



Newsletter

Moss Bury Primary School & Nursery
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Easter Bonnets

Wow! There are some amazing Easter Bonnets in school again this year, and whilst they are all fantastic and have obviously had lots of work put into them, we will be judging for a few winners in our assembly on the last day of term.

Closed for Election Days

We are always reluctant to close the school as we know how disruptive this can be for the children's learning and their parents, and especially working parents. However, because we cannot guarantee the safeguarding of the children whilst the public have free access to the school grounds, we feel it is necessary to keep the school closed when it is being used as a Polling Station. Consequently, the school will be closed to the children on **Thursday 2nd May 2019** for the Local Council Elections.

We have just had notification that there may also be European Parliamentary Elections held on **Thursday 23rd May 2019**. Obviously, with the current affairs as they are, this may not go ahead, but if it does, the school will also be closed to the children on that day too.

NO NUTS!

Can we please remind parents that we are a strictly **NUT FREE** school. We have children in our care with severe nut allergies. If your child is bringing in a packed lunch from home, please make sure you are not sending in anything containing nuts.

We would also ask that you send in a healthy packed lunch with no sweets or fizzy drinks. This also applies for lunches when going on school trips.

Dinner Money

Herts Catering Limited will increase the cost of school meals from April 2019. When we return after the Easter holidays, a school meal will cost £2.50 per day, £12.50 per week.

A letter was sent home about the increase in meals and how to apply for free school meals if you are entitled to selected benefits. The school receives additional funding for those parents who are entitled to some benefits and apply for free meals. There was a form attached to the letter, which if you complete and return to the school office, we will be happy to apply for you.

Friends of Moss Bury – Your school needs you!

We are looking to recruit volunteers to help run our 'Fund Raising' events. If you would like to help in this capacity, please contact the school office.

We would like to thank our existing PTA Team for all their hard work and dedication to our school. They have worked tirelessly, giving up their own time selflessly, whilst holding down full time jobs, to raise money for our school over the years. Unfortunately, due to their own commitments, and for some whose children will be leaving us this year, they are not able to continue in this role.

Lost Property

The lost property buckets are overflowing! Please come in and claim your children's possessions before the end of term.

We will be sending any remaining lost property left in school by Friday 5th April 2019, to the new '**Pop Up Uniform Shop**', which benefits families in need and/or on low incomes.

Moss Bury Website

This term has been action packed with trips and events. We have some lovely photos of all these activities on our school's website Gallery. Please take a look!

www.mossbury@herts.sch.uk

Twitter

You can also find regular updates on Twitter @MossBuryPrimary

Facebook

As per our Facebook letter that went out this week, please 'like' our new 'Moss Bury Primary School' Facebook page.

We will be deleting the old page on **Friday 3rd May 2019**.

No Chewing Gum!

Chewing gum is not permitted in school. We have had to ask numerous children to dispose of their chewing gum whilst in class. Please make sure they do not have chewing gum in school. Thank you.

Payments to School

We would like to remind parents that if you are sending any money into school, it should be the correct amount sent in via your child, in a named envelope. Please note we no longer give change at the school office hatch and we will only accept money handed in at the school office if it is in a named envelope. Should you require change, we will send it home in an envelope with your child by the end of the school week.

School Gateway

Many of our parents are now using the School Gateway online payment system for school meals, trips, swimming, Breakfast Club and Mossy Club.

If you haven't registered, you can download the app at <https://schoolgateway.co.uk/> Please make sure the office has the email address and telephone number you will be using in conjunction with the school gateway.

Once you have downloaded the app, you can activate your account by going to 'New User', type in your email address and mobile number and you will be sent a PIN number.

Dates for your Diary

Fri 5th Apr – End of Term finishing at the usual time of 3:15pm

Mon 8th to Mon 22nd April – Easter Holidays

Tue 23rd Apr – INSET DAY

Wed 24th Apr – Children return to school

Thu 2nd May – School Closed – Polling Day

Wed 8th May – Foyles Book Fair

Fri 10th May – Final payment due for Isle of Wight trip

Mon 13th - 17th May – Yr6 SATs week

Tue 21st May – Yr4 Verulamium Trip

Wed 22nd May – Nursery Assembly to parents

Thu 23rd May – Possible School Closure – Polling Day

Fri 24th May – Yr3 Verulamium Trip

Fri 24th May – Yr5 Willow Class Assembly to Parents

Mon 27th – Fri 31st May – Half Term

Mon 3rd – Fri 7th Jun – Yr6 Isle of Wight residential trip

Wed 19th Jun – Early Years Sports Morning

Wed 26th Jun – Yr1 to Yr6 Sports Day

Wed 3rd Jul – Nursery – Herrings Green Activity Farm trip

Tue 23rd Jul – Last day of term finishing at the earlier time of 2:00pm

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a restful and relaxing break.