



Newsletter

Moss Bury Primary School & Nursery
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Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all. As ever, we look forward to a busy term ahead.

Activity After School Clubs

After the disruption of the school site with the replacement windows etc., we are pleased to resume a little normality and are able to offer our activity after school and lunchtime clubs again this term. There are a variety of clubs available for children from Years 1 to Year 6.

All clubs will start next week from Monday 21st January and will run up until Thursday 28th March 2019.

Slips will be coming home at the end of this week indicating the clubs your children have been allocated. We apologise in advance for any disappointment but as we explained in the letter offering clubs, spaces are limited due to capacity and staff ratios.

For activity clubs held after school, please remember all clubs finish promptly at **4:15pm** and because of high demand, children will **NOT** be put into the Mossy After School Club if you turn up late. Persistent lateness may result in your child being unable to continue to take part in after school clubs.

Fun Food Thursday

This week, on Thursday 17th Jan we are having a promotional lunch for the children. The theme is the children's 'favourite' dishes, which include Pizzas, Burgers and chips.

Every child is welcome to have a dinner. The children will choose their lunch options in registration as usual. If they are not entitled to free school meals or universal free school meals (Rec to Yr2) or don't usually have a school dinner, please send in £2.40 on the day.

Young Writers

We are immensely proud of our children at Moss Bury. Last term, some of our children in Years 2, 5 and 6 entered the Young Writers' Poetry Wonderland competition. Our children's work was so impressive that some of their poems have been chosen to be published!

Poetry Wonderland – Hertfordshire Poets, is scheduled for publication on 31st March 2019.

If your child was a winner, you would have received a letter home congratulating you and your child, and informing you of what you need to do next. If you are unsure at all, please contact the school office and we will assist you further.

Year 1 – Whipsnade Zoo Trip

Our Year 1 children will be visiting Whipsnade Zoo on Wednesday 13th February. This is an all-day event and the children will need a disposable packed lunch. Forms and payments for this trip must be sent in by Friday 8th February.

Contact Details

It is vital that we are able to contact parents at all times should there be an accident or emergency.

If you have changed any of your personal details, address or contact numbers, please inform the school office.

We often communicate by text, so it is important we have your most up to date mobile number on our system.

Year 6 SAT's Week

SAT's week for our Year 6 children this year is week commencing **Monday 13th May 2019**. We would ask that you do not take any holiday during this time. Holidays are no longer authorised.

Attendance & Lateness

We will be sending a much more detailed letter home about the importance of attendance in the next week or so, but generally, our children's attendance has slightly improved.

Whilst we encourage you to send your children in every day, please be assured that we will contact you if your child is feeling unwell and needs to go home.

If, however, your child has been physically sick or has an upset stomach, we ask that you keep your child off school for **48 hours** after the last bout of either.

If your child is not going to be in school for whatever reason, please ring the school office, leaving your message on the answerphone. Please leave details of their illness, as saying they are "unwell" is not a sufficient reason and you may be contacted for more information. Please send a letter of absence in with your child on their return.

With reference to lateness - please ensure your children are in school on time. Our Early Years and Year 1 start at **8:45am** and Years 2 to 6 start at **8:50am**. Children arriving after the doors have closed will need to be signed in at the school office.

Not only is lateness disruptive to a settled class, but the children also miss an important part of their learning if they are late.

Payments to School

We would like to remind parents that if you are sending monies into school, they should be the correct amount sent in via your child, in a named envelope. Please note we no longer give change at the hatch, this will be sent home via your child at a later date, and we will only accept money handed in at the school office if it is in a named envelope.

Cold Weather

We have had a fairly mild winter so far and whilst the new windows will have a positive impact, the school will get chilly as temperatures drop. If temperatures do drop over the next few days/weeks, we would encourage the children to wear extra layers in school; a top under their school sweatshirt or t-shirt, and an extra pair of socks, would all be ideal.

Term Dates Timetable

Please find a timetable of the term dates for the next academic – Sept 2019 to Jul 2020.

Dates for your Diary

Fri 11th Jan – Maple Class Assembly

Mon 14th Jan – Year 2 – GO 2 Healthy Eating Sessions (Mondays for 5 weeks)

Wed 30th Jan – Yr 4 Mini Olympics

Thu 31st Jan – Spruce class Road Safety workshop

Wed 13th Feb – Yr 1 Whipsnade Zoo Trip

Mon 18th to Fri 22nd Feb – Half Term

Thu 14th Mar – Dance Festival

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

