



**16-10-20
Autumn 1**

Dear Parents / Carers,

Harvest Festival is always such a highlight to this term. It marks an important seasonal and faith celebration and in normal times it also gives us a lovely opportunity to welcome the our new Reception children and their families to Moss Lane. As it is still an important time of year that we wanted to celebrate an online video will appear on your classes eSchools page on Friday 23rd October. I hope you will watch it and share in our celebration.



We are asking for a donation of items for the Godalming Food Bank this year. The Food Bank have specifically asked us for instant coffee, washing up liquid, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables & tomato ketchup this year but donations of dried pasta, tinned meat, fish or vegetables are also welcome along with household cleaning products and toiletries.

We will be accepting donations from Monday 19th –Friday 23rd October. Please you children into school with their dona-

tion where they can place it in a box at the entrance to school.

Many thanks
Mrs Abbott

Parent's Evening

Our parents evening his term will be held via Zoom this year. It will run over three nights with 10 slots each night from 3.30pm to 5.30pm with 10 minutes per ap-
pointment.

- Tuesday 3rd November
- Wednesday 4th November
- Thursday 5th November

Booking will go live on Wednesday 21st October via the eSchools page as normal.

You will need to download zoom prior to the meeting. Please follow the link below to help you set up Zoom.

<https://www.howtogeek.com/661924/how-to-set-up-a-zoom-meeting/>

Please ensure you enter the meeting room at least five minutes before your ap-
pointment time. The teacher will then admit you at your booked slot time.

If you don't have internet access please speak to your child's class teacher who can arrange a telephone call meeting instead of a zoom.



Children in Need

On Friday 13th November we will be raising money for this years Children in Need. Please bring in a £1 and come dressed in yellow or spot-
ty mufti.



Coats

We expect children to have a coat in school **at all times**.

GLP

The Godalming Learning Partnership (GLP), in partnership with Winchester University, is now recruiting its 3rd cohort of trainee teachers to start in September 2021. The one year *GET Teaching* Schools Direct programme provides the perfect



combination of immersive classroom experience with academic study at Winchester University. Trainees teach in two primary phase schools in Godalming and surrounding areas as well as spending one day a week studying either at Winchester University or with a senior practitioner from another GLP school.

Our first successful cohort has begun teaching careers within GLP schools and elsewhere, having fully embraced virtual learning and online teaching driven by the pandemic. Our

eight current trainees are back to teaching face to face and looking forward to gaining invaluable experience of the wide range of school settings we can offer them.

To find out more about the course and how to apply visit www.getteaching.org or contact Associate Director, Andrew Smith on: director@godalminglearning.org.uk

Road safety



We are extremely lucky at Moss Lane that we have been able to arrange our staggered drop off and pick up so easily and we are very grateful for your continued support in this. Please could you remember that although the road up to school is one way it can still get busy with cars. Please make sure your children are closely supervised at all times as they walk up to school to keep them safe.

Competition

Seymours are running a photo competition. Upload your favourite photo of the area (taken in 2020), and you will have the chance of winning either £750, £500 or £250 John Lewis vouchers. They will also kindly match this with a donation to Moss Lane School's PTA. For more information please visit: <https://bit.ly/2ENIYDE>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Following a visit from our Education Inclusion Officer I am reminding you of the importance of arriving at school on time and not requesting holiday leave. It has been noted that the absence level is increasing. Please can I remind you that the Headteacher can only authorise leave under special circumstances. Please see our Attendance policy on the website.

It is very important that you arrive at school at your bubble time. It can be very disruptive to the teacher and the rest of the children's learning if you are late. Please come to the main school gate and press the buzzer if you are late 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 over the year and we will be sending individual letters for persistent absence and lateness. If your child is off school for any reason please ensure that you call school first thing in the morning and report the absence. If school have not heard our safeguarding procedures mean that a member of the SLT might attend your family home to ensure that every thing is ok as your child would be classed as 'Missing from Education'.

Please find on the next page a letter from the Educational Welfare Officer.

Dear Parent/Carer

Penalty Notices to Address Poor Attendance at School

A Penalty Notice may be issued as an alternative to the prosecution of a parent/carers for their child's unauthorised absence from school and will be used by Surrey County Council in the following circumstances :-

1. Pupils identified by police and inclusion officers engaged on Truancy Patrols and who have incurred unauthorised absences.
2. Leave of absence in term time (5 days or 10 sessions or more). **Please be aware that The Education (Pupil Registration)(England)(Amendment) Regulations 2013, which becomes law on 1st September 2013 state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The Headteacher is also required to determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.**

In such cases the Headteacher/Governing Body have to judge whether there are exceptional circumstances and may request that the Local Authority issue Penalty Notices when the absence is not authorised. Warnings will not be given where it can be shown that parents have been notified that such absences will not be authorised.

3. The issue of a Penalty Notice will also be considered where it is judged that a parent is failing to ensure their child's regular school attendance. This will be considered if the attendance is below 90% and there are 7 or more unauthorised sessions in the previous 6 school weeks, which may include a pupil arriving late after close of registration.

If you believe at any stage that your child's absence from school may leave you liable to receive a Penalty Notice, it is extremely important that you take action without delay to secure their regular attendance. If you have any questions or require further support to achieve an improvement, please contact the school or the Inclusion Officer.

Penalty Notice relating to Exclusions

If a child is excluded from school, Section 103 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 places a duty on parents/carers to ensure that their child is not in a public place without justifiable cause during school hours. This duty applies to the first five days of each exclusion. Failure to do so will render the parent/carers liable to a Penalty Notice. (Alternative education provision will be made available from the sixth day of any exclusion.)

Amount Payable for a Penalty Notice

The amount payable for a Penalty Notice issued in any of the above circumstances is £60 if paid within **21** days of receipt of the Notice, rising to £120 if paid after **21** days but within **28** days. If the Penalty Notice is not paid, the recipient will be prosecuted in the Magistrates Court for the offence for which the Notice was originally issued.

Please be aware that each parent is liable to receive a Penalty Notice for each child who incurs unauthorised absences, for example, if there are two parents and one child, each parent will receive one Penalty Notice.

If there are two parents, and two children incur unauthorised absences, each parent will receive two Penalty Notices, which in this case would amount to £120 each if paid within 28 days.

Advice and support is available from an Inclusion Officer by contacting your local Education Office as follows:

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| North West | Tel: 01483 518130 | South West | Tel: 01483 517179 |
| North East | Tel: 01372 833588 | South East | Tel: 01737 737777 |

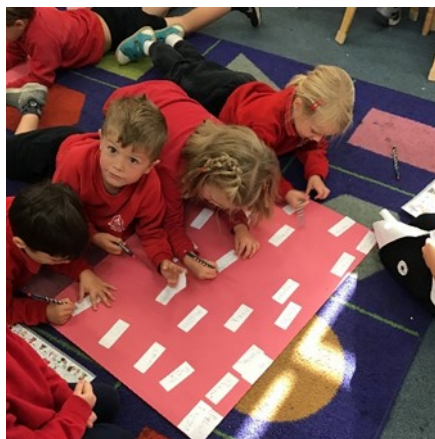
Learning at Moss Lane — Bears

Bears have enjoyed the lovely autumnal weather these last two weeks. We have visited the allotment for the first time, looking at how the allotment works. We used this trip as an opportunity for a Sound Walk and tuned our ears in to see what we could hear.



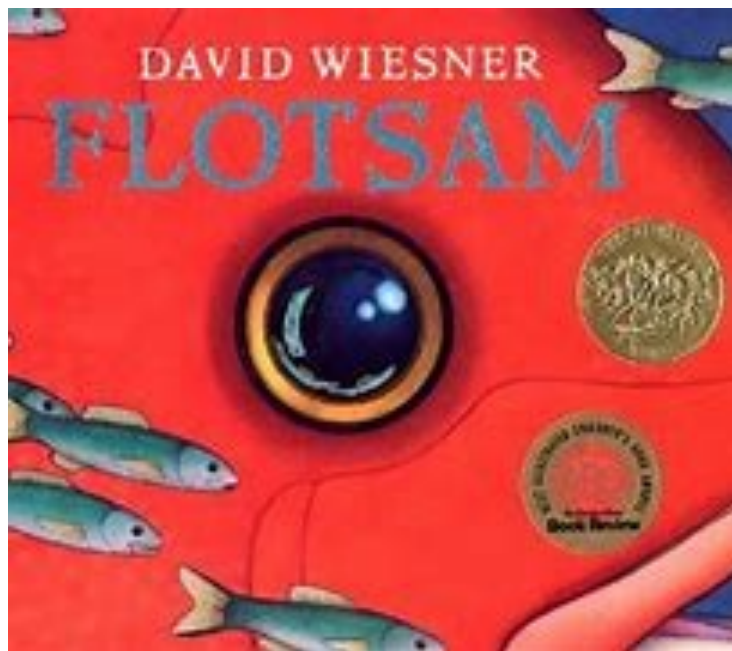
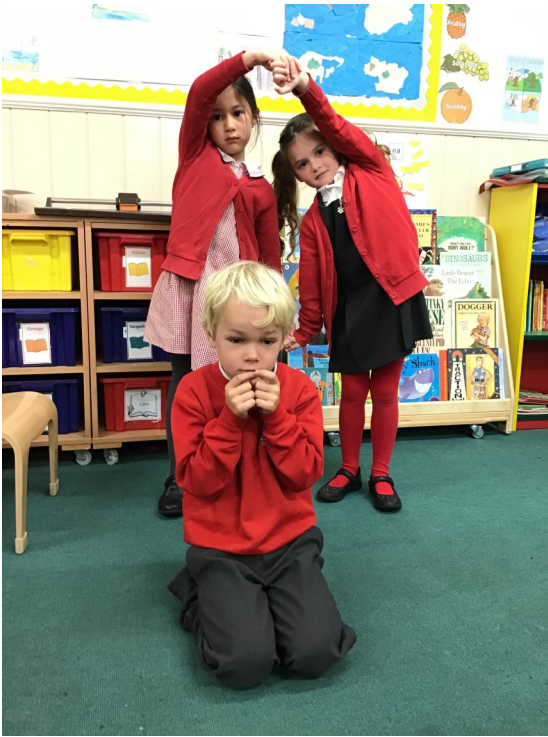
Learning at Moss Lane — Year 1

Year 1 have had lots of fun hunting for signs of Autumn. They went on an Autumn walk, cooked with conkers and had messy play with pumpkins and other squash-es. They have even written their own leaf poems. In Maths they continued to practise adding two numbers together and this week had fun with 2d and 3d shapes. In art they learnt about Wassily Kandinsky and were so inspired they created their own Concentric Circle art.



Learning at Moss Lane — Year 2

Year 2 have been looking at the picture-less book 'Flotsam' this week. It is a story about a boy who finds an underwater camera washed up on a beach. The children acted out their favourite pages from the book before creating their own underwater fantasy pictures to write about.



Dates for your Diary 2020-21

OCTOBER

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| Monday | 19th | Children can bring in food for Harvest- to be donated to Godalming Food bank |
| Friday | 23rd | Online Virtual Harvest available via the website Parent's Evening Booking Opens |

Monday 26th—30th HALF TERM

NOVEMBER

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| Monday | 2nd | Children back to school |
| Tuesday | 3rd | Parents Evening 3.30pm-5.30pm |
| Wednesday | 4th | Parents Evening 3.30pm-5.30pm |
| Thursday | 5th | Parents Evening 3.30pm-5.30pm |
| Friday | 6th | INSET NO children |
| Monday | 9th-13th | Remembrance week |
| Friday | 13th | Children in Need. Children may come in MUFTI |
| Monday | 16th– 20th | Anti Bullying week |
| Tuesday | 17th | School nurse in YR R & YR 1 dental hygiene |
| Wednesday | 18th | FGB (Full Governing Body Meeting) |

DECEMBER

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| Friday | 4th | Mini market (children only) |
| Wednesday | 9th | FGB (Full Governing Body Meeting) |
| Friday | 11th | Christmas Dinner and Christmas jumper day |
| Thursday | 17th | Christmas decorations am/ pm Parties |
| Friday | 18th | END OF TERM at 1.30pm |

2020—2021 INSET DAYS

6th November, 26th February, 19th April , 7th June

**For up to date information on dates please visit our website
www.moss-lane.surrey.sch.uk**