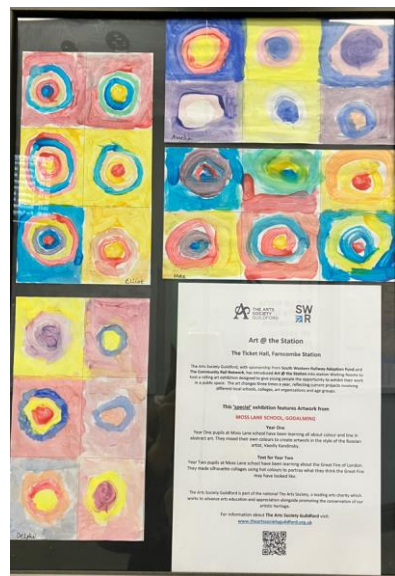
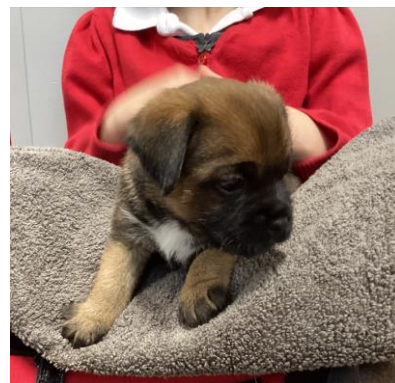
Year 2

Some Year 2 pupils also had their silhouette collages of the Great Fire of London exhibited at Farncombe train station. Jim in Otters class won the Godalming Mayor's Christmas Card competition with his fantastic design of Santa and the Pepperpot.

Online Safety

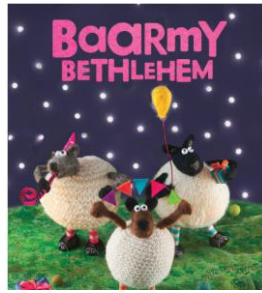
In all our work on online safety with the children and in our work about Staying Safe at school a real emphasis is reminding the children about who they can go to if they are worried about anything. You can support your child identify trusted adults who can help them if they are worried. This includes you and other adults at home, as well as adults from wider family, school or other support services who they are able to contact at this time. Encourage them to draw a picture or write a list of their trusted adults.

Remind your child they can always speak to you or an adult they trust if anything happens online that makes them feel worried or upset. A good way to keep on top of what your child is doing is to explore together and chat little and often! Ask your child to show you their favourite apps, games and sites and encourage them to teach you how to use these. Ask them if anything ever worries them online. Make sure they know they won't be in trouble and can get help by talking to you or another adult they trust if anything happens online that makes them feel worried, sad or scared.



Christmas Shows...

- Year R and Year 1 will be presenting 'The Twinkly Nativity'
- Year R parents are invited to attend Thursday 14th December at 09.30am.
- Year 1 parents are invited to attend the show on Friday 15th December at 09.30am.



Year 1 and Year R children will perform in both shows.

If you are unable to attend your allocated performance please feel free to attend the other showing.

- Year 2 will be presenting 'Barmy Bethlehem' on Thursday 14th at 14.15pm

The children will have worked very hard on their performances therefore to keep audience noise levels to a minimum we kindly ask that no younger siblings attend unless babes in arms. **Only two adults per child to attend** please!

Christmas Post box

Each class room will have its own Christmas post box. In line with being an eco-friendly school we would ask that families send the class a Christmas card rather than individual children. Cards can be posted from Monday 4th December in your child's classrooms.

Christmas Jumper

Please come into school in your Christmas jumper on Friday 8th December. £1 donation.

Talking to your child about school

Talking to your child at the end of the school day is wonderful and important thing. However some children find it difficult to remember or articulate what they did. Therefore here are some ideas that might be useful:-

- Tell me something funny that happened at school today.
- Who was sat at your table at lunch?
- What story did you hear today?
- Tell me about your playtime.
- Tell me about a song you sang or a dance you did today.

National campaign The Big Ambition.

Hi, my name is Rachel and I'm the Children's Commissioner for England.

I have launched this survey, **The Big Ambition**, to hear from all children and young people in England aged between 6 and 18 years old. Adults can answer on behalf of a child or young person aged up to 18.

I will use this survey to take children and young people's views to the Government.

Everything you tell me will be kept private, and you don't have to answer any question if you don't want to. To find out more, visit my [website](#).

Remember, there are no right or wrong answers. Just answer honestly!

Children or parents can complete the survey here: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition.

Further resources are available on our [website](#).

Please do get in touch if you have any problems. My team is happy to support with the roll out in any way we can.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. De Souza'.

Dame Rachel De Souza
Children's Commissioner for England

Operation Encompass

Our school is part of Operation Encompass which is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and police forces.

Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has been present/witnessed domestic abuse and the police have attended.

As a school we have ensured that a member of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained in the Operation Encompass procedures allowing us to then use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to support the child/ren in our care.

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At Moss Lane School, I am that member of staff as DSL and Headteacher.

The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 identifies children who experience domestic abuse, are victims of domestic in their own right. We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

GET Teaching with the GLP

The Godalming Learning Partnership of schools are proud partners with Winchester University and have been training teachers for the last 6 years. Our blend of innovative, immersive school experience and training allied to academic study is used by Winchester as a model of best practice for their new partners.

We are running an online information evening on **Thursday 07 December at 7.00pm** for anyone interested in finding out more about our unique and bespoke School-led PGCE teacher training programme which starts in September 2024.

Register on Eventbrite for this online event using the QR code or link below:

[GET Teaching with the GLP](#)

For more info in the meantime, see our [GET Teaching](#) website and our *GET Teaching* information evening flier. We look forward to meeting you.

