



Upcoming Events & Reminders

11th October

4pm deadline for nasal flu consent forms

13th October

Parent Clinic
FGB Meeting

14th October

Individual School Photos

15th October

Hedgehogs visiting School
(optional donation to the charity to be brought in)

18th October

Nasal Flu Clinic

18th – 20th October

Harvest Donations can be brought into the school entrance hallway

20th October

Harvest Festival Performances

21st October

PTA Pumpkin Carving Competition entries to be brought in

22nd October

SCHOOL CLOSED

1st November

INSET DAY (no children in school)

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 2022. 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, table tennis, board games and allotment clubs 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.

As we are at the beginning of the school year, I would like to remind all families that the senior leadership team, including myself 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 with photos, hedgehogs, and practices for the Harvest Festival so have a relaxing weekend!

Mrs Abbott
Headteacher



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.

What's going on in school...

Police Visits

Last week we were delighted to welcome our local community support officers James and Kim back to school. They had great fun speaking to all the children at lunchtime and we are pleased that they will be visiting Moss Lane on a regular basis.

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 introduced our new 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 safe guarding 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 both a fire alarm and an intruder alarm practice in the last two weeks. We are proud of how the children have responded to these new experiences.

Harvest Festival

Rehearsals have been going well for our Harvest Festival. Performances will take place on 20th October at 09.15 (all years) and 14.15 (Y1 and Y2 only). *



*please note that due to an issue with our hall, we may have a smaller than normal capacity. We may therefore have to add additional performances. Please watch eSchools for more updates.

Other news...

The Surrey Festival of Musical Theatre and Performing Arts is in collaboration with Broadwater School for 2021. The Festival includes Musical Theatre, Speech & Drama, Dance, Art and Singing. For more information or details of how to take part please visit: <https://sfmt.org.uk/>

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. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

Safeguarding...

We are committed to ensuring the safety of your children. The 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' document has been updated for September 2021 and can be found on the Department for Education [website](#).

All staff and Governors have annual safeguarding and eSafety training. Our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy has been updated to reflect the changes and additions to the KCSiE document will be available on the website within the next two weeks. Should anyone have any questions about these or any other documents relating to Safeguarding please do not hesitate to ask.

REMINDERS....

Late arrivals and holiday

A polite reminder that our doors open at 8.45am each morning. The register is taken at 8.57am and learning begins. Children arriving after 8.57am are classed as late and they miss valuable learning time. We understand that on rare occasions, things happen and the morning runs late. However, this should not be a regular occurrence. Please make every effort to have children in school on time ready for a great day.

At Moss Lane we have an Attendance 'Hero' system, which stands for:

- Here
- Everyday
- Ready
- On time

Could I once again remind parents I **do not** authorise Special Leave of Absences unless the request meets the exceptional circumstances criteria. There will also be penalty fines incurred for unauthorised special leave of absences for five or more days in line with our Attendance Policy - £60 per child per parent/carer. These will be issued by the Local Authority.

As travel restrictions may continue to ease, **please can I ask that holidays are only taken in holiday time, not in term time.** Our children have already had significant interruptions to their learning over the past 18 months and therefore should not be taken out of school for an additional holiday or a day out.

News from the PTA...

