

Moss Lane School

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Dear Families,

I would like to begin this week's newsletter with thanking all parents for your support and commitment to the school during this time. This is in particular regard to staffing, which has been different for some classes over the past few weeks. We are pleased to have been able to keep all classes open and look forward to welcoming children and staff back to school as they end their isolation.

For more information on the latest guidance please see the revised '[stay at home](#)' guidance which was updated on 17th January 2022.

Winter Watch is back on television and although it is on a little late for the children, you may want to watch it on 'catch up'. I saw last term how much the children enjoyed being outside at woodland school and their delight when they spotted something new or noticed a change that was taking place. Winter Watch and some of the other nature programmes can help them discover even more wildlife from around Great Britain along with fascinating facts and stunning images. The BBC have once again produced a list of things that you may want to go out and spot with the children. Some of the things are easy to spot and others will be much harder. They range from finding the tracks of a mammal to finding the nest of a harvest mouse. A link to the list can be found [here](#)



If you wanted a challenge, you could try to identify what bird you are hearing. The Big Garden Birdwatch [website](#) has recordings of different common birds that you can listen to and try to match to the birds you can hear in your garden or whilst out and about.

Whatever you get up to this weekend I hope that you have fun and that you are able to spot some of the wildlife in and around Godalming.

Mrs Abbott
Headteacher



Our value for this half term is

Responsibility

Upcoming Events...

Tuesday 1st February

Year R – River Walk
Year 1 – Bob the PAT dog in to visit
Year 2 - Swimming

Tuesday 8th February

Year 2 Swimming

Wednesday 9th February

Year R – Water themed dress up day

Thursday 10th February

9 – 10am Parent Clinics*

Monday 14th February –

Friday 18th February

Half Term

Monday 21st February

INSET DAY – no children in school

Tuesday 22nd February

Rocksteady Music Workshops
Year 2 – Swimming
Parents' Evening (Late)**

Wednesday 23rd February

Full Governing Board Meeting

Thursday 24th February

Parent's Evening (Early)**

*To book a slot please call the school office

**We will inform you ASAP if parents' evening will be in person or via Zoom

What's going on in school...

Year 1 – Under the Sea Day

Last Monday lobsters, mermaids, sharks, fish and many other exciting under sea creatures met us at school. The Year 1's used their trip to the aquarium and the special topic day to help them as a spring board to some creative writing.



Goodbye and Good Luck!



Unfortunately, for Moss Lane we are saying a sad goodbye to Emma Harrison. Miss Harrison has been a member of staff at Moss Lane for a very long time and I know all staff, parents' and children will greatly miss her. Please can we send her out a big thank you for everything she had done for the school over the years and wish her all the best for the future.

At the end of this half term we will also be sadly losing Karen Sutton as our Home School Link Worker. Karen has worked with our families and been an invaluable member of the Moss Lane pastoral team for over 10 years and leaves a significant pair of shoes to fill! I am sure you will join us in thanking her for her contribution and best wishes for the future.

Pupil Progress...

Each term the Senior Leadership Team in conjunction with class teachers looks at the progress of the children. We are using School-led Tutoring Funding to provide additional support for some children with a particular focus on phonics & writing.

Stay Healthy...



To promote healthy living, the [NHS](#) have developed a Food scanner app to make it easier for families to find healthier food and drink options.

Important Reminder...

Pupil Premium Grant (PPG)

Schools can receive additional funding for pupils whose parents are in receipt of certain income-related benefits. For any pupil entitled to Pupil Premium, the additional funding means that we are able to provide extra support in many ways.

Any pupil whose parent/s are employed by the Armed Forces are also entitled to additional funding (Services Personnel Pupil Premium) – do let us know if this relates to your child

For more information, please visit the [school website](#).