

Friday 10th May Newsletter

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Dear Families,

A warm welcome back to everyone after what we hope was a relaxing, fun and enjoyable Bank Holiday weekend. The last few weeks have been very busy, full of fun.

We are now starting our assessment period for end of Reception, Year 2 SATS and Year 1 and Year 2 Phonics checks. Teachers have to assess the pupils against government expectations. The outcome of these assessments will be reported within the end-of-year report in July. Good attendance will help to ensure children reach their full potential.

I can hardly believe that we are now in our third and final term of the academic year! The Summer term is our transition term, where we start to think about the children's next steps and ensure that they are fully prepared. For nursery children who will be school age in September this may look like spending some time visiting Bees and getting to know the adults and the environment there. For Year 1 they are beginning to sit and work on tasks for longer periods of time and dipping their toes into the waters of more responsibility. Year 2 children are becoming more independent in their learning in preparation for spreading their wings in readiness for Year 3 at their new schools.

In truth, the children are always on this journey at Moss Lane School taking tiny steps forwards, increasing in independence and responsibility, but the Summer Term gives us a wonderful opportunity to mark the milestones and celebrate their achievements. It is also a very busy term, filled with activities and fun. There are a LOT of dates for your diaries, so please do make sure you check the online calendar and make sure your diaries are up-to-date. Enjoy a restful weekend.

Victoria Abbott
Headteacher

National Walk to School Week...

We are encouraging our children, who do not normally to walk to school, to ditch the car and walk to school this May.



Whole School
Attendance for the year

95.8%



Our value for this term is

Resilience

What's Coming Up...

Monday 13th May

Woodland School Honeybees

Wednesday 15th May

Reception children health checks

Thursday 16th May

Class photos
Parent clinic, 9-10am

Monday 20th May

Woodland School Foxes

Wednesday 22nd May

Reception children health checks

Friday 24th May

Inset Day school closed

27th May -31st May

Half term

Monday 3rd June

Woodland School Foxes

Wednesday 5th May

Sports Day (morning)

Saturday 15th June

Moss Lane Summer Fair

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

Mental Health...

Don't forget to check out our Mental Health and Wellbeing page on the [website](#).

Toys in school...

Children **should not** bring toys from home into school. These are often the source of disagreements or upset when they go missing/get broken etc.

What's going on in school...

Bees

Last Wednesday our Bees classes took a trip to Fairy Land and explored a magical journey through various traditional tales. We were visited by storyteller Danya Miller, who charmed the children with her stories of Stone Soup, Mashenka and the Bear and other songs and rhymes. The children looked amazing in their costumes and came up with fantastic ideas for their own stories. In the afternoon we learned about the story of Goldilocks and The Three Bears, after discovering that Goldilocks had made a terrible mess in our classrooms over lunchtime!



Whole School

Artist of the term

Summer 2024

Dame Paula Rego

In assembly this week, the children have learned all about the late Portuguese – British artist Dame Paula Rego. They learned how she drew from her imagination and was inspired by stories – from the traditional folk tales and nursery rhymes she heard her grandmother tell when she was a young girl to books that she read. Many of her paintings include different characters, like birds, rabbits and monkeys.

I have asked the children to create a picture of their life as a fairy tale - what would it look like? They could choose a fairy tale and put themselves in it, or use a mixture of fairy tale ideas. Materials they could use might be pencil, coloured pencils, paint, chalk, wax crayons – whatever they choose.

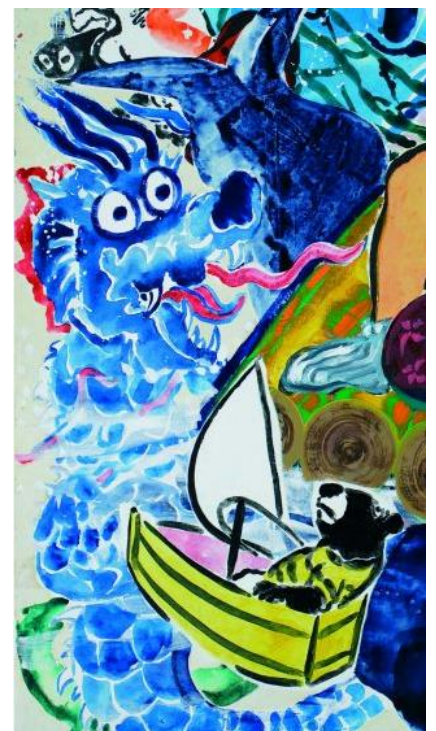
Please be mindful that if you Google her work some of it may not be child friendly. It might be a good idea just to review the fairy tales that they already love and put themselves in it.

The children can give their pictures to me in Squirrels class. We will have a gallery of our Moss Lane artists' fairy tale work in the hall for everyone to admire!

Thanks very much – have fun!

Mrs Smith

Art and Design and DT Lead



SAFEGUARDING...

Are you concerned about a child?

Please share your concern with one of our safeguarding leads: Mrs Abbott, Miss Betterton, Mrs King and Miss Forbes Wood. If urgent and out of school hours please contact:
Surrey C-SPA 0300 470 9100 cspa@surreycc.gov.uk

Accidental Injuries...

Please can we remind families that if your child has had an injury that has resulted in bruises, scratches or marks that are significant whilst not at school, that you inform us to ensure that staff are aware. This is in line with school procedure. Thank you for working together with us to keep all the children safe.

Safeguarding topic 'County Lines'...

'County Lines' is a term used to describe criminal gangs based in cities using, often vulnerable, young people to transport drugs or money to towns and villages such as Godalming and Farncombe.

Ofsted Parent View...

Ofsted Parent View is an opportunity for you to give your view on our school. The questionnaire can be completed at any time - you don't have to wait until the school is being inspected.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

Clubs

If your child attends any paid clubs within school please can you ensure that it is written in the front of the going home books so that teachers are aware who is attending which club.

Weather...

When the weather improves, please make sure that children come to school with a sun hat and their water bottle. You will need to apply sun cream before school to protect your children, as staff are unable to apply it during the day. Children still need to come to school with a coat in case it rains.



National Autistic Society comes to Moss Lane!..

On Tuesday 2nd July at 9:15am, the National Autistic Society is coming to Moss Lane for a parent's information session about what support and services they can provide for families. This is such an exciting opportunity and is open to all of our families- whether there is someone you know who is pre or post diagnosis or you would like to find out more about autism and the charity. Very few people know that the Surrey Branch of the society is actually here in Godalming and there is a wealth of support right on our doorstep. Tea and coffee will be provided. Our SENCo Miss Forbes has just run the London Marathon for the NAS and we hope to work with them closely in the coming years.

Please email senco@moss-lane.surrey.sch.uk to let us know if you are planning to attend.

School Readiness for new Reception year parents...

If you have a child that will be starting in Reception year in September, the Surrey School Nursing Team is offering free virtual events on school readiness and early toileting for parents and carers this summer. Please visit their website for more information:

[School Nursing team Spring 2024 update :: Children and Family Health Surrey \(childrenshealthsurrey.nhs.uk\)](https://www.childrenshealthsurrey.nhs.uk/)



Summer Reading Challenge...

The Summer Reading challenge 2024 theme this year is "Marvellous Makers!". It starts on Saturday 6th July and finishes on Saturday September 14th 2024. It would be wonderful if lots of Moss Lane children took part.



Reading Every Day...

Reading practise is the single most beneficial activity that you can support with at home. The progress made across the entire curriculum for a child that has daily reading practise is markedly different to that of a child who does not read daily with an adult. Whilst we would sincerely love to be able to read one-to-one with every child it simply isn't possible, and so there is an expectation that all school aged children will read daily at home.

If you are struggling with this, or feel that you need some advice or strategies to help you, please let your child's teacher know so that we can arrange some time to support you.

Reading bed time stories together, talking about the text, the characters and what is happening in the story builds the foundations for a love of books and the motivation to learn to read independently when the time comes.

Funded early education for two-year-olds...

Funded Early Education for two-year-olds (FEET) offers eligible families receiving additional forms of support, up to 15 hours of funded early education and childcare a week for 38 weeks a year. You can find out if your child can get FEET by checking the [eligibility criteria on the FEET webpage](#)

Working parents entitlement...

From April 2024, working parents of two-year-olds may be eligible for up to 15 hours of funded early education and childcare a week for 38 weeks a year. This is already available for eligible working parents of 3 and 4 year olds, in addition to the universal entitlement. You can find out if your child is eligible for the working parents entitlement and learn how to apply by visiting the [Working parents entitlement](#) webpage.

Universal Entitlement for three and four-year-olds...

In England, all [three and four-year-olds are entitled to up to 15 hours of funded early education and childcare a week](#) for up to 38 weeks a year. This is to give children the opportunity to take part in planned learning activities and help prepare them for school through the early learning goals set out in the [Early Years Foundation Stage](#).

This is a universal offer and is available to all children regardless of their family circumstances. It can be accessed through a childcare provider who is registered with Surrey to claim the funding on your behalf.

Local Events...

Grandpa Kuma Storytime with Michelle Maiden

Godalming Library, Saturday 25th May at 2.30pm.

Join Michelle Maiden, as she reads her new book "Grandpa Kuma" for children, followed by an origami bear and colouring activity. Grandpa Kuma has travelled all the way from Japan to see his granddaughter, Miko, and she is very excited. They both have lots they want to say to each other but they don't speak the same language. So, will it be possible to play and have fun together before Grandpa Kuma flies home? A gentle look at language and the barriers it can create.

For more information and to pre book a ticket see: [Grandpa Kuma Storytime with Michelle Maiden at Godalming Library](#).

Godalming Carnival 2024...

Moss Lane has once again been invited to participate in this year's carnival, which will take place on **Saturday 1st June**. We are delighted to be taking part in this popular town event and would like to invite children from across the school to be involved in the dinosaur themed parade. For more information, please see the letter that was sent out to parents via eSchools on the 3rd May.

Moss Lane Summer Fair...

This year's Summer Fair will take place on **Saturday 15th June**.



FAMILY LEARNING



Free Courses for parents and carers

Surrey Family Learning offer **FREE** courses and workshops to help you create a better family life.

Do you want to help your child or teenager to improve their behaviour, development and learning?

Book onto one of our tailored courses today to begin supporting you and your family. Find more information at:

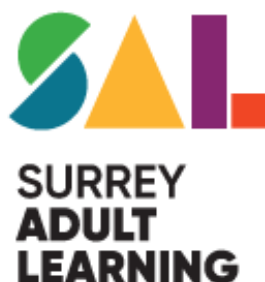
 surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning



...or scan here

Courses available

- **Parenting** Help understand your children and teenagers' behaviour, anxiety and mental health.
- **English as an Additional Language** Support for you and your child with English and how education in England works.
- **Maths** Learn about methods used in schools today.
- **Literacy** Learn about how English is taught in schools today.
- **Cookery** Be inspired and cook healthy family dishes together.



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HALF TERM EVENTS

AT HASLEMERE MUSEUM



Family Events

Thursday 30 May, 10.30am-1pm

Get Creative

A chance to be creative this National Creativity Day. Come along and let your creativity flow! Try out different media, including paint, charcoal, pen and ink, collage.



Friday 31 May, 2-4pm

Family Skittles

Try your hand at our indoor skittle alley and try to win a prize. We will also have bar skittles, bagatelle and shove ha'penny. Book as a team or make new friends as we make up teams on the day.



Museum Explorers 5-11

(accompanying adult is optional)

Tuesday 28 May, 10.30am-12pm

Pond Dipping

Join us to investigate what lives below the surface of the Museum's beautiful pond and then see them up close using the digital microscope.

Saturday 1 June, 10.30am-12pm

Traditional Games

Have a go with our bagatelle and shove ha'penny boards and then make your own simple versions to take home.

Plus - for the grown-ups!

Friday 31 May, 7 for 7.30pm

Fundraising Skittles Evening

Make up a team of 6 for the 'serious' skittles game and try your hand at bar skittles, bagatelle and shove ha'penny too. With bar for beer, wine & snacks. Either book as a team or meet new friends as we make up teams on the night.

Book all events at haslemeremuseum.co.uk/whatson

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