MOSS LANE SCHOOL



Value of the Month July

Courage



2-7-18 Summer 6

Summer has finally arrived and we have been enjoying very sunny days. Can we please remind you that your child needs to come into school with sun cream on, a hat and a full water bottle.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a few thank you's. Firstly to the children whose hard work, enthusiasm and talents make working with them such a pleasure. A huge well done to all of the staff and governors for all of their hard work and commitment throughout the year, and whose efforts are second to none. Finally, a huge thank you to you, the parents and the PTA for all of your hard work and support. Together we all make Moss Lane the wonderful, caring school that it is.

Good luck Year 2 - goodbye to our wonderful year 2 pupils who will be starting their journey at their new junior schools. We will be celebrating their time here with a special Year 2 leavers' disco and leavers' assembly. We wish them all the very best for the future! We shall miss you and good luck!

Mischief Makers



Our local library staff have been telling the children how to take part in Mischief Makers, this year's Summer Reading Challenge.

All the children need to do is register at their local Surrey Library and read 6 library books and visit the library regularly over the holidays, collecting stickers and incentives along the way.

Children's reading can 'dip' during the holidays if they don't have regular access to books and encouragement to read for pleasure. There is no other free reading activity that involves so many children, introduces families to

their library, encourages children to choose books freely and independently and is endorsed by parents, teachers and the Department for Education.

Please encourage your children to visit the library and sign up over the holidays and see the difference the summer reading challenge makes for them.

Banner Winners

After much deliberation we have chosen the 4 children whose pictures will be put on our banner. The winners are:

YrR Eva Gerrard

Yr1 Ellie Pardy

Yr1 Felicity Baker

Y2 Marija Gerasimova

Learning at Moss Lane...

Year R

DAPDUNE WHARF

Polar and Panda Bears enjoyed a fabulous trip to Dapdune Wharf. We learnt all about the boats that travel on the river, and even went inside a boat which would have been used on the river many years ago. We went on a mini-beast hunt, gently shaking creatures out onto a white sheet so that we could take a closer look. We enjoyed a scavenger hunt and collecting items to make a nature crown. A fabulous time was had by all!



<u>Year 1</u> FOXES AT WOODLAND SCHOOL

At Witley woods we went for a nature walk and saw the rare silver studded blue butterfly. We also made bug houses and went pond dipping and caught some newts and pond skaters. At lunch we kept cool by staying in the shade of the trees. It was a fun and educational day for all of us. Thank you to all the parents who helped.





Learning at Moss Lane...

Year 2

CHARTERHOUSE ART MORNING

Year 2 had a fantastic time at their 'Arty Morning' at Charterhouse School. The children took part in an African drumming workshop where they learnt how to play different beats and pitches on the drums. After a quick snack and runabout with their Busbridge friends they were lucky enough to listen to some classical pieces performed by a string quartet and an amazing storytelling about a little rooster.







WOODLAND SCHOOL

Hedgehog class thoroughly enjoyed their last Woodland School trip. They went on a long trek, collected bugs and hugged the trees! They managed to avoid the ticks hidden in the bracken and became experts at finding special types of rock. Their woodland experience ended with games and toasting marshmallows.

Otters had a brilliant visit to Woodland School. We went on a long trek with maps, compasses and bug collecting jars. When we arrived at the heath, we loved spotting rare blue butterflies! In the afternoon, we whittled sticks and then used them to toast marshmallows. Thankfully, we had no injuries this time! We're sad that was our last woodland adventure.

Other School News...

Access

A gentle reminder that to keep the school moving during drop off we must have a one way flow of traffic. Please come **IN** through the door by the playground and then **OUT** through the front door by the office.

Book Amnesty

Our school reading books are really important to us and our children. Throughout the year many books are lost at home or are simply not returned. These books are very expensive to replace so please join our book amnesty and return any books that you find at home that belong to us. Please put them in a bag and hand them to your class teacher or to the office.

Bump Up Day

Bump up day is on Wednesday and the children will be visiting their new classes and teachers. Pupils who are currently in Year 1 and Reception will be bringing home a letter which will tell you what class they will be in next year.

Ready for September please can you practice your parting e.g. a quick kiss and a wave. Also talk positively about coming into school and about being in their new class as it will help to make their transition a really positive one.

Pupil Reports

Towards the end of next week you will receive your child's annual report. The reports are worded for adults and not written to be read to the children. Many parents feel that the report gives a clear indication of their children's strengths and areas for development. Once you have read your child's report if you want to discuss any of it further please book an appointment with your child's class teacher for the last week of term. This is not an official parents evening so it will not be booked via our online system. The reports will also include an attendance profile with your child's overall attendance (1 session = a morning or afternoon so 2 sessions = one day), good attendance is 95% and above. If your child's attendance is below this we will need to see a significant improvement next academic year.

Welcome Talks

Year 2 6:00pm in Otters
Year 1 6:30pm in Foxes
Reception 7.00pm in Bears
Tuesday 18th September
Tuesday 18th September

or

Reception 3.45pm in Bears Thursday 20th September

(Reception parents please choose one session to attend only).

The aim of these talks is to provide you with a brief overview of the year ahead with regards to general procedures i.e. home learning, reading and the curriculum. It is also an opportunity for you to ask the class teachers any questions. Please do not bring any children to these talks.

Lost property

Please check lost property this week. Any thing that is left in the black bin will be disposed of at the end of term.

Parent text and email

Please remember to check your emails daily for letters and reminders sent out from school via email. It is a good idea to check your 'junk' folder occasionally as well, just in case the emails get sent there by your service provider. Paper copies of any forms sent out will be available from the office, so you don't need to have a printer at home. You should also check your child's book bag every day — some notes/letters from your class teacher may be sent out as paper copies if appropriate.

Upcoming Local Events...

<u> Xplorers-Summer Challenge</u>



Waverley Borough Council are again holding the Xplorer event. The family fun navigational challenge.

Come join us at your local parks this summer holidays - explore a park, find the markers, com-

plete the challenge and have fun as a family. Xplorer is the perfect outdoor activity for primary and pre-school children. Xplorer involves a healthy mix of physical activity and decision making. Best of all its FREE!

So put your skills to the test and come join us at:

Broadwater Park: Thursday 2nd August, 10:30-12:30 & Tuesday 14th August, 10:30-12:30

Farnham Park: Tuesday 31st July, 10:30-12:30 & Friday 31st August, 10:30-12:30

Shooting Star Chase—Summer Fair



Ash Friends of Shooting Star Chase are holding a Summer Fair from 12-4pm on 8th July at Tongham Recreation Ground, Poyle Road, Tongham, Surrey, GU10 1DU.

Supporting families across West London and Surrey

Entry costs to the Summer Fair are £1 for adults and 50p for children and Under 5s free.

The charity, Shooting Star Chase, supports children and teenagers up to the age of 21 with life limiting illnesses. The Summer Fair is being organised to raise funds to support Shooting Star Chase to offer palliative care in the home, in the community and at the two local hospices in Guildford, Christopher's, and Shooting Star House, Hampton. This includes a wide range of therapies, short breaks, day care and special activities. Families are supported as well by offering on site family accommodation at the hospices, short breaks and family activities.

The hospices are also supporting families to have hospice care in the home.

To maintain the current level of care costs £10 million. Only approximately 10% of that comes from the government. Local fund raising does make a huge difference to the charity.

Positive Touch—Nearly New Sale



Positive Touch have organised a Nearly New Sale to provide affordable, pre-loved toys, clothes & equipment and to raise awareness of Positive Touch within the local community.

SATURDAY 7th JULY 2018 1pm—3pm QEPC, GU2 9LX

Positive Touch support the babies and families of the Special Care Baby Unit at the Royal Surrey County Hospital during their stay and once they are discharged. Many of these families will have experienced babies born early, some weighing little more than a 1lb, or

term babies that needed intensive care to help them recover from illness.

Dates for your Diary 2018

JULY

Wednesday 4th Bump up day all classes pm Wednesday 4th New Parents first visit 3.30pm

Monday 9th New YrR Teddy Bears picnic 3.30 pm Wednesday 11th New YrR Teddy Bears picnic 3.30 pm

Thursday 12th Open Afternoon 2pm Friday 13th Yr2 Leavers Disco

Wednesday 18th Yr2 leavers assembly 2.15pm

Friday 20th TERM ENDS 1.30 pm

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 4th INSET NO children
Wednesday 5th Children back to school

Tuesday 18th Welcome Talks 6pm Otters

6.30pm Foxes 7pm Bears

Thursday 20th Welcome Talk 3.45pm Bears

(Reception parents please choose one session to attend only)

OCTOBER

22nd—26th HALF TERM

Monday 29th INSET NO children

Tuesday 30th Children back to school

DECEMBER

Friday 19th Finish for Christmas at 13.30

Dates for your Diary 2019

JANUARY

Thursday 3rd Return to school

FEBRUARY

18th—22nd HALF TERM

Monday 25th INSET NO children

Tuesday 26th Children back to school

APRIL

Friday 5th Finish for Easter at 13.30

Tuesday 23rd INSET NO children

Wednesday 24th Children back to school

MAY

27th —31st HALF TERM

JUNE

Monday 3rd INSET NO children

Tuesday 4th Children back to school

JULY

Wednesday 24th Finish for Summer at 13.30