

# MOSSY LEA MESSENGER

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A very warm welcome back to school! I hope you had a wonderful holiday and are ready for a busy and exciting term ahead. A special welcome to new pupils and parents of our school; I hope you will be very happy here.

The children all seem to have grown over the holiday and their positivity and desire to work really hard has been utterly inspiring! Reception children are settling in so well and they seem to be thriving already – we are so proud of them, and genuinely delighted you chose us.

Parents, I hope you will continue to work with us, so your child can grow in confidence, with a love of learning, and a determination to be the best person they can be. We are all busy people, but it is important for you to put a routine in place whereby children know they must do their homework menu, daily reading, online learning challenges (Bug Club, My Maths) etc. At these times, turn the television/computer off. Try to use the television/computer as incentives for work done – they will value it more.

Can you ensure that, as parents and carers, you put a great value on school and education. Explain to your child that treating everyone with respect, being on time and in school everyday, wearing the correct uniform and working hard in school is important to you. These are also important life skills. The value you place on these will be the value your child holds.

Your children are your most important gift, treasure them, help them, guide them and support them. We in school will do everything we can to help your child to do their best. Let us know if we can support you in any way. Remember we operate an open door policy – feel free to speak to us if you have concerns or need support, help or advice.

You may have seen recent media coverage regarding Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and its use in educational settings. RAAC is a lightweight form of concrete; because it is weaker than regular concrete, concerns have been raised about its long-term durability. Department for Education (DfE) has recently changed its guidance to education settings on the management of RAAC to take a more precautionary approach and as a result areas in affected spaces will be vacated.

We wanted to inform you that we are not affected by this decision as we do not have RAAC in any of our buildings and therefore they will continue to function as normal. We understand that parents may want to understand more about the support to educational settings to manage RAAC safely. You can read more through the article published by the DfE on the Education Hub.

I hope that this offers reassurance.



### **School dinners continue to be superb. Superb quality, superb value.**

Once again, Oak Class school meals (KS2) are to be paid for, 48 hours in advance, via the APP. We appreciate that you may need a last minute school meal and that is absolutely fine, but please do try to update and pay in advance where possible, it really does help. Year R to 2 school meals are free of charge.

We do have to increase school meal prices, not to make money, we don't make any money on school meals, alas we don't even break even. The meals are now £2.40.

Please continue to return the tick slips, by the Friday for the following week, so we can purchase meals accordingly.

Any problems with SCOPay please call Sharon, in the office at St. George's on 01257 262323. Reception families will receive an email with log on details shortly.

### **Wrap Round Care and Trips**

All paid for wrap around care (breakfast club and paid after school clubs) will continue to be paid for via SCOPay. SCOPay will be updated weekly to show any outstanding payments. Any planned trips will also be added for you to make payments.

### **Toast**

Toast will continue to be 20p a slice and this can be paid for as and when. You will receive a Class Dojo message once you reach £2.00 outstanding.

### **For those parents who are new to Mossy Lea**

The school's newsletter will be sent out weekly, it provides lots of information about how you can get the most from us!

Although we are trying to shorten the length of them, they can be lengthy (sorry about that), and occasionally entertaining... please do take the time to read them! Despite various proofread checks... they do, almost without exception, come out with humorous typographical errors, and occasionally confusing information – for example giving 2 different dates for the same event! I apologise now for any confusion caused; as you get to know me better... you'll find it easier to forgive me. I always allow myself three mistakes before you are allowed to comment!

Welcome once again; I hope you soon find happiness with us... Enjoy the journey...

### **Staffing Update**

Emily Fenton has undergone her planned operation and is now convalescing, she still has a long way to go but, in the meantime, we are very lucky to have been joined by Amie Bolton (a cover supervisor from St. George's) whom will be with us until half term.

As we begin the new school year I wanted to update you on the reading records. Your child should have come home with one of these reading records. The blue book is for Reception and/or Year 1, the green one is for Year 1 and/or 2, the orange one is for years 3 and 4 and the purple one is for years 5 and 6.



My Reading Books		Level/colour/point value
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We are eager to continue our mission to promote a love of reading and value your support in this endeavour. We want to start the year as we mean to go on by awarding regular reading – whatever your child’s ability. We currently have certificates for 10 days, 20 days, 50 days, 100 days and also, 10 books, 20 books, 50 books, 100 books. At the front and back of the reading records there is a grid with blank boxes that are numbered (as shown to the left). We kindly ask that your child records in the grid, with your support, every time they read a book. When they have reached one of the milestones, they can highlight or circle the number and then show their teacher who will sign it and prepare a certificate for Monday’s celebration assembly. Then, for the amount of days, please leave a note in the comments section of the reading section (as shown below).

Date, book and page number	Comments

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We truly value your thoughts on how we can help foster a love of reading and we would also love to celebrate reading whenever possible.

If your child/children have a picture of themselves that they are happy to bring/send in of them reading in public (at the beach, the local park, library, on holiday etc), or if they have a favourite comfy spot, to show that reading can happen any time. It would also be wonderful to hear why they love reading, I would invite them to write it down and bring it in or gain send it to me. We would then place these in the library and swap each time we had a new picture or quote.

Please do not hesitate to pass on any ideas or if you have any queries.

### Sickness

If your child is off with sickness or diarrhoea, don't send them back to us too soon! 48 hours after symptoms have stopped is NICE recommendations.

### Uniform Policy

Your child's hair should be cut no shorter than a number 2, be of natural looking colour, and contain no steps, or lines..... sorry!

Can any earrings please be removed also. The only jewellery we allow is medical jewellery and clear studs immediately needed following ear piercing.

Please do not let your child come to school with nail varnish, earrings, trainers etc. Regarding "holiday haircuts" (including hair braids/ highlights) – as always, in the spirit of working together, we do turn a blind eye for a week! Hope this helps! And finally kids—please don't bring your own footballs into school!

Remember – you didn't just choose the school, you chose the rules and uniform as well – be proud of it. Embrace it. Support it. Don't spoil it.

## Star of the Week



## Diary Dates

September	
15th-18th	Year 6 at PGL
19th	Full governors meeting at 18:30
27th	Harvest Assembly at Tunley Church—Families are invited to watch
29th	Chorley SSP Awards Ceremony
October	
4th	Early Years Parental Meeting—15:45
19th	Flu immunisations
20th	Break up
30th	INSET
31st	Children back to school