



Newsletter

Moss Bury Primary School & Nursery
September 2018 – Newsletter 1

Welcome back to a new school year. The children all look very smart and have settled very well into their new classes and routines over the past few weeks.

You should have all had letters from your children's class teachers regarding their routines for the Autumn term. Years 1 to 6 have also had the opportunity to have a 'Meet the Teacher' session this week.

Night Owls

We have already started the school year with a visit from the Night Owls. The children thoroughly enjoyed this experience and as you will be aware, had photos taken with Whisper, the Barn Owl.

These photographs must be back to school with your order and correct payment by the end of the school day on **Wednesday 26th September**.

Building Works

As you know, our building works are now in progress and already, the new windows and fascia panels are having a massive impact on the appearance of the school. We will keep you informed of any changing arrangements regarding access to the areas of the school's site as they occur.

Contact Numbers & Details

It is imperative that we are able to contact parents at all times in case of an accident or emergency. If you have changed any details, e.g. address or any contact numbers, please ensure that you inform the school office.

Returning Important Information

At the beginning of each new year we send out forms regarding Short Visits, School Media and E-Safety. If you have not yet returned your completed forms, please do so with some urgency.

NO NUTS IN SCHOOL

We are a strictly 'NUT FREE' school and we cannot stress enough that children must NOT have nuts or nut products in their packed lunches or in school. We have numerous children in our school with SEVERE NUT ALLERGIES, some of which can be triggered simply by air born particles but have devastating effects.

School Photos

The school photographer will be in on **Monday 15th October 2018**.

Please ensure your child is wearing their royal blue Moss Bury sweatshirt, as the backgrounds for the photos are usually white.

The children will need to go to their classes as usual to be registered. If your child has siblings in other classes, family photos will automatically be taken during the course of the day.

If you have siblings that are not of school age and would like a family photo, we do this first thing in the morning, so you will need to make your way to the school hall via the school office entrance once you have dropped your child off at their class to be registered. Your children will then be collected from their classes for the family photos.

Independence

Our office staff seem to spend much of their time running errands and delivering forgotten items to children, from P.E. kits, plimsolls, lunch boxes, homework, coats, etc., to messages of who's collecting who.

Please promote your children's independence by ensuring they have everything they need in the mornings and know what their after school arrangements are at the beginning of each day.

Reminder: - Universal Free Meals for KS1 Children

Children in Reception up to Year 2 are automatically entitled to universal free school meals. All you need to do is ensure your child knows they have to choose a school meal in class.

Year 3

For those children who have moved up to Year 3, we must remind you that you now have to pay for your children's school meals.

School Dinners

School meals cost **£2.40** per day, **£12.00** per week.

We ask that the week of dinners is paid for in advance on a Monday morning and sent in via your child in a named envelope. Cheques must be made payable to **HCL**.

Please send in the correct amount, as we do not give change; however, if you have paid for a meal and your child is absent the payment will be carried over.

You can also pay for school meals via the School Gateway online payment system (contact the school office for more information).

Did you know that if you are entitled to some benefits, not only can your child have free meals and milk but the school also benefits significantly, with additional funding.

If you are claiming any of the benefits listed below, we would be grateful if you would apply for free school meals at www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals

telephone: 0300 123 4048

THANK YOU!

Benefits:

Income Support.

Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance.

Income-related Employment and Support Allowance.

Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

Child Tax Credit - provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income of £16,190 or less.

Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

Year 6 – “Moving On” for September 2019

If your child is in Year 6 you should have already received their Moving On leaflets.

You will find more information online at www.hertsdirect.org/admissions

During September and October secondary schools hold their open events; these are usually held in the evenings.

Wednesday 31st October is the deadline for all secondary applications.

For more information contact the Hertfordshire County Council's Customer Service Centre on: 0300 123 4043.

Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 2018

Tue 9th Oct – Harvest Festival

Mon 15th Oct – School Photos

Mon 29th Oct to Fri 2nd Nov – Half Term

Wed 31st Oct – Deadline for secondary school applications

Mon 5th Nov – Nursery to Year 3 - Circus Workshop

Wed 7th Nov – Foyles Book Fair

Wed 21st Nov – Parents Evening

Fri 7th Dec – School Closed - Occasional Day

Fri 21st Dec – End of term finishing at the earlier time of 12:00pm

Spring Term 2019

Mon 7th Jan – Inset Day

Tue 8th Jan – Children return to school