

# Moss Lane School

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Dear Families,

A big welcome back to the Autumn term and a special welcome to our new children, staff and parents. I hope you all had a lovely summer with lots of adventures and fun! We are very proud of our caring community here at Moss Lane and I am sure that it will not take you long to settle in.

It is lovely to see the children and staff after their summer break and everyone looks smart in their school uniforms. The children in Year 1 and Year 2 came in beautifully and it is always amazing to see how much they have grown!

Our new Bees have also started school and have had a great start. We are all looking forward to getting to know them and I hope that you enjoy becoming a part of Moss Lane School.

We have a very busy term ahead so please ensure you check and **empty** your child's book bag **daily**. Do not forget to download the eSchools App if you have not already, to ensure you get the most up to date information. For more information about dates, clubs, Governors and the PTA, please take a look at our [website](#). The website holds most of the information that you need on school life however please call the office if you need anything else.

Our theme for our assemblies this week was thinking about our school vision of **Safe and happy, aiming high!** We also looked at and talked about our three school golden rules of: -

- Be ready
- Be Respectful
- Be Safe

Our school value this half term is 'Friendship'. The children had some lovely ideas about what qualities make a good friend and what they can do to be good friends to others.

I would like to wish you all the very best for the term ahead.

Mrs Abbott  
Headteacher

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## Front Gate...

**When entering and exiting school please check that the front gate is closed and bolted behind you.** This is paramount to keeping children at Moss Lane safe. Please do not let people you do not know follow you in.

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## What's coming up...

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

- PTA Welcome coffee morning for new families 9.15am-10.00am

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

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## Scooters & Bikes...

Please can we remind all children to walk bikes and scooters through the school car park and playground.

## Playground equipment

Please can I remind all families that the play equipment is out of bounds before and after school. If you see your child on it please ask them to come off.

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## Safeguarding...

The school's Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Mrs Abbott and the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSL) is Miss Betterton. A DSL is available at all times. Please contact the Office if you have any safeguarding concerns or would like advice.

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

### Bees

It has been lovely to do home visits this year and to get to know some of our families before they started. Bees have had a wonderful week and have coped very well with their first few weeks in school. They have been exploring their new classrooms, playground and learning the school routine. They have been working on their fine motor skills by exploring playdough, pushing pegs into boards, building towers and colouring in.

### Year 1

Year 1 have settled very well back at school and have been enjoying learning about their first topic Busy Bodies.

Foxes and Squirrels have been sharing ideas of what makes a good friend. They have explored different types of trees and even 'grown' friendship trees.



### Year 2

Otters and Hedgehogs have made a wonderful start to the school year. The children in year two have been learning about the Great Fire of London. Mr Parker and Miss Clare are extremely proud of how all the children have transitioned to year two.

### Race for Rivers

On Monday a few children went to the River to see a group of paddleboards set off in the Race for Rivers challenge. They will be paddle boarding across the UK to completing a 641km challenge across the length of England connected waterways, testing the quality of the water along the way. The paddle boarders will be armed with sampling kits to test water quality every 5km, collectively gathering more than 750 readings which will be recorded in Planet Patrol's app, to mark the launch of its nationwide citizen science water quality testing programme.

The children took part in testing the local water for nitrates, phosphates and the PH levels in the water. The results showed that we have some work to do in getting our waters cleaner in our local area.

To read more information about the Race for Rivers Challenge please go to the website

<https://planetpatrol.co/race-for-rivers/>

You can also track the paddleboards on their amazing journey.

### Day Timings

8.40am=Gates open

8.45am=All year groups called in

**NB: All children should be in school by 8.50am**

12.05pm-1.00pm=Lunch Time

3.20pm=Home time

## Important Reminder...

### Going home books...

These are blue books that are located outside the office for KS1 and in the classrooms for Reception. If for any reason you are unable to collect your child at the end of the school day, or if they are going home with a friend, please write this in the going home books. Teachers check these books daily. We will not allow a child to go home with another adult if it has not been written in these books. If you have any last minute change of plans, please call the office so they can pass a message onto the class teacher.

**Please do not email the school with changes to pick up arrangements as emails are not always read in time.**

### Drop-off and pick up...

Please make sure your child's carer/parent comes into to the playground and waits with the child until Mrs Abbott calls the classes in. The playground is unsupervised at this time so **children must not be left unaccompanied.**

If your child attends breakfast club please always ring the bell and a member of breakfast club will come to the door. If your child is attending Early bird club you need to come in to school and hand your child over to the member of staff leading the club in the computer suite.

If your child arrives after 9.00am, please make sure you bring them to the school office to ensure they are registered for the day. At the end of the day, please make sure you come into the school playground to collect your child. If you are late at the end of the day please go to the office to collect your child.

### Absence from school...

Please ring before 9.15am if your child is going to be absent for any reason including medical appointments. We can then ensure that their class teacher and anyone else who is affected by their absence is told. Absence for medical appointments should be advised in advance of the date wherever possible. Absence request forms are available from the school office or you can [download one from our website](#) If we do not know where your child is, a member of the leadership team will visit your home to determine where your child is. Absence from school for holidays during term time will be unauthorised except in exceptional circumstances.

### After School Clubs...

Please collect your child from the playground after their club.

**School office hours...** 08.45 – 15.30

## Race for Rivers



## **Staffing**

I would like to introduce two new LSA who have joined us for this year Mr Birmingham and Miss Shinda and Miss Mitchell who is a GLP student teacher.



Miss Shinda



Mr Birmingham (Mr B)



Miss Mitchell



## **WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> Spetember**

The aim of these talks is to provide you with a brief overview of the year ahead with regards to general procedures i.e. home learning, reading and the curriculum. These will all be held in the hall and be approx. 20mins long.

Yr 1=6.00pm

Yr 2=6.30pm

EYFS=7.00pm



## Illness

As we move into Autumn the children will be more prone to colds. To support the school, we would ask parents/carers to talk to their children about 'catch it, bin it, kill it'. Please show your child/ren how to use a tissue to blow their nose, remind them to place the tissue in the bin and then wash their hands. When sneezing the children should try to sneeze into a tissue or the crook of their arm and then must wash their hands.

If your child is feeling unwell and has a high temperature, please keep your child at home and monitor them closely. If your child has a runny nose without a temperature, they should be in school.



## What if my child is showing Covid Symptoms?

Covid symptoms are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

## What happens if a staff member or my child tests positive for COVID-19?

For children and young people aged 18 and under who test positive for COVID-19, the advice is to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for three days. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults.

Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result are advised to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for five days, which is when they are most infectious.

The UKHSA has also published public health guidance on [living safely with respiratory infections, including COVID-19](#).

## **Area SEND inspection: survey information for parents and carers**

Dear parent/carers

Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) are visiting your area, as part of an inspection. We will be looking at arrangements for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). We would like to hear your views about the support that your child receives. You can provide your views by completing an online survey at the following link:

<https://ofsted.smartsurvey.co.uk/p/AreaSend/10284395>

This survey is for parents/carers of children and young people with SEND aged 0-25.

Your views are important to us and will help inspectors understand your child's experience of the SEND arrangements within your area. The survey will close at 9am on Tuesday 19 September 2023. The survey is voluntary, and you do not have to take part. The responses will complement the evidence collected by inspectors during the inspection. We do not ask for your name. If you complete this survey, you consent to the transfer of your information from SmartSurvey to Ofsted.

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Yours sincerely Emma Leavey His Majesty's Inspector