

# Moss Lane School

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Dear Families,

The children (and staff) have settled back quickly into the routines of their class, and everyone seems very happy to be back and are ready to continue with their learning.

It is still quite cold, wet and windy most days so please can you ensure that **all** children bring a warm coat to school every day. I know getting back into the routine of school is hard to do especially after a long break like Christmas. To ensure that your child has the best opportunities and chances to learn, without missing any input or key information, please can you make sure that they arrive at school on time. The gate opens at **8:40am** and the children are called in at **8:45am**.

If you would like any support or further information on helping your child at home, please do not hesitate to contact their class teacher who will be more than happy to offer advice and strategies to help you support your child's learning at home.

The next Parent Clinics will be **on Thursday 1st February and Friday 22nd March**. To book a slot please call the school office.

Mrs Abbott  
Headteacher

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## Safeguarding Updating Changes

If your child has a change in medical circumstances, please notify the school office as soon as possible so that we can keep our records up to date and ensure that all staff are aware of each child's conditions. It is also important that parents keep the school updated of changes in contact details, especially mobile phone numbers, so that we are able to make contact with you in an emergency.

## Open The Book Assemblies

As a Headteacher, I am responsible for the collective worship provision in this school. It is important for all children at Moss Lane School to experience a wide range of different religious beliefs and cultures. The majority of collective worship in a school needs to be of a broadly Christian nature or should give consideration to circumstances relating to the family backgrounds of our pupils. One of the many groups that we have in school is 'Open the Book Assemblies'. These assemblies happen once a month and are simply to educate – there is no expectation for any pupil to pray or worship.



**Our Value for this half-term  
is Responsibility.**

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## What's coming up...

**Monday 29th January**  
Foxes Woodland School

**Tuesday 30th January**  
Maths Day

**Thursday 1st February**  
Parent Clinic

**Monday 5th February**  
Squirrels Woodland School

**5th-9th February**  
Children's Mental Health Week

**Tuesday 6th February**  
Bumblebees Woodland School

**Friday 9th February**  
INSET DAY – no children in school

**HALF TERM 12th- 16th  
February**

**Monday 19th February**  
INSET DAY – no children in school

**Tuesday 20th February**  
Parents Evening (Late)

**Wednesday 21st February**  
Full Governing Board Meeting

**Thursday 22nd February**  
Parent's Evening (Early)

**Monday 26th February**  
Hedgehogs Woodland School

**Monday 4th March**  
Bumblebees Woodland School

**Thursday 7th March**  
World Book day

**Friday 8th March**  
Someone Special morning 9-10am

**Monday 11th March**  
Otters Woodland School

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

### **Pupil Premium Grant (PPG)**

Schools can receive additional funding for pupils whose parents are in receipt of certain income- related benefits. For any pupil entitled to Pupil Premium, the additional funding means that we are able to provide extra support in many ways.

Any pupil whose parent/s are employed by the Armed Forces are also entitled to additional funding (Services Personnel Pupil Premium) – do let us know if this relates to your child.

For more information, please visit the school [website](#).

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

#### **We have a statutory duty to provide you with this information each term**

If you consider that there are exceptional circumstances relating to your request, please let the school have full details. Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis.

#### **Penalty Notices to Address Poor Attendance at School**

A Penalty Notice may be issued as an alternative to the prosecution of a parent/carer for their child's unauthorised absence from school (absence without the agreement of the school or not covered by a medical note) and will be used by Surrey County Council in the following circumstances :-

1. Pupils identified by police and Inclusion Officers (formerly Education Welfare Officers) engaged on Truancy Patrols and who have incurred unauthorised absences.
2. Leave of absence in term time (5 days or 10 sessions or more).

**Please be aware that The Education (Pupil Registration)(England)(Amendment) Regulations 2013, which became law on 01 September 2013 state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.**

**The Headteacher is also required to determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.**

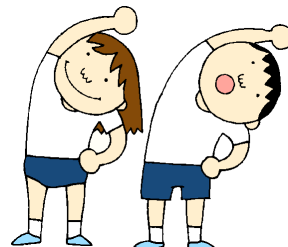
In such cases the Headteacher/Governing Body must decide whether there are exceptional circumstances. They may request that the Local Authority issue Penalty Notices when the absence is not authorised. Warnings will not be given where it can be shown that parents have been notified that such absences will not be authorised.

3. Finally, the issuing of a Penalty Notice will also be considered where it is judged that a parent is failing to ensure their child's regular school attendance. This will be considered when a pupil has incurred 7 or more unauthorised sessions in the previous 6 school weeks, which may include a pupil arriving late after close of registration. If you believe at any stage that your child's absence from school may leave you liable to receive a Penalty Notice, it is

### **Important Reminders...**

#### **PE Kit Expectations**

Your child should wear full school uniform at all times unless it is their allocated PE day, in which case they should arrive in school dressed in their PE clothes and trainers. Please can I remind parents that children are not allowed to wear any jewellery.



#### **Packed Lunches**

Please do not send your child to school with any nuts or products containing nuts such as peanut butter or Nutella as we have children in school who suffer from potentially life threatening anaphylaxis if they come into contact with nuts. When providing a lunch box from home please also ensure that it does not include sweets, chocolate bars, sweets or flavoured drinks.



#### **Absence reporting**

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please phone the school office **before** the start of the school day. There is an option to leave a message and report your child as absent. Please include your child's name, class and details of illness.

If your child has had diarrhoea or vomiting they must stay off school for 48 hours since the last bout of diarrhoea or vomiting.

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extremely important that you act without delay to secure their regular attendance. If you have any questions or require further support to achieve an improvement in your child's attendance, please contact your child's school or the Inclusion Officer.

### Penalty Notice relating to Exclusions

If a child is excluded from school, Section 103 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 places a duty on parents/carers to ensure that their child is not in a public place without justifiable cause during school hours.

This duty applies to the **first five days of each exclusion**. Failure to do so will render the parent/carer liable to a Penalty Notice. (Alternative education provision will be made available from the sixth day of any exclusion.)

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

#### Reception

Bees have been enjoying their topic of 'On the Water' and have had fun this week making boats. Honey Bees also had a fantastic day at Woodland School, and enjoyed finding out all about animal poo! Don't forget to look on our class e-Schools page to see photographs of what we have been up to.

#### Year 1

Squirrels and Foxes have been creating noun phrases this week, in preparation for writing our very own sea creature riddles. In maths, we have been working with numbers up to 20, and in history we have been pretending that it is 1912, and have written our own historical adverts, inviting people to take a trip on a grand new ship called RMS Titanic.

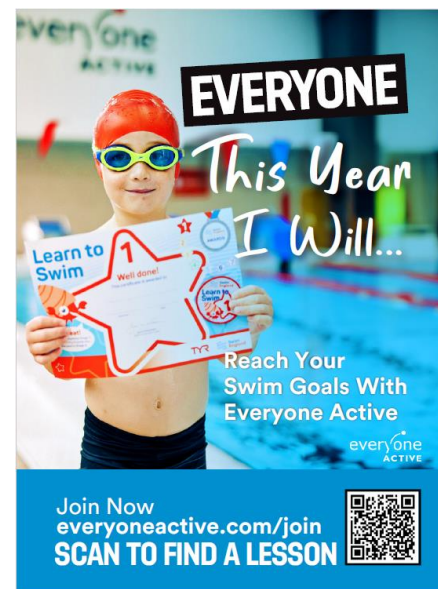
#### Year 2

Hedgehogs and Otters have started learning about multiplication. We have continued to learn about wireless operator Jack Phillips and his role on the Titanic, including writing our own Morse code messages. We have also been learning about different types of animals in Science, like reptiles, mammals and birds.

### Local Information...

#### Swim School

Godalming Leisure Centre currently have several places left on their Swim School. They have lessons for all ages, starting from 5 months upwards. Please see the flyer below for more information.



#### Children's Choir

Godalming Choral Society are running choir workshops in February:

**Children's Choir Workshop**  
Led by Ben de Souza and Karen Beamer  
Join our rehearsal workshops!  
Sing in our first public performance on  
22nd June 2024

**Sign up Now!**  
**Ages 7-11**  
**£10 per child (£5 for siblings)**

Thursday 15th February  
2pm—4pm  
Oglethorpe Hall, Wilfred Noyce Centre

"Emilia had a fantastic morning. Thoroughly enjoyed it. Thank you for arranging it"  
"I liked the warm up counting group game"  
"I especially liked Bumblebee Tune!"

**Book your place now!**  
Email: gcc@godalmingchoral.or