

# Moss Lane School

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Dear Families,

Happy New Year to you all. I really hope you enjoyed Christmas and had a good rest too. It was wonderful welcoming the children back to school last week where there was such a positive atmosphere around school. The children have come back settled and ready to learn. They have quickly got back into their usual classroom and school routines. It has been wonderful seeing the excitement of being back and reading some of the children's super holiday recounts.

The beautiful writing in classes wowed me; the children really enjoyed getting their Headteacher stickers and Gold awards well done!

We know that many children had issues with illness over the holiday period and we know there are lots of viruses going around, please see the information for what to look out for in terms of Scarlet Fever. We hope the children are returning to school fit and well, but if your child is unable to attend school please report the absence before 9am each day on the school answerphone.

**The next Parent Clinics will be on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.**

To book a slot please call the school office. However if you have any concerns or issues please speak to your class teacher in the first instance. If you feel an issue is unresolved then please book a slot at a parent clinic.

A huge thank you from the staff for the gifts, cards and good wishes at the end of last term, the staff are always very touched at the appreciation for the work they do.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Abbott  
Headteacher

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## **Year 2's Start Swimming**

On Tuesday the children were very excited to finally go on a school coach to Godalming Leisure Centre for swimming. The children had an amazing time and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



Our Value for this half-term is Responsibility.

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## **What's coming up...**

**Tuesday 17th January**  
Year 2 Swimming

**Wednesday 19th January**  
Full Governing Board Meeting

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January**  
Year 1 – Blue Reef Aquarium Trip

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**  
Foxes Woodland School

**Tuesday 24th January**  
Year 2 Swimming

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January**  
Zones of Regulation training for parents 9.15am-9.45am

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February**  
Inset Day

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

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## **INSET DAYS...**

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.

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

### Reception

Bumble Bees and Honey Bees have been busy exploring our new 'On the Water' topic reading the story of 'The Treasure of Pirate Frank'.

### Year 1

Foxes have had a busy few weeks back at school! In maths, we have been exploring all the different ways to represent ten. We even collected groups of objects like straws to represent a group of ten. We then used our groups of tens to make some teen numbers.

Squirrels have been working hard this week remembering their number bonds and using them to help learn about tens and ones in numbers up to twenty. We have been finding out super speedy ways of counting the tens and the ones in two-digit numbers under twenty, using tens frames, dienes in columns, numicon, part-whole models and cubes. Great learning Squirrels!

### Year 2

On Monday, Otters enjoyed Woodland School. Due to the poor weather it took place on school grounds.

### Timekeeping

Timekeeping is important in the education of your child. If your child is persistently late, then they are missing out on important learning opportunities at the start of the lesson. Children go straight to their class from the playground 08:45 and lessons start as soon as the register has been taken.

Gates will be closed at **08:50**. If your child arrives after this they must go to the office and be signed in. The school day ends at **15:20**

### Why is school attendance so important?

Moss Lane works closely with children and parents in connection with attendance so that each child can achieve their full potential. By law, all children of compulsory school age (five to sixteen) must receive a suitable full-time education. Once your child is registered at school, you are legally responsible for making sure that they attend regularly and on time. If your child fails to do so, you risk getting a penalty notice or being prosecuted. You should also consider the negative impact upon the following:

- their learning
- their friendships
- their self-esteem and confidence.

### Sickness

Children do get ill which does mean they may need to have a day off school. However, I am aware that sometimes children are missing school when they could be in school learning. The traffic light guidance below may help you decide if your child is well enough to come into school.

RED – STAY AT HOME	AMBER – SEEK ADVICE	GREEN – COME TO SCHOOL
<b>Sickness &amp; Diarrhoea</b> – 48 hours must have elapsed before a child can return to school from the last episode.	<b>Headache, Feeling Sick, Tummy Ache</b> Children often feel unwell if they are anxious, if in doubt contact the school for advice.	<b>Mild cough, Cold, Sore Throat, Feeling Tired</b> We will always contact you if your child is ill during the school day.

## Safeguarding...

### Designated Safeguarding Leads Mrs Abbott and Mrs Betterton

These members of staff monitor and manage all safeguarding practices and ensure staff are supported and have the training they need.

Please ask to see one of these adults if you are worried about the safety of a child at school.

**If you have a safeguarding concern about a child out of school hours then the number to ring is:**

Surrey C-SPA 01483 517898

## Important Reminder...

**All children should have access to a warm winter coat at school.** The children have playtimes outside even during light rain.

PE takes place outside unless the playground conditions are considered to be dangerous or there is a torrential downpour.

Again, **please ensure that your child is equipped with a full PE kit.**

This should include: Plain black shorts /joggers, red plain T-shirt/polo shirt, school jumper and trainers.

**Jewellery should not be worn** in school for health and safety reasons. Thank you.

Minutes late per day	Learning time lost in a year
5 minutes	3½ days
10 minutes	7 days
15 minutes	10 ½ days
20 minutes	14 days
30 minutes	21 days



## STREP A AND SCARLET FEVER

The Local Health Protection Agency have highlighted information for parents regarding the recent high number of and Strep A and Scarlet Fever cases. Strep A causes infections in the skin, soft tissue and respiratory tract. It's responsible for infections such as tonsillitis, pharyngitis, scarlet fever, impetigo and cellulitis among others.

**Scarlet fever** is a contagious infection that mostly affects young children. It's easily treated with antibiotics. The first signs of scarlet fever can be flu-like symptoms, including a high temperature, a sore throat and swollen neck glands (a large lump on the side of your neck). A rash appears 12 to 48 hours later. It looks like small, raised bumps and starts on the chest and tummy, then spreads. The rash makes your skin feel rough, like sandpaper. On white skin the rash looks pink or red. On brown and black skin it might be harder to see a change in colour, but you can still feel the rash and see the raised bumps. A white coating also appears on the tongue. This peels, leaving the tongue red, swollen and covered in little bumps (called "strawberry tongue").

While infections like these can be unpleasant, they rarely become serious, when treated with antibiotics. Below are the links to recognising the symptoms of Strep A and Scarlet fever.

NHS Choices - [Scarlet fever - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

Recently published blog - [Group A Strep - What you need to know - UK Health Security Agency \(blog.gov.uk\)](https://blog.gov.uk)

### **Surrey Adult Learning**

Surrey adult learning are offering a variety of free Family Learning courses for parents and carers, to help support you with your child's learning and development. You can sign up on the [Surrey Adult Learning website](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/adult-earning/courses/family-learning).

For adults wanting to boost their own confidence in numeracy, free course have also been launched and are available to anyone aged 19+ who does not have a GCSE at grade C (or equivalent) in maths.

To find out more go to:-

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/adult-earning/courses/family-learning>