

Moss Lane School

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Dear Families,

A big welcome to Miss Horton who joins us as an LSA in year 1.

Thank you to everyone that attended our wonderful Harvest celebrations, it is always a highlight of the term, and marks an important seasonal celebration. It also gives us a lovely opportunity to welcome our new Reception children and their families to Moss Lane.

I am sure you will agree it was a great success, full of beautiful poems and songs. The children's performances were amazing.

A special mention to Mr Green who baked the amazing Harvest loaf for our display.

Thank you for all your kind and generous donations. This year we will be giving them to the Godalming & Villages Community Store. Have a wonderful relaxing half term.



Our value for this term is
Friendship

What's coming up...

23rd-27th October
HALF TERM

30th October
Children return to school
Otters Woodland school

31st October
Pumpkin Carving and autumnal mufti £1.
Parents Evening 3.40pm-7.00pm

2nd November
Parents Evening 3.40pm-5.30pm

10th November
Remembrance- we will be selling poppies during this week.

Nov13th -17th
Anti-Bullying Week Theme Make a noise about Bullying

17th November
Children in need £1 come dressed in yellow or spots

INSET DAYS...

- Friday 9th February 2024
- Monday 19th February 2024
- Friday 24th May 2024
- Monday 22nd July 2024

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



What's going on in school...

Feeling Good Week

To celebrate World Mental Health Day this year, Moss Lane School took part in 'feeling good' week. This year's theme was 'I can we can...'. Feeling Good Week is an event to help prioritise looking after our own and other people's health, physical, mental and emotional. The children have had a range of learning and activities that encouraged them to reflect, work together, strengthen relationships, and develop greater empathy and understanding to positively share how they feel which can help encourage positive mental health.

Bees

Bees had a wonderful time harvesting apples on our school allotment. We then returned to school and made apple crumble, which everyone enjoyed eating with their families at home.

Year 1

Squirrels have been studying Florence Nightingale and imagining what it was like to be in her care. They also enjoyed den building at Woodland School.



Year 2

Have made newspaper clothes for our materials topic in science to test what materials are good for clothes making. Otters also enjoyed their visit to woodland school. Hedgehogs have been writing beautiful poetry.

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If you ever need help with putting food on the table due to a family crisis, please pop in and speak to Mrs Abbott. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs Forbes Wood (our Home School Link Worker) or pop into the Citizens Advice Bureau or local church and they will offer help. All these agencies can give you short-term access to the local food banks. Please do not worry about asking - we are all here to help.



Bikes and Scooters...



Please can I remind all families that children should not be riding scooters or bikes when on school premises.

Please walk them through the carpark and playground.

Can we also ask that bikes and scooters are parked responsibly. The gate by the scooter rack is in use during the day so where possible please do not park in front of

Safeguarding

At Moss Lane School we ensure that our children are **safe and happy and aiming high**. Included in that is our strong ethos of Safeguarding, making sure our children are safe physically and mentally. We are reaching out to our wider Moss Lane Family in the hopes that you will be able to help us with a few areas where we can help keep our children physically safe.

- 1) If the back door is shut under NO circumstances should it be opened.
- 2) Please ensure that the small red pedestrian gate is shut and bolted when entering or exiting the site outside of normal drop off and collection times.
- 3) Do not let anyone follow you through the gate outside of drop off and collection times. We know that it can be awkward to ask someone to press the buzzer but it is important.
- 4) Do not be offended if someone asks you to shut and bolt the side gate and / or someone asks you to press the buzzer.
- 5) Please do not park in front of the red gates, even if you are running late or dropping off / collecting outside of the normal times. Access through the gates is needed at all times.
- 6) Please pass these important messages onto anyone who is dropping off or collecting your child.
- 7) Please can I remind that no dogs are allowed on to school grounds even if carried in arms.

Thank you for your cooperation and helping us to maintain the safety of the children.

Children in Need



This year, we are celebrating the power of positive relationships, and the impact of these relationships in helping to support children throughout their school years. Many children experience some of their first positive relationships with teachers and mentors at school. So come to school dressed in yellow or wearing spots on **Friday 17th November!** Recommended £1 donation.





BLACK HISTORY MONTH



October 2023

Black history month is celebrated annually across the globe and sheds light on the diverse and overlooked history of Black people.

At Moss Lane we proudly recognise Black History Month by studying key individuals like Mary Seacole. We hope that this month you will join us in celebration and delve into the past.



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Reading Corner

Miss Betterton's Book Recommendation:

The Oak Tree written by Julia Donaldson & illustrated by Victoria Sandøy .



This engaging and informative story is written in Julia Donaldson's trademark rhyme . This is the story of an oak tree, which lives through many changes. The rhyming text pulls you through the life of the tree, which is always shown with children playing around it. The illustrations are warm and beautiful and reflect the diversity of human and animal life in and around the tree.

Interesting news:

Research from the BookTrust finds that the more people in a child's life who are involved in influencing their reading, the more likely the child is to become a keen independent reader.

'Reading influencers' include different family members such as parents, siblings, grandparents, as well as teachers or other trusted people in their lives. These experiences have a marked impact on a child's love of reading.

Reading practice at home becoming a chore?

- Try changing location or the time of day
- Take turns—adult reads a page, child reads a page etc.
- Involve someone new, read to a new audience

MYSTERY READERS WANTED!



WHO?

*All parents/carers, grandparents, older siblings, relatives or, other special people!
Surprise your child by being a 'Mystery Reader' in their classroom this academic year.*

WHY?

Children LOVE having their family and friends visit their classroom, getting involved in their learning. So being read too by a 'Mystery Reader' would be an exciting learning experience for everyone.

WHAT?

Mystery Readers are invited to share a story book from home, or borrow one from the class teacher/library and read it to the class. Mystery Readers could also dress up as a character from their chosen book, bring a prop to use or share a piece of music linked to the story. These extra parts are not compulsory!

HOW?

*Potential 'Mystery Readers' should (discreetly) communicate directly with the class teacher to arrange a date to join the class for up to 15 minutes during a school day. Please have a selection of dates available to offer the class teacher.
To retain the surprise element of the Mystery Reader, it is important that the children are not informed of any Mystery Readers real identities until they appear in the class room!*

We look forward to Mystery Readers joining classrooms from 6th November 2023.