



Moss Lane School

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Dear Families

A big welcome back to the Autumn term and a special welcome to our new children, staff and parents. We are very proud of our caring community here at Moss Lane and I am sure that it will not take you long to settle in.

It is lovely to see the children and staff after their summer break and everyone looks smart in their school uniforms. I hope you all had a lovely summer with lots of adventures and fun!

The children in Year 1 and Year 2 came in beautifully and it is always amazing to see how much they have grown!

Our new Bears have also started school this week and have had a great start. We are all looking forward to getting to know them all and I hope that you enjoy becoming part of Moss Lane School.

We have a very busy term ahead so please ensure you check and **empty** your child's book bag **daily**. Do not forget to download the eSchools App if you have not already, to ensure you get the most up to date information. For more information about dates, clubs, Governors and the PTA, please take a look at our website: www.moss-lane.surrey.sch.uk

Last week, we held assemblies in the hall for the first time, in a very long time. It was so exciting to be able to talk face to face with the children, rather than via a screen! Our theme for our assembly was thinking about our school vision of **Safe and happy, aiming high!** We also looked at our new school golden rules of:

- Be ready
- Be Respectful
- Be Safe

Our school value this half term is 'Friendship'. The children had some lovely ideas about what qualities make a good friends and what they can do to be good friends to others.

It was lovely to see parents on the playground many thanks to everyone for being so respectful of the need to distance at times.

I would like to wish you all a lovely weekend and all the very best for the term ahead.

With best wishes

Victoria Abbott
Headteacher

Upcoming Events

13th September

Otters at Woodland School

14th September

Welcome Talks

17th September

Hedgehogs at Woodland School

20th September

Foxes at Woodland School

24th September

Squirrels at Woodland School
Year R new parent coffee morning

All calendar dates for the year are available on the school website.

Inset Days 21 - 22

October 22nd 2021

February 21st 2022

April 19th 2022

May 27th 2022

Did you know you can get the latest Surrey Schools Calendar downloaded to your device? Click [here](#) for more information.

What's going on in school...

Bears

It has been lovely to do home visits this year and to get to know some of our families before they started. Bears have had a wonderful week and have coped very well with their first few days in school. They have been exploring their new classrooms, playground and learning the school routine. They have been working on their fine motor skills by exploring playdough, pushing pegs into boards, building towers and colouring in.



Year 1

Year 1 have settled very well back at school in and have been enjoying learning about their first topic Busy Bodies. Foxes and Squirrels have been sharing ideas of what makes a good friend. They have explored different types of trees and even 'grown' friendship trees.



Year 2

Otters and Hedgehogs have made a wonderful start to the school year. They are really excited and looking forward to visiting Woodland school next week. The children in year two have been exploring the qualities needed for friendships, writing recipes for 'friendship soup'. Miss Clare and Miss Betterton are extremely proud of how all the children have transitioned to year two.



Tuesday 14th September

Year 2 6:00pm

Year 1 6:30pm

Year R 7:00pm

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.

These will all be held in the hall and be approx. 20mins long.

Covid Safety measure in place on the evening

Please hand sanitise on entry

We will increase ventilation

Parents to wear masks in the school building

Only one parent to attend

One-way system through front door and out the back door

Slides will be available on the school website for people unable to attend

PTA news...

Welcome to Kate Telfer the new PTA Chair.

REMINDERS....

Safeguarding

When entering and exiting school please check that the front gate closed and bolted behind you. This is paramount to keeping children at Moss Lane safe. Please do not let people you do not know follow you in.

The school's Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Mrs Abbott and the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSL) is Miss Betterton. A DSL is available at all times. Please contact the Office if you have any safeguarding concerns or would like advice.

Going home books

These are red books that are located outside the office for KS1 and in the classrooms for Reception. If for any reason you are unable to collect your child at the end of the school day, or if they are going home with a friend, please write this in the going home books. Teachers check these books daily. We will not allow a child to go home with another adult if it has not been written in these books. If you have any last minute change of plans, please call the office so they can pass a message onto the class teacher. **Please do not email the school with changes to pick up arrangements as emails are not always read in time.**

Absence from school

Please ring before 9.15 am if your child is going to be absent for any reason including medical appointments. We can then ensure that their class teacher and anyone else who is affected by their absence is told. Absence for medical appointments should be advised in advance of the date wherever possible. Absence request forms are available from the school office or you can download one of our website. Absence from school for holidays during term time will be unauthorised except in exceptional circumstances.

Access to school after 9.00 am

If your child is late for whatever reason including medical appointments, please ensure that you bring them to the office where we will mark them in the register and take them to their classroom. This includes children in the reception classes. If your child is going to be late, please ensure the office is advised before 9.15am.

School Office Hours

The office is open from 8.45am until 3.30pm.

Clubs

Please collect your child from the playground after their club.

Uniform

All children should be in their winter uniform after half term.

Lunches

We are a healthy school and we promote healthy eating. Please **do not** include sweets and chocolates in packed lunches.

Please **do not** send nuts, or products containing nuts (such as peanut butter or Nutella), in your child's packed lunches. There are other children and staff in school who have nut allergies that can be triggered by close contact with nuts. **Please let us know if your child has a food or nut allergy.**

Birthdays

Please note we are healthy school and don't encourage the distribution of sweets and cakes in class on a child's birthday.

Belongings

Please ensure you label all school uniform including hats, gloves, coats, shoes, book bags, lunch boxes and water bottles. We are always amazed at the amount of lost property we donate to charity shops so please check the lost property box in the office porch regularly. Children often have the same items and become anxious when they lose something.

Coats

As the weather starts to get colder please send a coat to school with your child. It is better to have a coat that spends all day hung on a peg than teachers trying to find a spare coat for a child because it is too cold outside. The children do play outside in light rain so a coat with a hood is preferable.

Mental Health

I have been asked by the government to share a link to www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk. It includes resources for parents which you may find useful if your child is feeling anxious about being separated from you.

Covid-19

We respond to any Covid related incidents by referring to the current guidance and following instructions from Public Health England and The Department of Education. Guidance will potentially change week by week, case by case. Therefore, the response we share with you will not always be consistent.

Please be reassured that we still take this virus seriously and will continue to ensure that Moss Lane School is as Covid safe as possible.

For the latest risk assessment and outbreak management plan please see the policies page on the school website.