

# Moss Lane School

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Dear Families

I hope you all had a lovely half term break and welcome to Anne-Marie Holland-Leader who joins us as an LSA. The children have settled back into their routines very well.

This week children have been thinking about the many celebrations that happen at this time of year. It was lovely to welcome Mrs Jones into Year 1 to talk to the children about Diwali and thank you for providing the special Diwali sweets.

Last week we held our parent's evenings, giving you a chance to meet with the class teachers to discuss your child's progress. I hope that you found this beneficial. We certainly loved having you back in the classrooms and we hope that you enjoyed visiting the classroom where your child spends their time learning.

In our last newsletter, we shared about the importance of reading. Some interesting statistics have come from a study carried out in America to see what difference reading to a child makes to their vocabulary, the findings, which are below, are eye opening! The study worked out how many words a child would have heard by the time they were 5 and the difference reading to them made.

Never read to	4,662 words
1-2 times per week	63,570 words
3-5 times per week	169,520 words
Daily	296,660 words
Five books a day	1,483,300 words

Access to language opens up opportunities for our children, so please do keep reading great stories, poems, articles and books to your children.

As a school, we also promote resilience at every opportunity for our children. This comes through assemblies, class discussions and through the curriculum. We discuss how making a mistake is not a bad thing as this helps us to make improvements and correct our mistakes. In classrooms, we use the Learning Pit/Cellar to support the children's understanding of the importance of resilience to achieve a challenge. When you are talking to your children, please reinforce this message.....*mistakes help us to gain knowledge and lead to success!*

Take care and have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Abbott  
Headteacher



## Upcoming Events & Reminders

**W/C Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November**  
Anti-Bullying Week

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November**  
Odd Sock Day  
Foxes at Woodland School

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November**  
FGB Meeting

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November**  
Children in Need Pyjama MUFTI

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November**  
Squirrels at Woodland School  
PTA Film Night

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November**  
MUFTI in exchange for filled sweetie bags  
Final date for Art competition entries

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November**  
Godalming Light Switch on

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**  
Christmas Mini Market

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December**  
999 MUFTI

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December**  
FGB Meeting

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December**  
Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**  
PTA Christmas Christingles / Decoration

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**  
Christmas Performances  
Year R – 09.30  
Year 1 – 10.30  
Year 2 – 14.15

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December**  
Christmas Parties

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December**  
Term ends at 13.30

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

### Bears met some feathered friends

Bears were thrilled to have Huxley's Birds of Prey visit them last week. The children enjoyed meeting a range of owls, including a huge European Eagle Owl. They also enjoyed seeing other birds of prey such as a baby kestrel, which every child was able to hold on their hand. This visit kicked off our Feathered Friends topic for the half term, and the children have since enjoyed reading the story of Owl Babies and learning new facts about owls. We hope you have enjoyed looking at photographs on our eSchools pages of the visit.



### Year 2 Perform Workshop

Our Year 2 children enjoyed an 'out of the ashes' workshop morning. Learning about how the Great Fire of London started, and learning about life in 1666.



### Thanks from the community store



From all the volunteers: a huge thankyou to you, your staff, parents and pupils for the generous donation.

We appreciate you choosing the store to receive the gifts from your Harvest Festival, which we know is an important date in the school calendar.

The store relies on the kindness of the community to support local people who need help acquiring even the basics of life. Thankyou.

### News from the PTA...

You should have received a mini-market flyer in book bags this week. This details all the dates and important information about this wonderful event.

It does not work without your help so thank you in advance.

If you have any questions please contact Nicola Riley (Mum to Olly in Hedgehogs)



## Safeguarding...

### Front Gate

Please could you ensure that you bolt the front side gate behind you and not hold the gate open for any visitors or late children even if you know them. All visitors must buzz the bell and report to the office when entering the school site. Please can I remind that no dogs are allowed on to school grounds even if carried in arms.

## Important Reminders...

### ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Following a visit from our Education Inclusion Officer, I need to remind you of the importance of arriving at school on time and not requesting holiday leave as the absence level is increasing.

It is very important that you arrive at school on time as this can be very disruptive to the teacher and the rest of the children's learning. If you are late, please come to the school office to sign your child in and a member of staff will take them to their classroom. **This applies to all classes.**

The Inclusion Officer has asked us to monitor attendance and punctuality, and has requested we send individual letters for persistent absence and lateness.

If your child is off school for any reason, please ensure you call school first thing in the morning and report the absence. If school have not received a message, our safeguarding procedures mean that a member of SLT might attend your family home to ensure that everything is ok as your child would be classed as 'Missing from Education'.

**Ofsted Parent View** gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about your child's school from the quality of teaching to dealing with bullying and poor behaviour. The survey can be completed any time; you don't have to wait until the school is being inspected. Click the link below followed by 'Give your views' to register and complete a survey to help our school improvement journey.

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