

# 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.

A date for your diary is Friday 8th 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

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## Reminders...

### 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.

### 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.

### Scooters

It's so great to see so many children travelling to school on their scooters each day! Once your child get to school please can they dismount their bikes or scooters and walk them through the playground - this is to avoid any accidents.

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Our Value for this half-term is  
Respect.

## What's coming up...

### Monday 4th March

Bumblebees at Woodland School

### Thursday 7th March

World Book Day

### Friday 8th March

Someone Special Day

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> March** Science week

### Monday 11th March

Otters Woodland school

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> March

Book fair

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March

Honey Bees Woodland school

### Monday 18th March

Foxes Woodland School

### Tuesday 19th March

Parent clinic

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

PTA Movie night

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March

Squirrels Woodland School

### Wednesday 27th March

Easter hat parade

### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

End of term 1.30pm finish

Please see our online calendar of events [here](#).

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## INSET DAYS...

- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024
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### Office Hours...

Just a reminder that the school office hours are from 8.30am to 3.30pm daily - this includes the telephones, although of course you are very welcome to leave a message outside of these times. 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 remember that school starts at 8:45am. Please sign any children in via the front office if they arrive after 8.50am. This is to ensure that all children on site are safe and accounted for.

### Mindworks...

Mindworks is the emotional wellbeing and mental health service for children and young people in Surrey and their website includes information, advice and resources for young people, families, parents and carers, and anyone working with children and young people.  
<https://www.mindworks-surrey.org/>

### 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 19th March 9am-10am.

The appointment lasts approximately 15 minutes.

### Parent/carers entitlements survey...

Surrey are asking parents/carers to take part in a survey to gather views regarding early education and childcare for 0-4 year olds and also for out of school childcare provision for 5-11 year olds during school term time. In doing this it will help them make sure we have enough high-quality education and childcare and wraparound places for everyone that needs them.

<https://www.surreysays.co.uk/csf/early-years-expansion-entitlements-parent-survey>

### Parents Evening...

Thank you to all the parents who managed to attend parents evening last week. We hope you found the information about your child informative. If you were unable to meet with your child's class teacher please speak to them directly about a time to catch up.

### 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**.

### Events coming up...



## Health and Well-being...

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>

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

### **World Book Day 2024 – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

We are delighted to be celebrating World Book Day again this year. World Book Day organisers continue to promote the importance of reading for pleasure. The theme this '**Read Your Way**'.

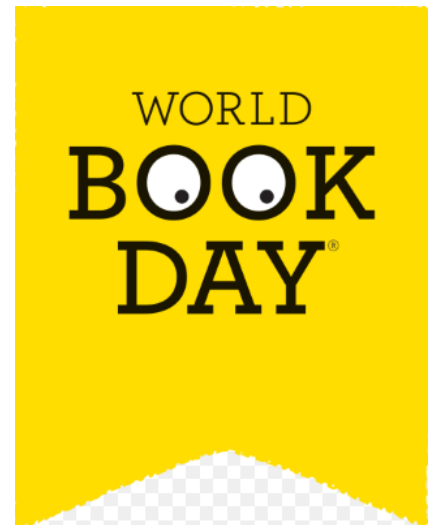
World Book Day takes place on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** and we hope you will join us as we come together to encourage every child in school to be a reader and love books. To celebrate World Book Day, we will have plenty of fun activities taking place throughout the week including a visit to the library, book making, frequent storytelling and much more.

Children are invited to come to school dressed in something that reflects their personality (colours, club kit, sparkles, comfy clothes, sportswear etc.) or dressed as a book character. Outfits and costumes can be put together from items that you already have at home. There is no expectation on families to buy costumes.

This year we will be running a fun '**I read it my way**' competition. Children are invited create a small model, paint/draw a picture or compose a collage of themselves reading in a way they enjoy or in a place they enjoy.

Please leave entries in the World Book Day competition box in the front entrance between 29<sup>th</sup> February and 4<sup>th</sup> March. Please ensure all entries are clearly labelled with children's names and classes. A few prizes will be given but **ALL** entries will be displayed around the school.

**Children will be bringing home a World Book Day book token. Please look out for it in book bags.**



## **Celebrate Someone Special Day - Friday 8th March 2024**

On Friday 8th March we will be hosting the first of our two Celebrate Someone Special Days here at Moss Lane School.

We are delighted to invite one person per family to join their child/children at school on Friday 8th March for a fun session between 9.00am and 10.00am (due to space we unable to accommodate pre-school age siblings but babes in arms are welcome). If you have more than one child at Moss Lane we will ensure that you can all work together.

During the morning we will be inviting adults and children to work together to make and decorate a gratitude jar.

For the session, we ask that families bring to school a clean empty jam jar with lid. School will provide tissue paper and decorations, and there will be scissors, tape, glue, pens and pencils available too.

Children should arrive at school on this day at the usual time of 8.45am. Class teachers will register their classes as normal, and parents will be invited into the building at 9am.

Please may we politely remind you that for safeguarding reasons, mobile phones should not be used whilst inside the school. Class teachers will be taking photographs which will be shared.

We look forward to welcoming you for this event.

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