

Moss Park Junior School News Update Friday 2nd October 2020

Hello parents, pupils and MPJS families,

We are now 5 weeks into the new school year and really enjoying being back. Our attendance is currently 97% (better than this time last year!) and means we're keeping on top of our health AND enjoying school – so that's double good news. I just have a few updates for you below – please take us up on our offer for technical support!

Homework

We keep a weekly record of homework in each class. We log who has done *My Maths* and *Google Classroom*.

- If a child does not do any homework, we think there is a problem with being able to access the internet at home. I will call these parents on Monday and Tuesday next week to discuss further.
- If a child does *My Maths* *but* not *Google Classroom*, we know they can get on a device, but are having problems with *google classroom*.

Do not give up! Usually a tiny error or issue can be fixed in 2 minutes by one of our staff! Some parents have been bringing in a laptop/phone etc. for us to sort out and they all go away happy, so we are running...

	<p>Phone, tablet, laptop, email drop-in technical support all next week!</p> <p>On Monday and Tuesday 8.40 – 9.30 am On Wednesday and Thursday 3.00 – 4.00 pm</p> <p>You can use our hot spot so you don't need Wi-Fi – just bring in your phones & devices and we can help load apps, fix glitches, sort logins!</p>
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NEW Weekly Homework Hub

We are inviting pupils who are not managing to do their homework to **Homework Hub** each Thursday lunchtime. Our teachers supervise these 30-minute sessions in phase bubbles. We hope that this will a) help pupils get their homework done but most importantly b) help them do this independently in the long run – we would like to see pupils only coming to Homework Hub for a few weeks.

We are sending out a 5 minute 'how to' maths video with the maths homework activity on Friday 9th October. This links the teaching to the activity and it helps pupils practise watching teaching clips in case of a bubble having to isolate or a local lockdown.

Our ICT technician works in 10 schools. He says we are way ahead of other schools with our technology and local schools are now trying to catch up! We have a set of chrome books for each year group for over a year now. The pupils do amazing work and projects in class every day and this is why we know that 100% of our pupils *can* do their homework online – if we can sort out any technical problems.

Spanish Language Assistant

We are pleased to announce we are having a Foreign Language Assistant starting with us next week, Señora Amaro. She will be working with the Year 6 pupils and teachers then moving down the school as the year progresses. This should be a real bonus for our children (and staff!) and their Spanish learning.

Weekend Football

Please see Facebook Page **or** our school website 'news' page to find out more about a great opportunity to keep the children active at the weekends – mixed football run on our field by Longford Park Juniors.

Chicken Coop

Thank you for the money raised. I have now put a bid I for the match funding and will use any spare money for wellies and gloves for the children; and towards the all-weather surface. We are selling eggs at £1 per half dozen (money raised goes towards chicken food and straw). Initially we are selling the eggs to staff but will open this out to parents before half term. They are delicious so watch this space!

Thank you for your continued support, *Mrs Nunwick and all the staff at MPJS*

