

The Mosley Academy Newsletter

Friday 12th January 2024

Happy New Year!

A very happy new year to all of our wonderful families at Mosley! We hope that you had a lovely break over the Christmas period. It is a joy to see all the children back at school this week! It is a short half term of only five weeks, but there is still lots to fit in before half term and the school diary is very busy indeed.

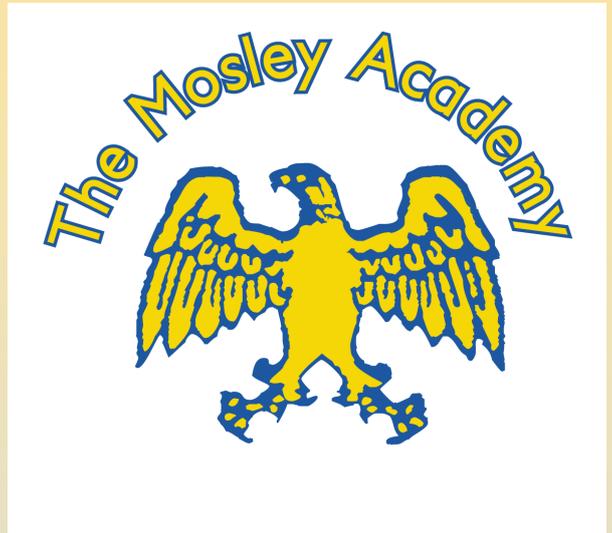
Please keep a eye on the school newsletter and the Weduc messages as these are the main school communication channels. We occasionally hear of parents sharing the wrong information via social media groups, which although we realise is well-meaning, it can

mean children miss out on things and end up getting upset if the message has been incorrectly shared.

If in doubt please do ask the office via email or in person and we will confirm.

Please also keep an eye on the dates list each week on this newsletter as we update this weekly as a reminder of what is to come.

We are very much looking forward to a purposeful, productive and positive term ahead.



Admissions for September 2024

Monday 15th is the closing date to apply for a place for your Reception child for 2024/2025. Please follow the link below if you have not applied yet.

[Admission to primary and middle schools - Staffordshire County Council](#)

It has been an absolute pleasure to showcase the school and enable prospective parents and their children to see a snapshot of the daily life of the school. The children never fail to share their thoughts on why Mosley is a special place to be. Some of the comments this week included...

" Because its a caring school - everyone cares"

"You get a good feeling in this school. It's just the feeling that makes you want to be here"

"Teachers help you learn and get better at your subjects"

"The children are kind and we look after each other "



Snow!

As you will be aware there is heavy snow forecast for next week. It is very unlikely that we will need to close, and we will do all that we can to ensure that children can attend school and the site is safe for the children and staff. However in the event that a closure is necessary, we will send out a Weduc message. Please do not ring school asking if we are open as this blocks the phone lines unnecessarily. We will make a decision as early as we can and let you know via the usual communication channels.

Clubs

We have a few new clubs on offer this term including scooter club, enterprise club and running club. If you would like to book onto any clubs, please email the school office as bookings have now closed via Weduc. It was also lovely to welcome Clubs Complete in to offer a science expert session for children across the school who show a real passion or talent or for science. Photos from this will be on Twitter soon!

PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting will be at The Bell at 6pm on Tuesday 16th January. All welcome to attend to discuss future events in the school calendar.

Young Voices

This evening a total of 40 children and staff will be singing their hearts out at Young Voices in Birmingham. This is always a fabulous event for the children and one they remember! Photos of the children will be on Twitter later today once they have arrived and settled in to the event. We hope all the parents, friends and family going to watch have a wonderful evening!



Drama Subject Excellence Project

On Wednesday 17th as part of the subject excellence programme across the JTMAT, a group of 18 children will be joining other schools at the Lichfield Garrick to begin to prepare for a performance later in the summer term. Children will need to arrive at school for 7.50 am as the coach will be leaving at 8am prompt. We love getting involved in any opportunities that focuses on the personal development of children. Good luck to all children involved!



NSPCC Number Day - 2nd February

We will be joining with the other JTMAT schools in celebrating Number Day on Friday 2nd February. One of the activities will be to dress as a digit - be as creative as you like!

Curriculum Information - School Website

We are currently updating the information that is available to you to help you understand the curriculum content for each subject area. Over the next couple of weeks, we will share with you the updated subject specific documents with improved information on how we teach the subject across the school.

Healthy Snacks and Lunchboxes

As many of you will be aware we have been working on improving our healthy school 'status' and focusing on snacks at breaktimes. We have been adding information to the newsletter, talking about this in assembly and talking to children about healthy lunchboxes at lunchtimes over the last few months.



Following a meeting with our school parliament representatives and a long discussion on how we can continue to promote healthy lifestyles, including what the government guidance says, it was voted by the overwhelming majority that from the new year, we are asking children to only bring in either a piece of fresh fruit, dried fruit, or some vegetables like carrot sticks. This does not include any variations of manufactured or processed fruits (for example fruit winders or fruit bars).

We will of course have a period of adjustment where, up until February half term, if children bring in a snack that is not in line with this guidance, they will be reminded about the new healthy snacks procedure but can still have their snack that day. After February half term, children will be asked to take the snack home and be offered a piece of school fruit as an alternative. All of KS1 and Reception children are already provided with fruit daily, but unfortunately some children currently choose not to eat this as they bring their own 'more favourable' snacks in to school.

The Pupil Parliament also voted to continue with offering toast but to end the hot chocolate for sale at break times, as this doesn't promote healthy habits and they were clear they wanted the message to be consistent and fair across school.

We hope that you respect this decision, made by the children with the full support of school. This is in line with many other school snack procedures as we are keen to promote healthy habits and healthy lifestyles. We continue to support children in bringing in healthy lunchboxes and the high majority bring in a fabulous balanced and healthy meal choice. Notes will be sent home should a child's lunchbox not be in line with our healthy eating practice.

Library and Reading Volunteers

If anyone would be interested in becoming a library volunteer for a couple of hours each week to help us run the school library and oversee the organisation of books, please let us know. We are also still looking for parents/family members who can spare some time each week to come in to school and listen to the children read - our children love sharing books and reading to adults in school. Please contact the office if you can help.



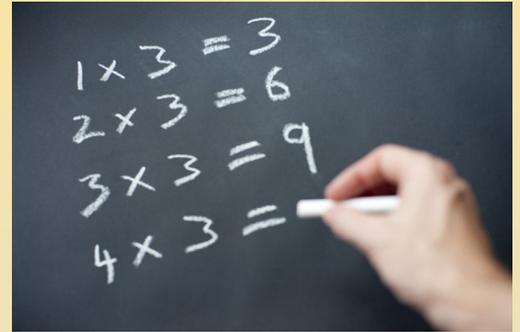
School Uniform

We still have a lot of unnamed uniform and lost property. This has been building up over the last term. If it is not collected then it will need to go to a recycling bank due to a lack of space in school. We always have free school uniform available in the foyer if anyone would like to recycle, re-use and do their bit for the planet too!

Please please please label all uniform, including woolly hats and gloves - we have a rather large collection!

Y4 - Multiplication Check Information

In Year 4, children have a statutory times table test (the Multiplication Table Check) in the summer term. Children are tested on the iPad or computer with 25 questions, and they have 6 seconds per question before it automatically goes onto the following question. Therefore it is important that children feel as confident as possible answering the questions at the given speed.



As a school we log onto TT Rockstars weekly, checking how frequently the children are using the website and which times tables they know or need to learn, therefore we would really appreciate your support in encouraging your child to use this as much as possible.

To prepare for this in school, we do....

- 1 morning of TT Rockstars practice (8.40-9am)
- Monday and Friday lunchtimes 12-12.30 children have the opportunity to stay in the classroom and practice on TT Rockstars or Timestables.co.uk
- Weekly times table lesson (Friday) where children are taught times tables and given time to learn/practice ones they are unsure of
- Daily Fluent 5 questions – where multiplication questions are included - Three weekly arithmetic style paper/questions are used in the classroom where multiplication questions are included
- Miss Broadbent runs a intervention group for times tables on a Monday and Wednesday 12- 12.15
- Zapper times table activities on a Tuesday (8.40-9am)

To prepare for this at home, you can...

- Encourage children to use TT Rockstars and Timestables.co.uk as much as possible
- Complete weekly Maths homework (which will have a multiplication focus as of week commencing 15.1.24)
- Ensure children practice for their weekly times table test
- Review the children's heatmaps from TT Rockstars, which will show the exact times tables the children are struggling with and need to learn (being sent out week commencing 15.1.24)

Useful websites are TT Rockstars and Timestables.co.uk (this one can be used to set 25 questions in 6 seconds like the real thing).

Thank you for your support! Mrs Eggleston and Miss Twells.

Stars of the Week!



Congratulations to....	
Rec	Reuben
Year 1	Jude
Year 2	Aidan
Year 3	Blake
Year 4	Alex
Year 5	Izabelle
Year 6	Ava-Rose



Attendance - Target 97%

A few missed days of school can soon add up....

0 days of school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

Year Group	This Week %	Year to Date
Rec	97.8	97.4
Year 1	92.7	94.4
Year 2	98.2	97.4
Year 3	100!	96.0
Year 4	93.0	93.3
Year 5	96.4	97.4
Year 6	99.3	97.0
Whole School	96.8	96.1

Dates for your Diary 2023 - 2024

Although we have compiled this list to give you as much information as possible, dates may be subject to change if necessary.

January 2024

Tues 16th	PTA Meeting, 6pm at The Bell. All welcome!
Wed 17th	JTMAT Drama Subject Excellence Workshop - invited students
Wed 17th	Y6 Laches Wood Meeting - 2.45pm
Thurs 18th	Governors' Meeting
Mon 22nd—	Year 6 Laches Wood
Thurs 25th	

February

Thurs 1st	Y3 Stone Age Day
Fri 2nd	NSPCC Number Day
Tues 6th	Internet Safety Day
Tues 6th	Reception Class Stay and Play 2pm
Mon 5 th – Fri 9th	Mental Health Week
Fri 9th	Mosley Houses Reward Morning and Break Up for Half Term
HALF TERM	
Mon 19th	Back to School
Wed 28th	Governors' Meeting

March

Mon 4th and Wed 6th	Parent Consultations
Mon 4 th - Fri 22 nd (3 weeks intensive programme)	On site Swimming pool, changing rooms and lifeguard for Year 3 and 4 and catch-up programme swimming- South Derbyshire active sports Partnership
Thurs 7th	World Book Day
Fri 8th	Mother's Day Lunch KS2
Mon 11th	Mother's Day Lunch EYFS/KS1
Fri 22nd	Easter Bonnet Parade and Decorate an Egg scene Competition
Fri 22nd	It's Good to Be Green Enrichment morning and Break Up for Easter
EASTER HOLS	

April

Mon 8th	Back to School
Fri 12th	Year 4 Parent Lunch
Thurs 18th	Y1 Trip to Peak Wildlife Park
Fri 26th	Year 5 Parent Lunch

May

Thurs 2 nd	Governors' Meeting
Fri 3rd	May Day Celebrations
Mon 6th	Bank Holiday
Mon 13 th - Thurs 16th	Y6 SATS week
Thurs 23rd	Mosley House Rewards morning and Children Break Up
Fri 24th	Inset Day
HALF TERM	

June

Mon 3rd	Back to school
TBC	National School Sports Week
Wed 12th	Y2 Trip to Tamworth Castle
Fri 14 th	Father's Day Lunch EYFS/KS1
Mon 17th	Father's Day Lunch KS2
Wed 19th	Governors' Meeting
Fri 21st	Sports Day and Summer fair
Fri 28th	Year 6 Parent Lunch

July

Wed 3rd	EYFS & KS1 Seaside Day
Fri 5th	JTMAT INSET Day - School is closed to pupils
Thurs 11th	Summer Showcase- KS2 Musicians
Thurs 18th	Good to be Green Enrichment morning
Fri 19th	Break Up for Summer
Mon 22nd	Inset
SUMMER HOLS	

September 2024

Mon 2nd	Inset Day
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