



MOSS LANE SCHOOL

Thank

Value of the Month *Appreciation*

You

December 11th
2017 Autumn 5

Dear Parents and Carers

Christmas is definitely getting closer! There is the lovely sound of children singing all over the school at the moment as they are busy doing their Christmas Performances.

It was lovely to see so many children singing at the Pepperpot on Saturday. The children did very well and lifted the hearts of many on a cold December day.

A big thank you also to all the parents who helped run all the various Christmas activities over this December. As a school we really appreciate all the support and fund raising that you do.

It has been a wonderful term of learning. Everyone has tried their best to fulfill their full potential, and the children have really enjoyed this term's topics and have discovered all sorts of things they didn't know before.

A big thank you to all the staff for their dedication to the progress of the children; my drop-ins and observations this term have shown a high percentage of good /outstanding teaching, with children being well supported and moving on in their learning.

Many thanks must also go to the Governors and to the PTA for all their support this term.

Kind regards

Mrs Abbott



Christmas at Moss Lane



It's been very busy and very Christmassy all over the school for the past few weeks. We have also been busy making Christmas cards and doing lots of other challenges.

Mini Market

Last Friday was the greatly anticipated Mini-Market. It was an enormous success and everyone had a fantastic afternoon. A big thank you to the PTA for coordinating and supporting this extremely popular and exciting event!!



Break dancing workshop



From our collection of Sainsbury's voucher all classes participate in an exciting break dancing work shop.



Christmas at Moss Lane

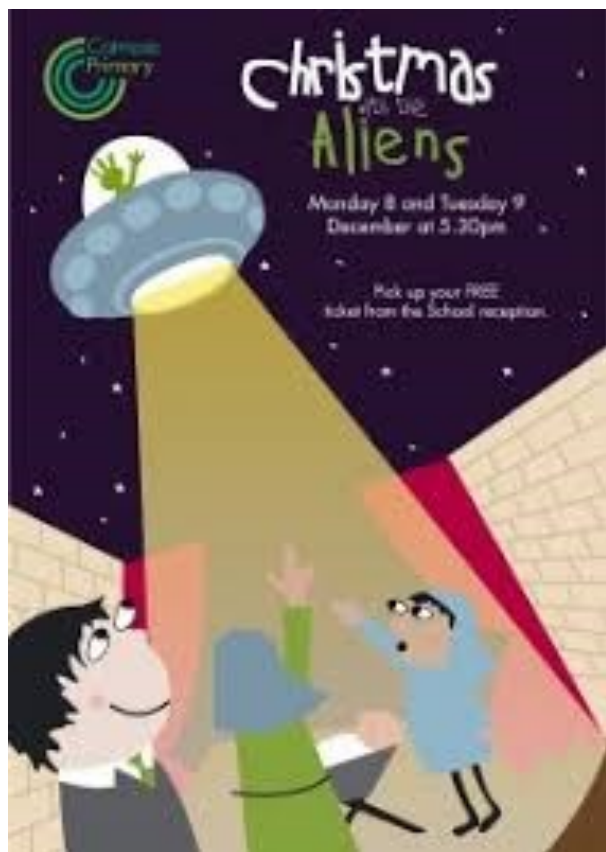


Reception Production

This week has seen children from Reception give two performances of a Wiggly Nativity. It was delightful to watch and all the children had great fun performing to all the parents and grandparents.



Christmas with the Aliens



Finally preparations are under way for the KS1 performance of Christmas with the Aliens. We have been practising in the church and all the children are looking forward to the big day on Tuesday. We even have a wonderful alien space ship with flashing, twinkly lights! A big well done to all the children for learning their lines and words so beautifully. I hope you all enjoy it as much as I did!

Moss Lane Forest School....



Foxes & Otters

Learning about fire safety and roasting marshmallows.



Building a waterproof shelter to keep out the winter rain .

Christmas Parties

On Wednesday 20th December the children will be enjoying their Christmas parties. The children can come to school in their own clothes on this day - please make sure they wear sensible footwear and bring their coats as normal. School lunches on party day will be as normal.



Christmas Post Box

Our Christmas post box is in the corridor by the bottom of the stairs. Please ensure that all cards have the child's full name and class on the front of the envelopes. Year 2 children then deliver the cards to each class. Our last post delivery will be Wednesday 20th December .

Thank you

This term has sped by and I would like to thank our marvellous group of volunteers that come in to school each week to help with reading, maths games, art and so much more. The children love working with you and we are always very grateful for your time and commitment. Also I would like to thank the PTA who run some wonderful events and raise the school so much money. Thank you for your dedication!

Are you worrying about putting food on the table?

If you ever need help with putting food on the table due to a family crisis, please pop in and speak to Mrs Abbott. Alternatively you can contact Karen Sutton (our Home School Link Worker) or pop into the Citizens Advice Bureau or local church and they will offer help. All these agencies can give you short term access to the local food banks . Please don't worry about asking - we are all here to help.

End of term

We would like to remind you that school finishes on Thursday 21st December 2017 at 1:30pm. We are open again on Thursday 4th January 2018.

Security

To keep the school safe and secure we need to carefully control who is in our building. Please can I ask that when you press the buzzer to gain entry, you state your name (including surname) and that you don't let other people waiting behind you into the school at the same time. I know this can appear rude if you are waiting, but this is purely for school site security. Please make sure the gate is closed behind you and bolted.

Library

Our school books are really important to our school and children. Throughout the year many books are lost or simply not returned. These books are very expensive to replace so could you join our book amnesty and return any books that you find at home.

A warm welcome

A warm welcome to Mrs Shreeve who will be working in Panda Bears class covering Mrs Cook's maternity leave .

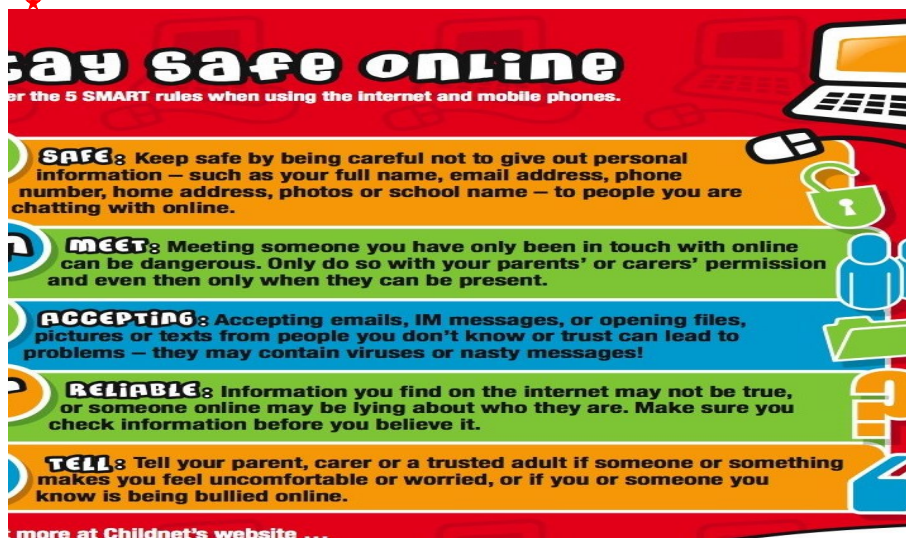
CONCERNS OVER VIDEO GAMES

When parents want to buy appropriate video games for their children, it can be a frustrating experience. There are many games out there that may look like they are aimed at young kids, but they are really better for older children or teenagers. Parents can take a few steps to ensure that they are buying the right games for their system, games that their children can play easily and understand, and games which are not too violent or inappropriate for younger children.

Video games are a booming business especially at Christmas time, and almost every family has at least one gaming console, if not more, as well as handheld consoles for keeping children entertained while travelling. Children of all ages love engaging in games, and some games can keep kids entertained while teaching them too. Video games can help improve children's hand-eye coordination and teach them a bit about healthy competition too.

Some parents have expressed a concern that their children are playing unsuitable video games when visiting friends' houses, and we would ask that parents restrict access to violent games and films. If video games has an rating 15+ or 18+ sign it is not about the difficulty of the game but that it is not suitable for any persons under the age of 15+ or 18+. Research shows that such games can have detrimental effects on developing minds and do not help children learn the values we are trying to instil. So please check when buying games for Christmas for your child that they are suitable. Thank you for your support regarding this matter.

Online Safety



Each half term the children are learning about online safety and the importance of staying safe online. Do talk to your children about what they have been learning in class. It is also worth reviewing your parental controls on your electronic devices to ensure your child can only access age appropriate content.

Lateness and Absence

Morning Procedures: Classrooms doors open at 8:50am for dropping off the children, and children must be in their classrooms and ready for lessons to start at 9am. All parents should have left school premises by 9am please, or have signed in at the school office if they are staying for any reason. If you arrive at school at 9am or later, you must bring your child to the school office so that they can be marked into the register by the office. All lateness is recorded and monitored by the Educational Welfare Officer. If you know you are going to be late for school, it is helpful if you ring school at the earliest opportunity to let them know the situation. If your child is absent from school for any reason, please telephone the school office before 9:30am. We also ask that you provide a letter to their teacher explain their absence on their return to school. (Please always phone the office with any time critical messages such as absence or collection arrangements as we cannot guarantee to read emails at the necessary time.)

Why it is important to be in school on time— Punctuality is linked with good attendance and forms good habits for your child's future. If your child misses the start of the school day, they will miss work and vital time with the class teacher. Important information about the day ahead is often shared with the class in the mornings. Your child may also miss the opportunity to socialise with their friends before settling down to a day of learning. Children arriving late into school often disrupt lessons, which can be embarrassing and upsetting for the child.

Top Tips for parents

- Pack school bags the night before
- Ensure your child has a good bedtime routine so they get plenty of rest and don't struggle to get out of bed in the mornings
- Make time for breakfast before leaving for school
- Aim to get to school 10 minutes before the bell goes
- Invest in a reliable alarm clock
- Contact school if there any issues impacting on your ability to get your child to school on time
- Have a back-up plan in place for getting your child to school: ask friends or family if they can help out in emergencies



Measles Outbreak Information

There is a measles outbreak in Surrey affecting unimmunised children and adults. Measles is highly infectious. It can cause serious illness and can sometimes be fatal. Vaccination with 2 doses of MMR is the only way to protect children and young people. There are also measles outbreaks occurring in Europe, particularly in Romania, Italy and Germany, and if you are planning to travel overseas please ensure that your child is up to date with their routine immunisations, including MMR.

The first MMR vaccine is given to toddlers at the age of 13 months and the second injection at around 3 years and 4 months before your child goes to school. MMR can be given to older children, teenagers and young adults if they missed their injections when they were younger. Contact your GP practice if your child needs an MMR vaccine. The vaccine is free. If you are not sure if your child needs an MMR vaccine, you can contact the GP to ask.

Measles is not just a little kids' problem. Teenagers, young adults and anyone who has missed their MMR vaccination can get measles. The first signs of measles are fever, cough, runny nose and red sore eyes. After a few days, a spotty rash will appear. It starts on the face and neck before spreading to the rest of the body.

If you think your child has measles, ring your GP practice for advice. Don't turn up to the surgery, walk in centre or to accident and emergency without calling ahead. The doctor will make special arrangements to see your child so that if your child has measles – they won't pass it on to others. Keep people with symptoms of measles away from others to avoid spreading measles, and stay away from school, nursery or work for 5 days after the onset of rash.

If you would like more information, see <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>

Safeguarding

We are aware of Surrey children accessing an explicit video involving a child which has been distributed via social media. This is currently under investigation by Hampshire Constabulary.

If you have received this explicit video on Snapchat, Instagram or by any other means you must delete it immediately. If you show this video to someone else or forward it on to other people you could be committing a criminal offence, which the police may investigate and consider prosecution.

The people in the video have been identified and specialist police officers are supporting them to ensure their safety.

If you have any knowledge or relevant information related to who shared this video or how it was distributed, please contact Hampshire Constabulary on 101 as soon as possible.

Nut free zone

Please can we remind parents the school is a nut free zone, and packed lunches should not include any nut produces, for example peanut butter and Nutella.



Emergency School Closures

Our expectation is that the school will, as far as possible, always remain open. In bad weather, it is only when staff are unable to get to work and the safety of the children is thus compromised, or if we have a heating failure or serious loss of power that the school might consider closure. Please remember to tell us if you have changed your phone number and/or e-mail address. If the school is to be closed, we will endeavour to send a text message and/or email out to you as early as possible - power and network permitting. We will also endeavour to post a message on the school website and you can also check the Surrey County Council website for school closures. Listen to either Eagle Radio 96.4 or BBC Surrey Radio 104.6 for closure information .

YR/Y3 September 2017

Don't forget that applications for a school place for September 2018 for YR and Y3 are now open. Applications can be made online at <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app>. The deadline for applications is 15th January 2018.

Lost Property

There is a lot of unnamed clothing in the 'Lost Property' boxes outside Squirrels. If your child has lost any items of clothing this term, please come and look through the box. Any clothing left in the box at the end of term will be resold as second hand uniform or donated to charity! To ensure that your child's clothing can be returned to them, please make sure any clothing brought into school is clearly labelled, and check on a regular basis, that the name is still readable. When you take your child's PE bags home to wash this holiday, please check that you don't have anyone else's clothing!



The staff and governors of Moss Lane School would like to wish you all a



Dates for your diary

Autumn term 2017

Friday 15th	Christmas Lunch PTA Film Night
Tuesday 19th	Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Performance Play 2:15pm At St Peters and Pauls Church
Wednesday 20th	Christmas decoration making (am) & Christmas parties (pm)
Thursday 21st	Last day of Autumn Term—School closes at 1.30pm

January

Thursday 4th	Back to school
Wednesday 17th	FGB 6.15pm

February

Friday 9th	Inset day
Friday 9th-Sunday 18th	Half term
Wednesday 21st	FGB 6.15pm

March

Thursday 1st	World Book dress up 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

February 9th 2018

April 16th 2018