



# Mosscroft Primary School Newsletter

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## FINAL DAY ATTENDANCE REMINDER

Please, please can I remind parents that although we finish early on Friday **this is a school day** and ALL pupils need to be in school.

Children who are absent will miss out on all the celebrations, present and prize giving ( see below.). Any genuine absence as ever will need to be supported with the relevant proof and will be chased up in January.

## END OF TERM ATTENDANCE ASSEMBLY

This Friday morning at 9.05a.m., will be our usual end of term celebratory assembly where we will be awarding the usual awards plus giving out the attendance badges and certificates for the term.

We will also be raffling off the KINDLE FIRE to those who opted into having school dinner on the promotion day back on 5th November.

All parents welcome to join us.

Dear Parents

What another fabulous December packed with Christmas fun and frolics for your children! I must thank all the children for their positive attitudes and super behaviour—they are a credit! But also to the staff for all their hard work and dedication at this busy time of year. I know the children have had such a great time. All that remains is to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year!

Mrs. France

## ATTENDANCE

Our attendance target this year is : 96+%  
Whole school attendance for the year so far:

**94.7% - we are well below our target.**

**The class with the best attendance are Y3: 96.7% (own clothes first Friday back)**

**The class that need to try harder are Year 4 (91.7%)**

We are so disappointed that our whole school attendance is so very poor—especially after the successes of last year. Presently we are below National averages which really is not good enough and without doubt is impacting on the learning of your children.

As ever there are genuine absences for illness, supported with evidence, however there are many more cases of unauthorised absence and days taken here and there with absolutely no reasons. We shall be targeting strongly families of pupils whose absence causes us concern from January. Please if we reached our target in 2013/2014—there is no reason why we can't hit our target this year.

Please work WITH us.



## CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

We have had another fabulous December packed full of wonderful experiences for the children. The Christmas Disco was a riot of dance moves and Christmas clothes! The whole school pantomime was a great success - a special well done goes out to Amber Chapple and her confidence on stage! There was much cheering and booing and it was a pleasure as the Head teacher to look around the Theatre and see a sea of happy, smiling faces. Hoping we created another super memory for them all. Christmas Jumper day paired with the school Christmas Dinner day made it extra special. The children LOVED the Christmas meal—we were so impressed to see such clean plates. Then those naughty Christmas elves posing as the school staff returned on the big screen and a lovely rendition of the 12 days of Christmas was performed from all the staff too!!! ( Ask your children about it!!!) Yesterday, was the Christmas Performance, which was the best rendition we have had so far! The pupils and staff work so hard on giving you this 'gift'. We all thought the Ofsted Christmas theme was very apt and the songs brilliant and beautifully sung, many thanks to all the parents who said how much they had enjoyed it. However, we were a little disappointed to hear that some parents were dissatisfied with the content ( although no one has come directly to me—please do I am always keen to hear your feedback). Anyway, for next year we have already planned to return to some traditional carols, readings and a tableau so hopefully this will satisfy all tastes! We shall also be performing twice next year in order to reduce audience numbers at the performance making the experience more enjoyable in terms of seating and noise levels for all.

### **Playground Code of Conduct**

**In the New Year I shall be circulating a new home / school agreement once all has been agreed in consultation with the LA and the Governing Body.**

**The purpose of this will be to pull together into one place all the requests we ask of parents in order to safeguard our children at the start and end of the school day, and which all parents will sign up to.**

**In this way all parents will be fully aware of their role and responsibility when on the school premises and any behaviour that contravenes this can then be dealt with appropriately.**

**I hope that this will lead to parents fully embracing the school ethos and core values and the conduct that we expect to be modelled around school and to all our children naturally by Mosscroft parents. I am sure that I will have your full support and cooperation in this matter.**



### **COLOMENDY!!!!**

Last call out!

We have 20 confirmed places this year for our residential which is open to Y5 & Y6.

Any pupils still wishing to go please let us know by Friday.

**IT'LL BE HEAPS OF FUN!!!**

### **TERM DATES**



Just a reminder to you all that we break up for the Christmas holidays this Friday at 1.30p.m.

School reopens for the Spring Term on **Tuesday 6th January** (Monday is an INSET day for staff)

Looking forward to seeing everyone back in on that date with 100% attendance.

All other term dates are on our school website: [www.mosscroftprimary.co.uk](http://www.mosscroftprimary.co.uk)

### **STAFFING**

It is with continued regret that I report that Mr. Cochrane continues to be absent from school. Sadly he won't be returning for the start of term, but we are working together to enable as speedy a return as possible.

Mrs. Rogerson is also really rather poorly and won't be able to be here for the last few days of this term. Mrs. McNally, a regular teacher in our Foundation Stage setting will be covering in her

absence. We send her lots of get well wishes.

Finally, we shall also be saying a really sad goodbye to Miss. Smith, who has been covering PPA in Mrs. Roger's maternity leave, as her partner has secured a job 'down South' so she will be on the move. However, we have appointed Miss. Dunne will be taking over the reins from January and who is excited to be joining our team! We wish them both lots of luck.



### **STAR & BEHAVIOUR AWARD NOMINEES TO DATE : well done to all!!**

**YR:** Jack Moss, Callum Dent, Alfie Morton, Rio Bennett, Chloe Mawdsley & Joseph Woods

**Y1:** Jasmine Ormston, Jason Marsh, Abbey Townson, Hannah Prosser, Colby Prosser & Tegan Reilly

**Y2:** Stephen Lloyd, Lola Thomason, Jake Preston, Connor Latta, Amelia Reilly & Lewis Collins

**Y3:** Joel Morton, Sophie Francis & Rhiannan Owens, Connor Latta, Amber Chapple & Ryan O'Hara

**Y4:** Emma Brogan, Kelsei Findlay, Cody Thompson, James Vaughan, Reece Jones & Robert Coleman

**Y5:** Max Meaghan, Ella Randles, Anthony Winrow, Ethan Kaye, Taylor Jones & Hayden Smith

**Y6:** Callum Harris, Ryan Carroll, Lewis Hacking, Daisy Brewer, Josh Taylor, Alfie Reilly.



### **Welcome backs!!!**

Miss. Pearson returned to school this week following her maternity leave. Its lovely to have her back. She will be working within Y5 for the rest of the year.