# Friday 27th January 2023 Newsletter

# 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.

#### **E-Safety Tip**

Home Smart Speakers

Have you ever explored the risks and benefits to using a smart speaker at home with your child? Why not take a look at the website below to ensure your family are kept safe when using this type of technology!

https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/smart-speakers

**Zones of Regulation training** 



A big thank you to all the families who attended our two sessions on the Zones of Regulation. Miss Forbes-Wood said the sessions went very well and parents who attended can now see how we incorporate them into the children's' daily lives. The toolkit has really helped some children across the school to be more resilient and enabled them to regulate their feelings in a positive way.



Our Value for this half-term is Responsibility.

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

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January** Squirrels Woodland School

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** Parent Clinic

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February** Bumble Bees Woodland School

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February** Year 2 swimming

Friday 10th February
INSET DAY – no children in school

HALF TERM 13th- 17<sup>th</sup> February

**Monday 24th February** Otters Woodland School

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February** Parents Evening (Late)

**Wednesday 22nd February**Full Governing Board Meeting

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** Parent's Evening (Early)\*\*

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** World Book day

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March** Foxes Woodland School

Check out our online calendar of events <u>here</u>.

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

#### Bees

Bees have enjoyed celebrating the Lunar New Year by eating noodles and making Chinese lanterns.

#### Year 1

#### **Commotion in the Ocean**

Last week lobsters, mermaids, sharks, fish and many other exciting under-the-sea creatures met us at school. The Year 1's used their trip to the Aquarium and the special topic day to help them as a spring board to some creative writing.







## **Blue Reef Aquarium Visit**

Year 1 had an amazing trip to the Blue Reef Aquarium in Portsmouth this week. They had a special shark and stingray workshop where some of the children even got splashed by the hungry stingrays during feeding time! The children had lots of fun exploring all the sea creatures and even found out about pollution and how they can help keep our seas cleaner. Thank you everyone who made this trip possible during challenging times.







## Year 2

Year 2 pupils have been exploring multiplication. All children have shown a real interest and ability in using a range of strategies to solve multiplication questions.

# 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 Book Assemblies**

As a Head Teacher, 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.

#### **Pupil Survey**

At the end of last term, as part of our wellbeing monitoring, we asked children to do complete a survey. I thought it was important to share the results with you.

	Percentage of children who agree		
Statement			
People are kind.	83%	11%	5%
I feel safe.	86%	12%	2%
I belong.	81%	14%	5%
I am successful	85%	14%	1%
I can be myself.	86%	12%	1%
I am listened to.	73%	23%	4%
People help me.	82%	14%	4%
I am happy.	80%	18%	2%
I know who can help.	89%	8%	3%
I have friends.	90%	9%	1%
I can help myself.	81%	16%	3%





#### **Important Reminder...**

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

Schools can receive additional funding for pupils whose parents are in receipt of certain incomerelated 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.

#### New Staff ...



Welcome to Karen Cornell our new Office Administrator.