

Moss Lane School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I really do think that it's true – 'not all superheroes wear capes'. We continue to be grateful to you, our parent community, for your support and positivity whilst your children are homelearning. I also want to send thanks to our Critical keyworkers and their children, who are supporting communities through the work they are doing.

A special mention has to go to the staff team, who have shown such dedication to continually learning, adapting, improving and enhancing the way in which they plan for and deliver learning. They have had to manage the regular changes in guidance and requirements from Government, usually at very short notice. Throughout all of this, they have had to work with their own anxieties about the virus, under a rigorous risk assessment which requires constant focus on safety and hygiene in the school building, as well as look after and care for their own families too.

A very big thank you, our team is truly remarkable!

The government has stated that schools will return no earlier than the 8th March. When the Government releases more information we will be in touch with hopefully news of a full return to school.

Last week we heard the very sad news that Captain Sir Tom Moore had died at the age of 100. I can remember last April, with so many people sending him cards in honour of his 100th birthday and being overwhelmed by the response of the general public. He really was an honourable gentleman, who raised over £32 million for the NHS and who always put others first at a time of national crisis and was a beacon of hope for millions. If you are feeling down with the lockdown situation, please remember Sir Tom's wise words 'It's not forever, the clouds will go away.'

Enjoy and have a relaxing, restful and safe half term.

Mrs Abbott
Headteacher



Upcoming Events

15th – 19th February

Half Term
(no children in school)

23rd February

Parent Meetings (All Years)

25th February

Parent Meetings (Year 1)

26th February

Inset Day
(no children in school)

Website Update



Don't forget to check our [website](#) for Coronavirus updates, information for children with SEND, assemblies and other information you might find helpful.

What's going on in school...

Mental Health Week

Last week children took part in Mental Health week. In its 7th year the Theme was 'Express Yourself'. It was about the children finding ways to share their feelings, thoughts, or ideas, through creativity. Which could be through a range of mediums eg art, music, writing and poetry, dance and drama, photography and film, and doing activities that make them feel good.

As a school we wanted the children to remember that being able to **express themselves** is not about being the best at something or putting on a performance for others. It is about finding a way to show who you are, and how you see the world, that can help you feel good about yourself. As part of this week we also had a special 'Time to Talk Day' where we encouraged the children to get in touch and having a chat with their loved ones. This year it has been especially relevant as many people have felt isolated and have had difficulties with their mental health during this very challenging year.

[Click here](#) to check out our mental health page on the website.

Safer Internet Day 2021

This year's Safer Internet day was on February 9th with the theme 'An internet we trust: exploring reliability in the online world.' The campaign focuses on how we can decide what to trust online, supporting young people to question, challenge and change the online world for the better. It explores how influence, persuasion and manipulation can impact children's decisions, opinions and what they share online. The day looked at the emotional impact navigating a misleading online world can have on and why it is important to create a supportive, critical and questioning culture online that encourages debate and discussion.

[Click here](#) to see our Online Safety page on the website.

Pupil Premium Grant (PPG)

Finding out if your child qualifies for Pupil Premium is a really straight forward and discrete process; we check online and only require the parent's surname, date of birth and national insurance number, you do not have to bring in proof of benefits any-more. Any pupil whose parent/s are employed by the Armed Forces are also entitled to additional funding (Services Personnel Pupil Premium) – If you think your child might be eligible for Pupil Premium, please contact the School Office who will respect and deal with any enquiries in total confidence.



Other news...

Lockdown Lunches

The NHS and Change 4 Life has some Lunch Ideas! Great ideas and lunch planner for economical, healthy, lockdown lunches can be found [here](#)

Surrey Arts Instrumental demonstration

Surrey Arts would like to invite your child to our exciting online instrument demonstration on Wednesday 17th February from 5pm to 6pm.

To book a place please [email](#) Sally White.