

# Moss Lane School

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Dear Families

It has been lovely welcoming the children back this term. They have settled back into school life and routines seamlessly. The last year has shown us just how resilient and adaptable our children are to whatever is thrown at them. It has only added greater value to our children and shown how building up these skills alongside their academic knowledge is so important. We never know what is around the corner and developing these skills and knowledge at an early age means they are more likely to be able to cope with whatever may happen now and in the future.

Now the demands of home learning are over, the most important thing that you can do over the holiday and next term is to help your child to read regularly which includes phonics learning. In order that the teachers know if your child has read with you at home, please continue to add comments to your yellow reading records. Being able to read opens the door to all other learning so is of critical importance in your child's future success. While children are taught to read in school, regular practice is essential for those skills to become embedded.

I can't believe how the last few weeks have flown by and this week there are some very tired faces. The children have worked so hard this term and are now ready for a well-deserved Easter break.

I hope that you all get time to relax and recuperate as a family.

Happy Easter from

Victoria Abbott and the Moss Lane Team.



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## Upcoming Events

### 4<sup>th</sup> April

PTA virtual balloon Race at noon

### 19<sup>th</sup> April

INSET DAY – no children in school

### 20<sup>th</sup> April

Summer term begins

### 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Earth Day

### 6<sup>th</sup> May

Class Photos

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## Next Terms Topics...

### YR

Traditional Tales

### Y1

What's at the bottom of your garden?

### Y2

Where the Wild Things Are!

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## What's going on in school...

### **PTA Virtual Balloon Race**

Don't forget to purchase your balloons for the Balloon Race on the 4<sup>th</sup> April. For more information on how to purchase your balloons click here for the [PTA Page](#) or go straight to the website [here](#).

### **Earth Day**

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April we are celebrating World Earth Day. During the day the children will participate in a range of activities that will increase and develop their awareness of our earth, climate and the environment. To celebrate this day, we are asking children to come to school in mufti wearing the colours of the earth blue, yellow, brown, green and wearing something that is recycled. We are also asking for a £1.00 donation for an Eco-Project school will be taking part in.

Please [click here](#) if you would like to find out more.

### **Road Safety**

Thank you for all the wonderful posters helping remind people how to stay safe when crossing the road. We will be making our selection of winners shortly. You still have time to take part in the Surrey County Council Safer Travel to school questionnaire. For more information click [here](#).

The Cycle Training Team at Surrey County Council are recruiting for Bikeability Cycling Instructors. If you are interested please visit their [website](#).

### **Clubs**

Don't forget to check out our [Clubs page](#) which has details of clubs that are running, ones that have moved online and other useful information.

### **Digital safeguarding research survey**

Surrey County Council is supporting research that is being undertaken by Praesidio Safeguarding (on behalf of the Government), to understand the impact of legal and policy changes coming into force over the next year that will require internet-based services such as gaming and social media sites to establish the age of their child users with a greater degree of confidence. For more information on how to take part please click [here](#).



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## Other news...

### **Surrey Family Help Hub...**

...is a site with a difference. You can search for information you need based on your child's age, and find tips and tools from a variety of trusted sources all in [one place](#).

### **Godalming Learning Partnership (GLP)**

You can find out all about the GLP at their [website](#), including pictures of all the competition winners.

### **Surrey Day**

BBC Radio Surrey is looking for children (5-11) to sum up Surrey's natural beauty in 60 seconds. They are asked to record a short audio file explaining what they love about Surrey's nature or the challenges faced in the local environment. For more information please [click here](#).

## **Letter from Education Secretary to all children**

I wanted to let you all know how grateful I am for the way you have responded to the huge challenges you have all faced throughout the coronavirus pandemic.

Whether this is your first year at school or your final year of college, I know the disruption you have all faced to your education since the pandemic began has been incredibly challenging and has meant completely changing the way you learn - either learning remotely at home or continuing at school or college with fewer of your friends around you and lots of safety measures in place.

Whether you were at home or at school, the disruption last term and throughout last year asked a lot of you and your families. I am filled with admiration for the incredible way you all responded and the resilience you have shown. Not being in school or college with your teachers and friends was a huge sacrifice. Everything you did, with the help of your families and your schools and colleges, and everything you missed out on - time in school, taking exams, seeing friends, playing sport and much more - made such a huge difference to helping us stop the spread of the virus. I want to say a huge thank you to all of you.

Getting all young people back into school and college safely has been my priority throughout the pandemic. I know how vital it is not just for your education but also to spend time with your friends and to feel happy and secure. All our lives have changed a lot in the past year but the challenges that young people have faced have been some of the hardest. I will continue doing everything in my power to make sure that all of you are supported to boost any areas of work you've had less time at school to study, get the qualifications you deserve and have the opportunities you need to succeed.

Continuing to follow all the safety measures your schools and colleges have worked hard to put in place, as well as taking a test twice a week, is so important and helps us to stop the virus spreading. The testing that thousands of you have been taking part in at school and college is a vital part of this. I am so grateful to you and all the staff who have supported you to do this. I know your schools and colleges have worked incredibly hard to prepare you to test yourself at home.

As most of you at secondary school and college move to testing yourself regularly at home, it's vital that you continue to test and report online twice a week through the Easter holidays and after you return to school. Home testing twice a week for you and everyone you live with makes a huge difference and means you are playing a really important role in helping us move back to a more normal way of life. Your school or college will continue to support you and make sure you have tests. You and your family can also find out more about home testing [here](#).

I was delighted to see the enthusiasm with which so many of you returned to school at the beginning of March and I am sure you have had a wonderful few weeks catching up with your friends and teachers. It was fantastic to meet pupils delighted to return to school on my visits to schools like Arden Academy and Bedford Free School and to see so many more of your reunions on social media. I hope that the new term will be just as enjoyable and successful for all of you.

**Rt Hon Gavin Williamson CBE MP, Secretary of State for Education**

