

Moss Park Junior School News Update February 2022



Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

I hope you have had a restful half term holiday despite the awful weather. This is a long half term but we should see signs of spring coming soon! It is widely thought that pupils make the most progress in the spring term and you will be able to see how much your child has learnt at our Parents' Evening that finishes off the term. Some parents (and staff!) have asked about next year's holiday calendar – this is a good sign as it means we are starting to feel confident about booking holidays again! As soon as it is approved by Governors, it will be sent out to you.

Please find a copy of the Parent Questionnaire responses attached with this news update. Thank you for your encouragement and celebration of us as a school community.

Pocket Money Toy/Book/Game Sale Friday 25th February 2022 for RMCH



Reminder to please bring your donations in for the sale on Friday

To sell: Board games, jigsaws, Toy Cars, Dolls and Action figures, Teddies and cuddly toys, books. Items should be clean and in good condition.

To buy on the day: You should bring small coins such as 20p, 50p, £1.

Thank you

We raised **£51** from the sale of our pre-loved school uniform. This is going into the School Council's Bank Account for the pupils to spend!

Ties!



These are an essential part of our school uniform– they have been uniform for all pupils since September 2019. I am currently seeing only about 50% of pupils wearing ties. Please ensure your child has a tie. They will last your child for years (if you label them!). I am also seeing white polo shirts creeping back in – they are not part of our uniform at all. If you are unsure of the uniform policy, please check the website. You can buy our ties from Monkhouse in Stretford Arndale. *FYI they are shut until 4th March for a refurbishment.*

New Parent Governor

Mrs Sara Aljaizani was elected unopposed to be Parent Governor and she will start at your next Governor Body. Mrs Aljaizani is the mum of Mimi in Year 4. Her role is to support the school in achieving the best for all its pupils from the unique point of view of a parent at the school.

Allegro Dance at Lostock - help wanted

We will all be walking over to Lostock High School (this was our traditional annual visit before covid!) for an afternoon of dance on Tuesday 1st March – all sorts from classical to jazz and street dance to retell the story of Swan Lake. This is organised by the Trafford PE Sports Partnership and is a wonderful whole

school event. The school's PE and Sports Premium funding cover costs. If you would like to walk up with us and/or meet us to walk back that would be a great help. We will all be having an early lunch as setting off at 1pm and returning before the end of the school day.

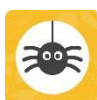
Clubs

We hope your children are enjoying our club offer. It is so good to see the children extending their learning and trying out new things. Do you know we have 350 places in our clubs available each week and we have an average attendance of 21 pupils per club? We think this is a great offer for our families.

Knowledge Mats – what are they?

You have received a copy of a 'Knowledge Mat' for your child with the name of the topic they are studying in Geography and Science this half term. They are full of facts, figures and essential knowledge to give your child a head start before studying and when studying the topics. Please go through these with your child and keep them for the half term for homework and projects.

Communication



I want to move towards just using the website app when our contract runs out with T2P but it will only work if the whole school community can enjoy using the app. A problem was that we are sending you the messages ok but if you have notifications off, you will not automatically see them. **HOT TIP = uninstall the school spider app. Then install it again. You will be asked, "Do you want school spider to send you notifications?" You choose "yes".** This then means you will get notifications every time we send you a message. Please ask at the office if you are not sure and they can help get you on line.

All good wishes, *Mrs Nunwick and all the staff at Moss Park Junior School*

Friday 25th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toy/book/game sale for RMCH (probably in the hall if weather still bad)
Tuesday 1st March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Teachers Pancake Race – the teachers will race for their team and the pupils in the winning team will get yummy pancakes and toppings to eat. These will be cooked and served over Tuesday and Wednesday (64 pancakes!) because this year we are out at... • Allegra Dance Performance at Lostock High (whole school) at 1pm
Tuesday 1st March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St David's Day – all uniformed organisations (Cubs/Scouts/Rainbows/Brownies etc.) can come in their uniform tops
Thursday 3rd March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Book Day - pupils can come dressed up in their favourite character and bring a favourite book into school. Fun activities today!
Saturday 5th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross Country Relay Competition at Longford Park (invite only)
Tuesday 8th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freddie Fit – Y5 and Y3 (PE kits all day)
Wednesday 9th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freddie Fit – Y6 and Y4 (PE kits all day)
Friday 18th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sport Relief Day/Red Nose Day – lots of team games and competitions
Monday 29th March (all week)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholastic Book fair – you can use your World Book Day vouchers
Thursday 31st March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross Country at Lostock 4pm (Teams TBC)
Thursday 7th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole School parents evening 3.40 pm to 7.00 pm (we will use the online booking system again)
Friday 8th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team building enrichment activities • Winning Team • School closes for Easter holidays until Monday 25th April
Year 6 Save the Date = SATS week Monday to Friday week beginning 9th May 2022	