



MOSS LANE SCHOOL

Value of the month March



**March 12th 2018
Spring 3**

Trust

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a very cold and snowy few weeks but it is good to see the days gradually becoming longer and the occasional glimmer of sunshine. Hopefully we can begin to look forward to sunny days and warmer weather.

Since the start of this term we have been working hard on the way we teach phonics. We have focused on the formation of sounds, known as phonemes and how precision is absolutely key to the learning process. When I look back at how I was taught to read, there certainly have been a lot of changes, for example we do not pronounce the c as 'cuh', n as 'nuh' or sh as 'shuh'. When you can, take a minute to look at the short video clip, it really does make the phonemes very clear, please follow the link:-

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BqhXUW_v-1s

This will be on the school website under Links—'Articulation of Phonemes'.

Our Year 1 children will be taking their phonics screening the week of June 11th.

Year 2 SATS

During the half term after Easter, the Y2 children will be taking part in the statutory Standard Assessment Tasks (known as SATs). All children take part in the tasks at a level that is appropriate to the child. We deliver the tasks as part of normal activities, sometimes the children don't even realise it is anything different and we often refer to them as quizzes!

Obviously we make sure they tackle them as confidently as possible. SATs form part of the teacher's overall assessment of the children's attainment. The final judgements as to their levels will be made at the end of the summer term and reported to Y2 parents with the child's annual report. Please endeavour to ensure your child's attendance and punctuality is excellent to help us with this process.

It's Snowing

The Beast from the East finally arrived last week and sent most people running for the hills. Not here at Moss Lane, the children were so excited to have fun, play and explore in the snow.



World Book Day....

On Wednesday we celebrated World Book day. All the children came in- to school with amazing costumes and talked avidly about their favourite books and stories.



Fairy Tales at Eastlake

Last Monday a group of children visited Eastlake Residential home to celebrate World Book day. The children treated the residents to retelling of their favourite fairy tales .

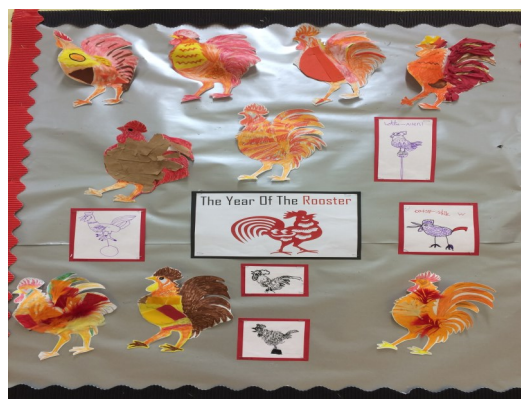


PTA

A big thank-you to the PTA who also organised a book swap. They raised £100.

Learning at Moss Lane..

The children celebrated Chinese New Year and were involved in an assembly showing a traditional lion dance. Children learned all about this colorful celebration and learned that this year is the year of the Rooster. See if you can write your name in Chinese using the link: www.chinesetools.eu/names



Bears African Adventure

The children in Bears were treated to a wonderful day filled with traditional African dance and drumming. Oumar, originally from Senegal, brought his 'Djembe' drums to school and treated the whole to school to mini djembe concert. Through the morning, Polar and Panda bears were taught how to play a djembe drum. They learnt to play 'bass', 'tone' and 'slap' notes. All the children joined in with great enthusiasm and created some wonderful music. The afternoon saw both classes learn traditional African dance moves. They were very tricky but with a lot of perseverance, the children mastered the moves!

Changes in the School Office

As you may be aware, Mrs Riley will be leaving Moss Lane just after Easter to move on to pastures new. I am pleased to announce that Mrs Ballard will be taking over the role as School Business Manager, and we are now looking for a School Office Assistant to assist her. Please find the job advertisement attached along with this newsletter, and do feel free to share with anyone who you think may be interested.

Ducks arrive at Moss Lane.....

During the snowy weather our ducks arrived. Sadly the children missed them hatching. Once the children arrived back on Monday we had six gorgeous ducklings.



I know some families have asked what will happen to the ducks once they leave Moss Lane. They will be released on a local farm where they will enjoy living in their natural habitat.

This week the children introduced them to the water for the first time. It was incredible to see them go from tentatively exploring to very quickly developing in confidence diving and whizzing about! Watching their natural instincts kick in is truly amazing and very moving to witness.

Winter Vomiting

Thankfully we have not seen an outbreak of this virus so far this year, but I thought it might be timely to issue the school guidance advice for your information. Norovirus, also known as the winter vomiting bug, is the most common stomach bug in the UK. NHS Choices, in collaboration with the Food Standards Agency, has put together this useful guide to help schools and parents understand Norovirus, from detection to prevention.

What is Norovirus? Norovirus is highly contagious. It's particularly prevalent in schools and nurseries as the virus can survive for several days on surfaces or objects. But it can affect people of all ages and cause vomiting and diarrhoea. There is no cure for Norovirus, so it has to be left to run its course. The symptoms are unpleasant and can initially be quite distressing, but they shouldn't last for more than a couple of days. Adults and children with Norovirus symptoms should avoid visiting GP surgeries or hospitals to prevent the further spread of the virus. Because the virus is highly contagious, children who have Norovirus symptoms must remain off school or nursery for 48 hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea to stop the spread of the infection to other children and staff.

Different types of Norovirus

Norovirus is the most common cause of stomach bugs in the UK, with at least 25 different strains known to affect humans. Each year, it's estimated between 600,000 and 1 million people in the UK catch Norovirus – because there are so many strains, we don't develop immunity to it. The virus is sometimes called the "winter vomiting bug" as it's more common in winter. However, you can catch the virus at any time of the year.

How do you treat Norovirus?

To treat the symptoms of Norovirus, we recommend the following for children and young people:

- Ensure they drink plenty of water to avoid dehydration.
- Give them liquid paracetamol for any fever or aches and pains.
- If they feel like eating, give them easy to digest foods such as bananas or brown rice.
- Stay at home – there is nothing the GP can prescribe for sickness and diarrhoea, although your local chemist may be able to provide rehydration solutions.
- Contact your GP or NHS 111 to seek advice if the symptoms last longer than a few days, or visit [nhs.uk/norovirus](https://www.nhs.uk/norovirus) for more information.



Mother's Day Morning

Thank you to all the mothers and other adults that attended today. It was another magical morning working with your children.



Maths Activities

Year R

Year 1

Year 2

Ordering Numbers Show Grouping in 2's and 5's Divide by 2,5,10 group some numbers up to 10 Give your child a small ing/repeated subtraction and ask your child to say quantity of objects such Using objects from around the number. Then give as beads. Ask them to the house create division them numbers 0-10 and find out how many number sentences by ask them to put in order there are by counting grouping. Take 10 objects from the smallest to the objects into groups and make groups of 2. largest or largest to of either 2's or 5's. How many groups do you smallest. Extend to rec- When counting the have? Write a number sen- ognising numbers to 20 amount ensure your tence. Extend to take 11 and ordering them. Then child says the multiples objects and group by 2,5 pick 3 to 6 random num- aloud eg. 2,4,6,8,10 or 10. What do you do bers up to 20 and ask etc. Extend to test an with the remaining object? your child to order them. amount. Can the ob- Can you write a number jects be grouped into sentence

500 Words competi0on 2018



Chris Evans' Breakfast Show have again launched their annual writing competition for children – 500 words. It is now one of the most successful story-writing competitions for children in the world, with three quarters of a million children having written a story in the 7 years it's been running. The competition is open to anyone aged between 5 and 13 years old on 8th June 2018 and a full time resident of the UK. To enter you need to write an original story that is no more than 500 words long and enter it into the competition using the entry form on the website (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00rfvk1>). Why not have a go and see what fantastic idea you can come up with?

Parent Clinics

Parent clinics are a good opportunity for you to discuss any concerns/worries that you might have about your child with Mrs Abbott. You should have discussed these issues with your child's class teacher in the first instance. Then, if you feel they have not been resolved please make an appointment via the school office.

Our next parent clinic is Tuesday 13th March from 9am-10am, and appointments last approximately 15 minutes.

Sandals

Please can I remind parents that if you are buying summer shoes/ sandals for your child over the Easter holidays please buy ones that are enclosed and not open.

The Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub

Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm. The Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) responds to initial enquiries about children, young people and adults. The MASH is based at Guildford Police Station and combines Children's Service social workers, Adult's Service social workers, and health and police staff. If you have a concern about a child, young person or adult, please contact the Surrey MASH:

Phone: 0300 470 9100

• Email: mash@surreycc.gov.uk

Learn more about the Surrey MASH

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/childrens-social-care/contact-childrens-services>

Dates for your Diary **Spring Term 2018**

March

Tuesday 13th Parent clinic 9am-10am

Wednesday 21st YR2 Badminton Festival

Wednesday 21st FGB 6.15pm

Thursday 29th **Last day of Spring Term 1.30pm finish**

April

April 16th **INSET DAY**

April 17th Children back into school

April 17th Forest school Foxes class

April 25th FGB 6.15pm

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