



## MOSS LANE SCHOOL

### Value of the month January : *Honesty*



January 19th 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year! It has been a pleasure to welcome the children back to school and to hear of all their adventures over the Christmas break.

I would also like to take this opportunity on behalf of myself and all the staff, to say a BIG thank you for all the lovely cards and thoughtful presents we received at the end of last term.

Thank you to also to all of the parents who give up their time to help with various activities within the school. Your time and effort is very much appreciated by both staff and children and it is lovely to see parents getting involved with the school day.

This term, please join me in welcoming back Ms Bowes and Miss Hilyard who will be retuning to school after their periods of maternity leave. They will be returning to Year 2 Hedgehogs class, where they will be doing a job share.

Sadly we will be saying good bye to Mrs Timmer once Ms Bowes returns and I would like to thank her for all her hard work and dedication to Moss Lane.

It's been a busy couple of weeks back at school. Children in Year 2 have already visited the Godalming Museum to learn more about the Titanic.

As you are aware, it has suddenly got a lot colder! Please ensure that your children have a coat with them every day. Please also listen to Eagle Radio, or check the school's website to check that school is open if we have an overnight snow fall.

Kind regards

Mrs Abbott



*This week ...*

### **Year 2 Visit Godalming Museum**

Children from Year 2 went to the Godalming Museum to learn more about the Titanic and Jack Phillips. They were also lucky enough to have a visit from the museum where they got the chance to dress up in all sorts of clothing that passengers and crew on the Titanic would have worn in 1912. A great time was had by all.



Learning about  
Morse Code and  
how to send SOS  
messages.



*Last week..*

### **Bears' Pirate Hook Day**

On Monday 8th January, Moss Lane School was invaded by a huge gang of pirates! Polar Bears and Panda Bears enjoyed a fun day of dressing up, playing pirate games, tasting pirate food (hard tack—yuk!) and many other exciting activities. This 'hook day' was planned in order to give the children an exciting and enthusiastic start to their new topic for this half term.



*Last week ..*

## **Forest School**

Polars and Pandas have had a brilliant time on their first forest school trips. We built shelters and had them tested with a bucket of water! We also played games in the woods, climbed trees and learned about how to be safe around the campfire. We used a special fire lighting tool to create a spark to start a fire, and then toasted marshmallows for our snack.



## **Sleeping Beauty**

Last week a theatre group came to school and performed Sleeping Beauty. It has truly inspired some of the children's writing especially looking at the character of Maleficent.





*Last week..*

### **Finding Nemo Day**

Last week, in Year 1, had a Finding Nemo day with a carousel of fun filled activities. They were introduced to the artist Sharon Cummings who creates tropical fish art using crayons and paints. They then created their own masterpieces using mark making for lines and patterns then adding colour with crayons. Some of the activities were paper plate fish, adding to weaving and even listening to Jasmine's mummy talking about scuba diving. It was a fabulous day that all the children loved.



### **Parent's Evening**

This term's parents' evenings will be on Monday 5th February and Tuesday 6th February. They will be held in your child's classroom with the exception of Panda Bears which will be in Mrs Abbott's office and Polar Bears which will be in the ICT suite. You will be able to book your 10 minute appointment via the school website. You can book online from Sunday 28th January from 7.15pm.

### **World Book Day**

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 1st March. Children may come to school dressed as their favourite book character to help us celebrate.

### **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 13th March from 9am-10am, and appointments last approximately 15 minutes.

### **Pupil Premium**

Schools can receive additional funding for pupils whose parents are in receipt of income-related benefits (including Income Support, Child Tax credit (so long as you don't also receive working tax credit), or income based Jobseekers Allowance). For any pupil entitled to Pupil Premium, the additional funding means that we are able to provide extra support in many ways, examples being extra learning support or to fund a place at an after-school activity club. If you think your child might be eligible for Pupil Premium, please contact the School Office who will respect and deal with any enquiries in total confidence. Finding out if your child qualifies for Pupil Premium is a really straightforward and discrete process; we check online and only require the parent's surname, date of birth and national insurance number, you do not have to bring in proof of benefits anymore. 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.

### **Class letters**

Class letters for this half term are now up on the school website. The class letters tell parents all about what your child will be learning in that half term. If you do not have a computer please speak to the office and we can give you a paper copy. The topics for this term are as follows:

#### **Spring 1**

**Yr R** The Pirate Cruncher

**Yr 1** Commotion in the Ocean

**Yr 2** Iceberg Ahoy!

#### **Spring 2**

Handa's Surprise

I'll Huff and I'll Puff

Raise the Drawbridge

# Dates for your Diary Spring Term 2018

## February

Friday 2nd PTA Quiz night  
 Monday 5th Parents' Evening 3:30pm—7:00pm  
 Tuesday 6th Parents' Evening 3:30pm—5:30pm  
 Tuesday 6th Internet Safety Day  
 'Create, connect and share respect'  
 Wednesday 7th Dance Festival at Broadwater

Friday 9th **INSET Day**

Monday 12th - Half Term

Sunday 18th

Wednesday 21st FGB 6.15pm

Monday 26th School duck eggs arrive!

## March

Thursday 1st World Book Day

Friday 9th Mothers Day 9.15-10.30am

Tuesday 13th Parent clinic 9am-10am

Wednesday 21st YR2 Badminton Festival

Wednesday 21st FGB 6.15pm

**Thursday 29th Last day of Spring Term—School closes at 1.30pm**

## INSET DATES

**Friday 9th February 2018 & Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

<b>Spring First Term</b>	4 Jan 2018 (Thu)	9 Feb 2018 (Fri)
<b>Spring Half Term Holidays</b>	12 Feb 2018 (Mon)	16 Feb 2018 (Fri)
<b>Spring Second Term</b>	19 Feb 2018 (Mon)	29 Mar 2018 (Thu)
<b>Easter Holidays</b>	30 Mar 2018 (Fri)	13 Apr 2018 (Fri)
<b>Summer First Term</b>	16 Apr 2018 (Mon)	25 May 2018 (Fri)
<b>Summer Half Term Holidays</b>	28 May 2018 (Mon)	1 Jun 2018 (Fri)
<b>Summer Second Term</b>	4 Jun 2018 (Mon)	20 July 2018 (Fri)