

Moss Lane School

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Dear Families,

I hope you all had an enjoyable half-term. We are now starting the second half of the spring term and the children have come back to school after the half-term break the superstars that we know they are!

Cool Milk

Please can we ask you all to have a chat with your little people about their milk preferences and check your Cool Milk account. We have several children who really want milk but aren't on our lists and some who are on the list but really don't want it!

Just a little reminder to please keep on reading at home with your child. It really does make a difference, enhances their vocabulary and developing confidence and empathy skills too.

Date for your diary 17th March 9.15am-10.15am for Someone Special morning. This is when you can come into school and spend an hour with your child in their classroom.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mrs Abbott
Headteacher

NEU Teachers Strike Action

As you will be aware, there is ongoing industrial action scheduled for the 15th and 16th March. On the last 'Strike Day' we were able to keep the school fully open, with the caveat that this may not be the case on subsequent strike days. **We will keep you updated.**

Health and Well-being

As illnesses set in you may find this NHS website page useful for information about school attendance. Is my child too ill for school? The children's mental health charity, Place2Be, has a website aimed at helping parents with typical situations they can find themselves in with their children.

Advice can be found on over 40 topics including:

- Understanding sibling rivalry
- My child is lying, what does it mean, what should I do?
- My child has trouble going to sleep
- My child says 'I hate you!'
- Cultural identity: who am I?

The Parenting Smart website

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>



Our value for this term is

Respect

What's Coming Up...

Monday 6th March

Foxes at Woodland School

Tuesday 7th March

Year R Nurse Visit

Monday 13th March

Squirrels at Woodland School

Friday 17th March

Celebrate Someone Special Day

Monday 20th March

Honey Bees at Woodland School

Wednesday 22nd March

Parent Clinic

Monday 27th March

Bumble Bees at Woodland School

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

Safeguarding...

Please help us protect your children by putting away mobile phones when entering the school premises (including the playground).

Please also ensure that your child remains close to you when coming to or leaving school. Cars can come down Moss Lane very quickly and we would hate for anyone to get hurt.

Please ensure that you do not park outside the school gates **at any time.**

World Book Day

Another wonderful celebration of World Book Day. Thank you to everyone who participated, there was an abundance of wonderful costumes on display. The children were kept busy with a range of book-related activities—quizzes, making book covers, reading, acting out stories and making puppets of their favourite character.



Year 2 participated in 'Stop, Drop & Read!' throughout the day.

Choosing winners for both the 'Extreme Reading Competition' and costume effort was a challenge this year—the effort put in by everyone was brilliant.

After much deliberation, Flora & Lily were awarded the prize for teachers' favourite homemade costumes—Betty and Burglar Bill were proud! Ivy, dressed as Mirabelle, had worked hard to produce her costume independently!

Bebe, in Foxes, was triumphant with her ability to levitate and read all at once—extreme reading Bebe—well done! Avianna was a super runner-up with her reading in the shower! Excellent work everyone!



Important Reminders...

Dogs

Please can I remind families that dogs are not allowed on the school site. If you choose to bring your dog to drop off or pick up, please ensure you are able to enter the school site without your dog. It is not safe for teachers to send children to the back gate nor is it ok for pupils to be sent into the playground without an adult in the mornings. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parent Matters

Please can I remind everyone that the first port of call for any parent matter is with your child's class teacher. After that, a member of SLT can deal with your enquiry and then if things aren't resolved please make an appointment to see myself.

Office Hours

Just a reminder that the school office hours are from 8.45am to 3.20pm daily - this includes the telephones, although of course you are very welcome to leave a message or send an email outside of these times as well. If you are waiting at the gate, please be patient as it may be that the admin team are on the phone or have been called away. They will get to you as soon as they can. Thank you.

Morning lateness

Please can I again remind families to sign any children in via the front office if they arrive after 8.45am. This is to ensure that all children on site are safe and accounted for.

Fantastic FRED

On Wednesday, Moss Lane was visited by The Fantastic FRED Experience. This is a preventative and educational mental health resource for primary-aged children delivered by a team of trained actors. The children had so much fun!

This video is a summary of what the children learnt. You can watch it here so that the children's learning can carry on at home too: www.thefantasticfredexperience.com/for-parents-guardians

Year 1

The Foxes and Squirrels have been getting stuck into their new topic and have been writing their own versions of the Three Little Pigs story. As part of World Book Day celebrations, Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler joined us remotely in the classroom for a few stories and illustrations.



Charities

Melissa, in Foxes, spent her Saturday keenly fundraising for the charity Unicef who are supporting those affected by the Earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. Melissa and her family held a 'nearly new sale' outside of their home to raise funds. Well done Melissa for being so amazing and charitable!



Scotathon

A big 'thank you' to our PTA for organising the Scotathon event. There is still time to donate via the fundraising app if you haven't already contributed!



Scooters

It's so great to see so many children travelling to school on their scooters each day! I

Just wanted to remind families that once children get to school, they must dismount their bikes or scooters and walk them through the playground - this is to avoid any accidents.