

# Moss Lane School

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Dear Families

A BIG welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term.

As a school, we also promote resilience at every opportunity for our children.

This comes through assemblies, class discussions and through the curriculum. We discuss how making a mistake is not a bad thing as this helps us to make improvements and correct our mistakes. In classrooms, we use the Learning Pit/Cellar to support the children's understanding of the importance of resilience to achieve a challenge. When you are talking to your children, please reinforce this message.....**mistakes help us to gain knowledge and lead to success!**

Thank you so much for your continued support and cooperation which really does ensure that all the children at Moss Lane achieve and have an abundant life.

Take care and have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Abbott  
Headteacher

### Toys...

We are seeing an increase in toys coming in from home which inevitably is causing problems in the classrooms. There is the risk of precious belongings getting lost or broken when they are brought into school, but also belongings from home are very distracting and cause a huge snowball effect with other children then wanting to bring their toys in too. Can we please request that toys are left at home, or goodbyes take place at the gates and toys go home with parents? Even toys that are safely zipped away in bags often find their way free so we want to remove the temptation entirely.

### 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.

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s term is **HONESTY**

### INSET DAYS...

- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

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

### Important Reminder...

Please remember that children having packed lunches should not have crisps, biscuits or chocolate.

### Staffing Update

Ms Bowes in Squirrels class will be sadly leaving us at the end of this term after eight years teaching at the school. I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the best in her new role.

Mrs Smith who currently works part time in Squirrels will become the full time teacher in Squirrels class.



### News from the PTA...

We were blown away with the designs for our pumpkin carving competition!  
A massive well done to everyone who entered.



The Winners are:-

Overall winner =Albie Stevenson

Yr R Bees= Rupert Richardson

Year 1= Evie Crook

Year 2= Adam Jocelyne

Most Creative= Conrad Williams

Scariest=Sonny Jenkins

### Odd Sock Day

On Monday 13th November we mark anti-bullying week. Starting the week off with 'Odd Sock Day'. Showing that it is okay to be different. It's an opportunity to encourage children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique. Please can your child come to school on that day wearing Odd Socks. No money required.



### Safeguarding

There has been a raised profile and guidance for schools about how to protect children from **peer on peer abuse, sexual harassment and sexual violence.**

Sexual harassment can happen between two children of **any age** from infant right through to secondary school and college. Learning about healthy relationships is important from a young age. To safeguard children against sexual harassment, we have robust safeguarding education within our curriculum. Relationships and Health education provides opportunities for learning that equips all children with knowledge, understanding and skills related to personal privacy, respect and consent.

As a school thorough our PHSE curriculum we regularly discuss relationships, friendships, the **NSPCC 'PANTS' Rule**. Further details on how we respond to concerns can be found in our Safeguarding Policy on our school website. Should you have any concerns please see Mrs Abbott (DSL) or Miss Betterton (DDSL).

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

### Bees

#### Bees met some feathered friends

Bees were thrilled to have Huxley's Birds of Prey visit them last week. The children enjoyed meeting a range of owls, including a huge European Eagle Owl. They also enjoyed seeing other birds of prey such as a baby kestrel, which every child was able to hold on their hand. This visit kicked off our Feathered Friends topic for the half term, and the children have since enjoyed reading the story of Owl Babies and learning new facts about owls. We hope you have enjoyed looking at photographs on our eSchools pages of the visit.

### Year 1

Year 1 have been busy learning how to put 'and' into sentences and remembering their capital letters and full stops. They have been practising their addition in maths, including number bonds to ten. In science they've been learning how to classify different types of animals.

### Year 2

Otters had fun at Woodland School on the first day back after the half-term break and Hedgehogs have been painting poppies for Remembrance Day. Both classes received a postcard from Syd from Grandad's Island, which ties in with the book they have been reading.

### Learn more about Sleep

We are sending information about a free wonderful resource that can help parents and children to learn more about their sleep and develop better bedtime routines. Sleep is essential to brain function, by helping children to sleep better, we can help them to succeed in school.

Please note opening hours have changed and now include two morning sessions. Please see poster attached for more information about this service.

At any given time up to 40% of adults and 50% of children (this rises to 80% with a SEND diagnosis) have difficulties with their sleep. Yet in a recent survey, almost 60% of adults felt there was a lack of support for sleep issues. Sleep problems can leave people feeling isolated and lonely.

Our free helpline is run by trained sleep advisors, many of whom are specialists in working with SEND. We can talk to young people directly, or parents (we can also talk to adults, including older people, about their sleep issues).

The helpline is open 5 times a week, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday evenings 7-9pm, and Monday, Wednesday mornings 9-11am. The number is 03303 530 541.

You can read more here: <https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/national-sleep-helpline/>

## What's coming up...

### Nov 13th -17<sup>th</sup>

Anti-Bullying Week Theme Make a noise about Bullying

### 13<sup>th</sup> November

Odd sock day  
Foxes at Woodland School

### 15<sup>th</sup> November

FGB Resources 6.15pm

### 17<sup>th</sup> November

Children in need £1 come dressed in yellow or spots

### 20<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

Squirrels at Woodland School

### 21st November

Honeybees at Woodland School

### 23<sup>rd</sup> November

Perform theatre workshop in school

### 25<sup>th</sup> November (SATURDAY)

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

### 27<sup>th</sup> November

Bumbles at Woodland School

### 1<sup>st</sup> December

PTA Mini Market

### 4<sup>th</sup> December

Hedgehogs at Woodland School

### 6<sup>th</sup> December

Parent Clinic

### 7<sup>th</sup> December

Can all Bears ski? Pantomime in school

### 8<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day  
PTA Christmas Decoration making

### 14<sup>th</sup> December

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

### 15<sup>th</sup> December

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

### 18<sup>th</sup> December

No SCL breakfast club

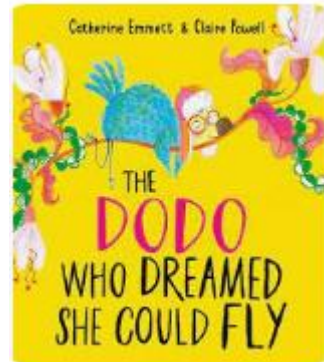
**Term finishes at 13.30pm**

## **Reading Corner**

### **Miss Betterton's Book Recommendation:**

#### **The Dodo Who Dreamed She Could Fly written by Catherine Emmett, illustrated by Claire Powell**

This heart-warming rhyming picture book about following your dreams and not giving up, no matter what others might say, is an absolute delight. A little Dodo has a dream—she wants to fly! Despite all the setbacks, the little Dodo is determined to fly. She learns that encouragement and perseverance always pays off!



#### **Children at Moss Lane School say:**

'I think I will be able to read any book that I like because I can read so many words now.'

'When I read at bedtime I feel happy.'

'Sometimes stories are funny, so I like to read those again.'

#### **Fans of non-fiction?**

There are a number of high quality magazines aimed at children that have a high non-fiction content. First News, Aquila Children's Magazine and National Geographic Little Kids are popular ones. Magazines are often an effective way to engage reluctant readers.







# Bring & Buy Book Sale



## When ?

- **Thursday 16th November 2023 @ 3.15pm — 3.45pm**

## How ?

- Families are invited to donate up to 3 pre-loved children's books each. We ask that these books (fiction & non fiction) are in good condition and are aimed at children aged 4-9 years old.
- Books can be donated on Wednesday 15th November at drop off and pick up.
- The book sale will take place at pick up on Thursday 16th November (outside if the weather allows, if not in the hall).
- Each book will cost 50p—please bring change, **cash only!**
- Please do not donate more than 3 books, any surplus books at the end of the sale will need to be disposed of.

## Why?

- We are setting up a 'Reading Shed' in the school playground to encourage children to incorporate reading for pleasure into their break times.
- The 'Reading Shed' will house baskets of books and outdoor cushions.
- The initial set up will cost approximately £300.

If you have any questions about the book sale, please email Miss Betterton ( [abetterton@moss-lane.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:abetterton@moss-lane.surrey.sch.uk) ) or speak to her in the playground.



## Club4 Parent Guide

Dear Parent/carer,

Club4 provides a wide variety of activity camps to ensure children have the opportunity to enjoy an extensive range of enriching and physical activities, an increased awareness of a healthy lifestyle and a nutritious meal each day. To find out more visit [our website](#).

The Holiday Activity and Food Programme is coordinated by Active Surrey on behalf of Surrey County Council (SCC). This Department for Education programme offers fully-funded places for children and young people inclusively from Reception to Year 11 who are eligible for benefits related free school meals.

Your school will issue your Holiday Activity voucher via email/text on Tuesday 7 November 23. Simply click on the voucher link to access the Holiday Activities booking site. Each voucher will allow your child to access a maximum of 4 credits, equal to 4 days of holiday activities. First time accessing Holiday Activities vouchers? [Read our step-by-step guide](#).

Club4 holiday camps run during the main school holidays (Christmas, Easter and summer). It is a separate offer to SCC's supermarket voucher. Families can use both schemes.

A diverse range of activities and opportunities are available, from multi-sport to performing arts, youth days out to Judo and dance...we have something for everyone! Keep an eye out for our Christmas special family pantomimes...coming soon! Don't just take our word for it...check out our highlights on the next page.

When choosing your holiday camp, have a think about what best suits your child - what do they enjoy, do they like something new and exciting or do they prefer familiar activities? If you plan to book for several days, would they enjoy getting to know one set of coaches over time in one place rather than attending lots of different settings?



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We are experiencing a high number of children and young people not turning up to their pre-booked sessions via Holiday Activities.

Sadly, there is a misconception that as these spaces are free to eligible families, there is no impact if your child doesn't show up for the booked space. Failing to show for a holiday activity booking leads to other eligible children missing out on their opportunity to attend a holiday club and receive a meal.

Please only book your child onto the days they can attend.

We appreciate that plans can change and there may be occasions where your child can't attend due to unforeseen circumstances. If your child is no longer able to attend a session, please cancel their place with as much notice as possible. Provider contact info can be found [here](#).

Failure to attend two or more booked sessions without contacting the provider directly, will result in all bookings being cancelled for the remainder of the holiday. This will enable other children on the waiting list to be offered a place.

Now for the fun stuff! Check out our [provider offering](#) to see what Club4 has to offer for the Christmas holidays!



### Club4 Christmas Holiday 2023 Voucher

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Club4 is an exclusive offer for children and young people who are eligible for benefits related free school meals in Surrey.

Scroll down to log in to find out more and book onto an activity this Christmas holiday.

Find out more about our programme [click here](#).

If you are having any issues accessing your voucher, please contact [support@holidayactivities.com](mailto:support@holidayactivities.com).

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## Provider highlights

"We have been able to reach children that would not normally be able to attend our provision. It's so lovely seeing kids that really enjoy our activities and book on each Club4 programme."

"Enjoyment and engagement from the children, creation of new friendships and children attending from lots of different backgrounds."

## Parent highlights

"The camp provides much needed respite care, getting my child out of the house and busy. We can work knowing he is well looked after and happy. The camps are a life saver for many families."

"Our son learnt to swim in the camp which we could not afford to do. He has never been swimming so it was a new activity and life skill"

## Young Person highlight

"I'm incredibly grateful for Club4 offering this (Lifeguarding) course to me, it has definitely opened a couple of doors to me that I probably couldn't have even jammed my foot into, but it was also an incredibly fun and interesting experience and I've made a good few friends through it. 😊"

Parent comment - "The teaching was fantastic, the adults in charge spot-on, she liked the other people participating a lot and she loved the food! She now has a Lifeguarding job where she earns £11 an hour"





**Sat 16 - Sun 24 December**

It is Christmas Eve and Santa is finishing off his final preparations! He is checking his list before he hops aboard his trusty sleigh. But just before he takes flight into the night sky to deliver his presents, he discovers that his sleigh has broken down! Can you help Santa fix his sleigh? Time is running out and there are problems to solve and presents to deliver!

For more information visit [glive.co.uk](http://glive.co.uk)

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