

Moss Lane School

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Dear Families

I do hope you had a lovely Spring break and enjoyed quality family-time together. It has been especially good that the improved weather has supported additional opportunities to get out and about and, in line with the relaxing of some of the restrictions, I am sure many of you, like me, will have enjoyed meeting family and friends outside.

We are really proud of all our children who have settled back into school so well. The school is "buzzing" with happy, smiling faces, so eager to learn and play together.

Thank you, also, for supporting and continuing to observe the key protective measures which are still in place in and outside of school. It is by observing these measures that we have the best chance of "beating COVID" and avoiding the need to return to more restrictive ways of working and living!

It is with great sadness that just before Easter we heard of the passing of Mr Goddard who used to be our caretaker. Mr Goddard had a passion for drawing and the allotment and will be missed. Our thoughts are with his family at this difficult time.

Congratulations to Freya H whose balloon travelled an amazing 711.88km to win the PTA Balloon Race. Thank you to everyone who took part and helped raise over £700.00 for school.

Our Road Safety poster winners are Freyja-Rose and Jake. Their posters will now be made into road signs that will be displayed outside the school gates.

Have a wonderful Bank Holiday Weekend!

Mrs Abbott
Headteacher



Upcoming Events

6th May

Class Photos

10th May

9am-10am Parent Clinic

11th & 12th May

Perform Workshops

26th May

FGB Meeting

31st May – 4th June

Half Term

The Big Ask...



The new children's commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza has launched The Big Ask – the largest ever consultation with children aged 4-17 in England. It aims to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future, so that we can put children at the heart of our country's recovery from Coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak.

If you would like to participate [click here.](#)

What's going on in school...

Caterpillars

This week as part of our Science learning all classes have caterpillars that they have been observing and that will soon be hatching into beautiful butterflies. We will be letting them go on the allotment. It is a wonderful opportunity for the children to see a simple life cycle in action.



Earth Week

We all had a very enjoyable Earth Day at school last week. It was clear that the children had chosen the colours of their clothes with great care and it was lovely to see some jewellery that had been made from recycled materials! Bears learned a song about reducing, reusing and recycling. Year One made clay Earth discs and learned a song called 'Don't Just Throw It Away' and Year Two did some junk modelling with recycled items. It was a day full of appreciation for our planet.

Parent Clinics

These 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. These appointments are virtual so please inform the office if you would like an appointment and we will give you the zoom id code. The appointments last approximately 15 minutes.

Well Being Resources

We would like to share with you some lovely children's books that we recommend for helping you talk to your child about worries and anxieties. To view the books and other helpful resources please see our [well-being page](#) on the website.

Summer is coming! The British ever changing weather

Despite the sun there has still been a cold wind so please continue to send your child in with a coat.

When the weather gets warmer please send your child in with a named sun hat. On hot days we ask that you apply sun cream first thing in the morning before your child comes into school. Please do not send sun cream into school. We have shaded areas on the playground where we encourage the children to play when it is hot. Children could also wear long sleeved shirts if they are very sun sensitive.

If you are buying summer shoes / sandals for your child, please buy ones that are enclosed and not open.



If your child must have a medical or dental appointment in school time. Please try and make it after 2pm

so your child can have their registration mark for the afternoon. If it needs to be in the morning, please try and bring them to school first to get their registration mark and return them to school afterwards. Wherever possible appointments such as dental, medical, opticians should be booked outside of school hours or during the school holidays. Absence Request Forms can be found [here](#).

Veg Power!

As part of Veg Power's on-going mission to encourage the UK to eat more veg, they would like to make it easier for parents and carers to add more veg to children's lunchboxes. Recent research from Leeds University found that only one in five children had any vegetables or salad in their packed lunch.

To support parents, Veg Power has developed a '[60 Second Lunchbox Hacks' PDF](#). It features easy-to-implement ideas and serves to make this task as simple as possible.

For more tips and advice visit our [Healthy School Page](#).

Captain Tom's 100 challenge

Between the 30th April and 3rd May people are being asked to complete a one hundred challenge and make a donation to a charity. In honour of this we are each going to complete 100 jumps during our class time. Perhaps you would also like to complete a challenge? This could be 100 skips, 100 laps of your garden or singing 100 songs. For more information click [here](#).