

Moss Lane School

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Dear Families,

All of a sudden, October is here and it feels like Autumn! We have had another very busy week in school; I have enjoyed spending time in classrooms, seeing the children engaged in their learning and responding to their teachers so well this week. Many congratulations to everyone!

This term we have started our school tours for families joining the school in September 2023. It has been a pleasure showing them around. If you know anyone who might be considering Moss Lane for their child, please encourage them to contact the school office to book a slot.

After school clubs including our Year 2 teacher led, clubs have re-started this term. I have visited clubs throughout the week and seen dancing, football, choir, board games to name a few. I have been impressed with the attitude of the children and the high quality learning delivered by staff. Year R will get the option to join paid for after school clubs soon.

Effective communication makes all aspects of the school run smoothly. Teachers are happy to answer quick queries via email or speak to you briefly at the start /end of the day, but if you have a longer issue you would like to discuss please arrange a face-to-face appointment. Teachers are unlikely to be able to answer emails during the school day when they are teaching so please understand that you may have to wait until the end of the day for a response.

The senior leadership team which comprises myself, Amy Betterton and Carolynne Ballard, are always around should you want a chat, and the office are always on hand if you need help with anything.

We have a busy week next week so have a relaxing weekend!

Mrs Abbott
Headteacher

New Parents Coffee Morning...



Thank you to the PTA for organising the new parents coffee morning on Friday 23 September, in conjunction with the Macmillan Coffee Morning.

Thanks to some of our lovely PTA members (and children) baking up some goodies, they raised a wonderful £170 for the cancer support charity. A big thanks to everyone who helped and all those who donated.

We are still looking for some roles to be filled on the PTA. If you are interested and would like more information about this please email Kate Telfer at ptamosslane@gmail.com



Our value for this term is
Friendship

What's coming up...

W/C 10th October
Feeling Good Week

10th October
Y1 Perform Workshop
Honey Bees at Woodland School

12th October
YR Owl Visit
Y2 Multi Skills Festival

17th October
Bumble Bees at Woodland School

18th October
Individual School Photos
Parent Clinic with Mrs Abbott

19th October
Harvest Festival Performance to
Bees and Otters Families

20th October
Flu Immunisations

21st October
Harvest Festival Performance to
Year 1 and Hedgehogs Families

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

INSET DAYS...

Monday 31st October 2022
Friday 10th February 2023
Monday 17th April 2023
Friday 26th May 2023

Did you know you can get the latest Surrey Schools Calendar downloaded to your device? Click [here](#) for more information.

What's going on in school...

Staff Training – Flying Child Project



Last week all staff received training from the Flying Child project which is an organisation, founded by Sophie Olson– a survivor of interfamilial Child Sexual Abuse (CSA). The aim of the training was to teach staff to help break down the barriers and dispel the myths that can lead victims of abuse being overlooked, and their trauma being misunderstood.

Staff now have a better understanding of what factors to look out for and how to manage any disclosures of Child Sexual Abuse. I recognise that this is a very difficult topic and one that many shy away from. However by opening up, normalizing and speaking out about it we can start to break down the barriers and taboos.

Worry Monster



During the KS1 assembly this week, I talked to the children about what to do and who the children could speak to if they ever feel worried or upset. I reminded them of our special letter box and worry monster that is situated on the table outside the school office. If any children have a concern or worry they can post it into the red-letter box and Miss Clare will monitor this on a weekly basis and offer children support and help when needed.

Rehearsal of alarms

In all childcare settings, rehearsal of fire and intruder alarms has to take place as part of health and safety and safeguarding practices.

A "fire alarm" involves a continuous ringing of a bell to alert staff that they need to get the children out of the building safely but very quickly due to a fire risk. Children are led out the building and line up in the playground, where staff complete a head count to ensure all are accounted for.

An "intruder alarm" is an intermittent bell that is rung to alert staff that children (and staff) must 'run and hide' due to a danger inside or outside the building. Staff tell children "there is a danger outside, hide." Children are supported by familiar adults to hide behind chairs or under tables. Children are asked to be silent and remain hidden until the area is safe.

Whilst this experience can be daunting for some children, it is essential that it takes place. Children have experienced a fire alarm today and we are proud of how the children have responded to this new experience.

Awards

Gold Assembly Certificates - Each week two children from each class are given a gold certificate in celebration of an achievement. These are given out by their class teacher in our Friday assemblies.

Certificates awarded out of school - If your child receives a certificate / medal / trophy for an out of school activity, these can be shown at Gold Assembly. I encourage the child to tell me what they needed to do to achieve the certificate, allowing the rest of the school acknowledge the effort required.

Headteacher Awards - These are given out whenever a member of staff feels that a child has done something special. Children visit my office where I will give them a sticker and a Headteacher certificate celebrating the effort and work and they have done.

Safeguarding...

This week we had a Safeguarding Audit, ensuring that we are keeping children safe in education. The report has stated that safeguarding runs through everything at Moss Lane and shows that we are committed to ensuring the safety of your children.

Please do not be offended if a member of staff challenges you whilst on school site, especially after gates have closed, or asks you to shut and bolt the small side gate. Once the gates are closed it is our responsibility to keep your children safe.

Should anyone have any questions about Safeguarding please do not hesitate to ask.

Things from home...

A gentle reminder that children should not bring any items from home into school. This includes stationery, cuddly toys and jewellery. Fidget toys are only allowed if this has been agreed directly with the SENCO.

We know that Birthdays are very exciting and some children like to give out a snack at the end of school on their special day. Because we are part of Healthy Schools we would ask that these snacks are not sweets, chocolate, crisps or anything containing nuts.



As the weather is now becoming cooler and we have had some wet days, please ensure all children bring a coat to school every day.

Please clearly name all belongings.