



## **MOSS LANE SCHOOL**

### **Value of the month March**



**March 28th 2018  
Spring 4**

**Trust**

Dear Parents and Carers

It is lovely to finally see some signs of spring. Especially the purple crocuses that are emerging on the Burys field. These were planted last year by the children and the Rotary club in aid of Polio.



### **Big Bounce**

A big thank you to all the PTA and families who have supported and helped at our Big Bounce last week. The children enjoyed themselves immensely and were quite competitive about who could do the most jumps.



## Learning at Moss Lane..

Foxes, and Squirrels too, have had a fun and busy week. On Wednesday 14th March Foxes went to Witley for our half termly woodland experience. They enjoyed bug catching (and releasing once they had identified them), making skewers from 'green' branches which they whittled with sharp knives, cooking marshmallows, collecting, brewing and tasting pine needle tea, den building and lots more. They really enjoyed their day and had some spring-like weather.



Thank you to the parents who came to help.



# School Disco ....



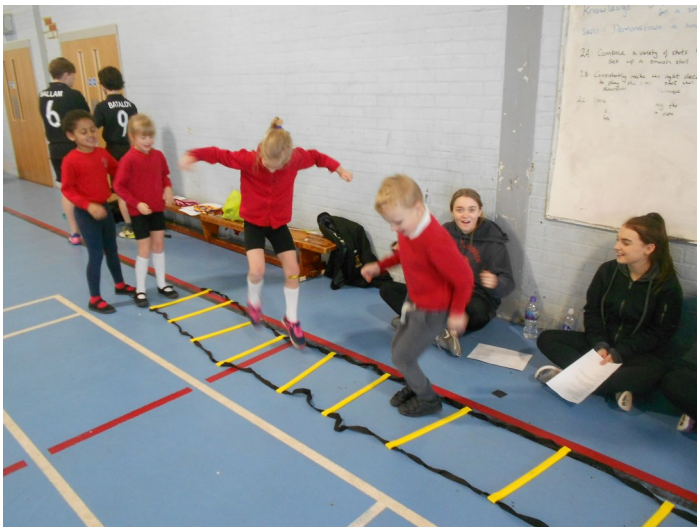
Thank you to everyone who helped at this event, the children had great fun .



## Year 2

### Badminton Festival

Last week some lucky year 2's had the opportunity to attend the annual Badminton festivals held at Broadwater school. The children participated in badminton themed activities and had lots of fun learning new skills, and competing against other local schools.





## **Year 2 Singing Festival**

Moss Lane children sang at the Infants Singing Festival at Rodborough School on Wednesday evening. The children learnt songs based around the theme of 'Sing in the Wild World'. They were joined by several other local schools.

They performed with confidence and style for the first time with the other schools in front of an audience of several hundred. We were very impressed by how the children performed, and behaved, at the concert.

Moss Lane sang their own song 'I'm a giraffe'. I felt that they knew the songs really well, sang with great enthusiasm, and it was brilliant that they were able to hold their own. Some of the songs involved the musical challenge of Ostinato, a continued musical phrase that they had to sing all the way through whilst other children sang different parts. They rose to the challenge making Moss Lane very proud of them. Thank you again for all your support in helping them learn the songs and in watching them at the performance.



## **Farnham Castle**



On Wednesday Year 2 visited Farnham Castle. They we had a fantastic time, albeit a rather soggy one! They enjoyed seeing the amazing views from the keep and the spotted a 'murder hole'. The children had fun naming all the parts of the castle and practised shooting arrows through the arrow slits!

### **Safer Sleeping**

Safer sleeping for babies- Raising awareness for families with younger siblings. We would like to draw the attention of families with younger siblings and in particular babies to the importance of safer sleeping, through the unicef 'caring for your baby at night' campaign. Please to follow the link below for more information :-

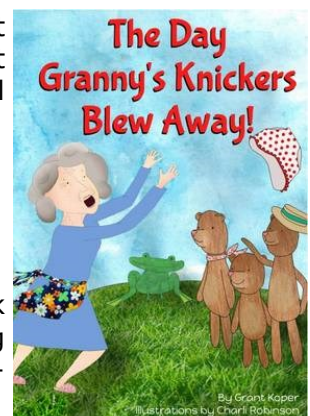
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### **PTA**

Our PTA is lead by 2 Co-Chair Danielle Givondi (Draven Yr 2 & Phoenix Yr R and Laura Edmonds James Yr R & Olly Year 2 ). If you would like to get in touch with any ideas, questions, feedback or if you would like to help at future events please feel free to contact the school office or drop an email to ptamosslane@gmail.com

### **Author visiting school**

On Wednesday 18th April we are having Grant Koper author of the book 'The Day Granny's Knickers Blew Away'. He will be selling and signing books on this day. If you would like to order a copy please order in advance. The book cost £6.00.



### Staffing news

Sadly Mrs Riley in the office will be leaving Moss Lane to return to a part time position in hotel management. Mrs Ballard will be replacing her as our new school business manager. We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Griggs at the end of the Summer as she will be taking up a full time position as a maths teacher at St. Edmunds in Hindhead.

I am also pleased to announce that Mrs Shead (LSA in YR1) has decided to stay on as a permanent member of staff. I am sure you will all join me in wishing them the best of luck in their new positions. We will also be welcoming Mrs Mary King who will be working in Reception.

	Teachers	LSA
Head	Mrs Abbott	
Deputy and Inclusion	Ms Cox	
Polars	Miss Betterton	Miss Phipps Mrs King
Pandas	Mrs King & Mrs Shreeve	Mrs Taylor
Squirrels	Ms Price Mrs Griggs (Fridays)	Mrs Pearson
Foxes	Ms Cummins	Mrs Shead
Hedgehogs	Miss Bowes / Miss Hilyard	Miss Harrison
Otters	Miss Gruzman	Mrs Sanders Miss Budd

## **50 things to do before you are 11 3/4**

As the Easter holidays approaches I thought it would be good to share with you the National Trust list of 50 things a child should do before the age of 11 3/4 yrs. Maybe over the holidays they children can cross a few of them off !

There's nothing quite like fresh air, exercise and family time. You can't beat the fun you have in the Great Outdoors and creating memories that will last a lifetime. Sometimes convincing your children to get outside can be a bit of a struggle. We want to encourage children to get mucky, discover their wild side and most of all enjoy what Mother Nature has to offer!

Climb a tree	Roll down a really big hill	Camp out in the wild	Build a den	Skim a stone	Run around in the rain	Fly a kite	Catch a fish with a net	Eat an apple straight from a tree	Play conkers
Go on a really long bike ride	Make a trail with sticks	Make a mud pie	Dam a stream	Play in the snow	Make a daisy chain	Set up a snail race	Create some wild art	Play pooh sticks	Jump over waves
Explore inside a tree	Visit a farm	Go on a walk barefoot	Make a grass trumpet	Hunt for fossils and bones	Go star gazing	Climb a huge hill	Explore a cave	Pick black-berries growing in the wild	Hold a scary beast
Hunt for bugs	Find some frog-spawn	Catch a falling leaf	Track wild animals	Discover what's in a pond	Make a home for a wild animal	Check out the crazy creatures in a rock pool	Bring up a butterfly	Catch a crab	Go on a nature walk at night
Plant it, grow it, eat it	Go swimming in the sea	Build a raft	Go bird watching	Find your way with a map and compass	Try rock climbing	Cook on a camp-fire	Learn to ride a horse	Find a geo-cache	Canoe down a river



## **Slap Cheek and Scarlet Fever**

This term we have had many reported cases of slap cheek and one or two of scarlet fever. Please see the NHS guidance on these conditions .

For more information go to:-

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/slapped-cheek-syndrome/>

Scarlet fever is a bacterial illness that mainly affects children. It causes a distinctive pink-red rash.

The illness is caused by Streptococcus pyogenes bacteria, also known as group A streptococcus, which are found on the skin and in the throat.

**Scarlet fever symptoms** Scarlet fever usually follows a sore throat or a skin infection, such as impetigo, caused by particular strains of streptococcus bacteria. Initial symptoms usually include a sore throat, headache and a high temperature (38.3C/101F or above), flushed cheeks and a swollen tongue. A day or two later the characteristic pinkish rash appears. It usually occurs on the chest and stomach before spreading to other areas of the body, such as the ears and neck. The symptoms of scarlet fever usually develop two to five days after infection, although the incubation period (the period between exposure to the infection and symptoms appearing) can be as short as one day or as long as seven days. The rash feels like sandpaper to touch and it may be itchy. On darker skin the rash may be more difficult to see although its rough texture should be apparent.

### **How scarlet fever spreads**

Scarlet fever is very contagious and can be caught by:

- breathing in bacteria in airborne droplets from an infected person's coughs and sneezes
- touching the skin of a person with a streptococcal skin infection, such as impetigo
- sharing contaminated towels, baths, clothes or bed linen

## **Slapped Cheek**

The first sign of slapped cheek syndrome is usually feeling unwell for a few days. Symptoms may include:- a high temperature of 38C or more, a runny nose and sore throat and a headache.

### **How long it lasts**

The cheek rash normally fades within 2 weeks.

The body rash also fades within 2 weeks but sometimes comes and goes for up to a month – especially if you're exercising, hot, anxious or stressed.

Adults might also have joint pain and stiffness. This can continue for many weeks, even after the other symptoms have gone.

### **How slapped cheek syndrome is spread**

It's hard to avoid spreading slapped cheek syndrome because most people don't know they have it until they get the rash. You can only spread it to other people before the rash appears. Slapped cheek syndrome is caused by a virus (parvovirus B19). The virus spreads to other people, surfaces or objects by coughing or sneezing near them.

To reduce the risk of spreading the virus:-

- Wash your hands often with warm water and soap
- Use tissues to trap germs when you cough or sneeze
- Bin used tissues as quickly as possible
- You don't have to stay off work or school after the rash appears. Let the school or teacher know if your child has slapped cheek syndrome.

## Dates for your Diary

**2018**

### **March**

Thursday 29th

**Last day of Spring Term 1.30pm finish**

### **April**

April 16th

**INSET DAY**

April 17th

(Tuesday) Children back into school

**April 17th**

Forest school Foxes class

April 25th

FGB 6.15pm

**Have a wonderful Easter**



<b>Spring First Term</b>	4 Jan 2018 (Thu)	9 Feb 2018 (Fri)
<b>Spring Half Term Holidays</b>	12 Feb 2018 (Mon)	16 Feb 2018 (Fri)
<b>Spring Second Term</b>	19 Feb 2018 (Mon)	29 Mar 2018 (Thu)
<b>Easter Holidays</b>	30 Mar 2018 (Fri)	13 Apr 2018 (Fri)
<b>Summer First Term</b>	16 Apr 2018 (Mon)	25 May 2018 (Fri)
<b>Summer Half Term Holidays</b>	28 May 2018 (Mon)	1 Jun 2018 (Fri)
<b>Summer Second Term</b>	4 Jun 2018 (Mon)	20 July 2018 (Fri)

**Term Dates**