

Mosscroft Primary School Newsletter

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- Star Pupils of the Week to date:**
- Reception: Sam Maryon, Wayne Parry
 - Year 1: Anthony Allen, John Weston
 - Year 2: Abigail Bowers, David Galloway
 - Year 3: Thomas Williams, James Cavanagh
 - Year 4: Gina Ferguson, Emma Brogan
 - Year 5: Terence O'Hara, Harvey Harris
 - Year 6: Lily O'Shaughnessy, Amy Allen



Good Behaviour:

Well done to:

Reception:

George Barker, Alfie Morton

Year 1: Hannah Prosser, Daniel Hall

Year 2: Stephen Lloyd, Scarlet Halton-

Carmichael

Year 3: Alex Prosser, Ava Morris

Year 4: Matthew Newby, Drew Hughes

Year 5: Anthony Winrow, Ethan Kaye

Year 6: Andrew Prosser, Josh Taylor

Dear Parents & Carers

Happy New Year to you all from both myself and all of Mosscroft staff! I do hope that you all had a wonderful break and were able to enjoy family time together and share in the wonder of Christmas.

I have included in this newsletter, overleaf, some very important information about our self evaluation judgement on the school—please take some time to read this and as ever if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me. Also included are some important dates for your 2015 calendars and diaries!



Mrs France

ATTENDANCE

Our attendance target this year is

96+%

Whole school attendance for the year so far: **94.5% - disappointing!!!**
The class with the best attendance was: **Y3 - Own clothes on 16.1.15**

The class who need to try harder is: **Y6 (85.1%).**



DIARY DATES

Please find this half term's important dates to date. Specific details will follow where necessary:

January

- 8.1.15: Attendance Bounce
- 9.1.15: Y5 Bikeability starts
- 9.1.15: Star Assembly 2.30p.m.
- 12.1.15: Y4 ipad training day
- 12.1.15 Y6 Mindfulness Project starts
- 14.1.15 Y4 Deaf Active workshops start
- 15.1.15: Party Box School Dinner event
- 16.1.15: KS2 Football Tournament at St. George's Fields
- 16 & 23.1.15: KS1 Family Learning
- 16.1.15 Star Assembly 2.30p.m.
- 23.1.15 Star Assembly 2.30p.m.
- 30.1.15 & 6.2.15 KS2 Family Learning
- 30.1.15 Star Assembly 2.30p.m.



February

- 6.2.15 KS2 Family Learning
- 6.2.15 Star Assembly 2.30p.m.
- 11.2.15 Reception ipad training day
- Week beg 13.2.15 Assessment Week
- 13.2.15 Love Day family event
- 13.2.15: Break up for half term 3.05p.m.
- 23.2.15 RETURN TO SCHOOL



Bronze Attendance Star Superstars!

Huge congratulations to all the following children who were presented with their bronze star pin badges because of their 100%

attendance in the Autumn Term:

Reception: Wayne Parry

Y1: no one so far—hoping to see some in Spring!!!

Y2: Amelia Reilly

Y3: Teigan Austin, Lewis Brewer, James Cavanagh, Amber Chapple, Alex Jones, Anthony McLaughlin, Ava Morris, Rhiannan Owens and charlotte Prosser

Y34 Matthew Newby, Jade Smith, Cody Thompson, James Vaughn and Laurie Weston

Y5: Ella Randles

Y6: Amy Allen, Sophie Boyd, Daisy Brewer, Ryan Carroll,

WITH MANY THANKS

On behalf of myself and all Mosscroft staff can we send our very warmest and genuine thanks to all the children and parents who so kindly gave us Christmas cards and gifts.



We are always touched by your generosity and thoughtfulness, so thank you very much in-



STAFF UPDATE

Mr. Cochrane sadly remains absent from Year 3 and Miss. Easton is now providing

teaching cover in his absence.

Mrs. Rogerson, has been really poorly and in hospital up to two days before Christmas Day! She is continuing to recover and is hoping to be back to school as soon as possible. Whilst recovering Mrs. McNally, a regular and valued Foundation Stage supply teacher with us is covering Reception and working closely with Miss. Ritchie and the Foundation Stage Team.

SCHOOL SELF EVALUATION (SEF)



A really important job for every school to complete each year is their self evaluation. This is a task which requires schools to judge themselves against the Ofsted evaluation schedule, which is utilised when inspections take place, and to accurately grade themselves against the 4 key areas of inspection. As a school we have completed this annual task and have also called upon the expertise and opinion of an independent, external consultant to verify the judgements that we have made for Mosscroft.

Judgements are made by looking over a three year period, and although the school's performance was good in 2011/2012 and 2012/13, the school's performance in 2013/14 dipped (as can be seen on our website). However, this needs placing within a context of small cohort numbers and high proportions of pupil's with special educational needs (SEN) . Progress made is also an important consideration to be made and this has been good in many respects. As a result the school is somewhat on a pivot, wavering between good and requires improvement. However, after much in depth consideration and study the following judgements have been made:

ATTAINMENT: requires improvement

TEACHING: requires improvement

BEHAVIOUR & SAFETY: good

LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT: good

OVERALL JUDGEMENT: requires improvement

We are disappointed to find ourselves in this position but this is a realistic and honest evaluation, where attainment and teaching clearly goes hand in hand, but with recognition that there is also some very good provision being made in certain year groups and areas but greater consistency is required.

However, we are determined and driven to, as always, 'drive forward improvement' and our school development plan, financial expenditure and regular monitoring and review sessions are all firmly focused upon improving our all round provision. Early indications from monitoring and assessments within the Autumn Term reflect such positive improvements.

However, should Ofsted visit to inspect us before the end of this academic year, we shall be providing these grades as our current judgements whilst presenting any additional favourable data and information we may have gathered in Spring and Summer Term.

It is important, as parents, that you are aware of this so that should Ofsted agree with us and issue a **REQUIRES IMPROVEMENT**

judgement you are not shocked or taken by surprise and that you also realise that this is not a permanent judgement and we are working hard to ensure our results at the end of this year are very much improved so that next year's SEF judgement is a **GOOD** grade and shows that 2013/14 was simply a 'blip' year. We as ever are committed to our pupils and to raising standards please be assured of this.

YEAR 5 & YEAR 6 'Speakeasy' Family Learning

We have the opportunity to offer parents of Year 5 & 6 pupils the chance of attending 'Speakeasy' workshops which explore with parents how you can tackle and discuss a range of issues with your child related to Sexual Health, an often difficult, yet incredibly important, area of growing up to be open and honest about.

These sessions will complement the Sex Education, Health and Relationship work that your children will be learning about in the Summer Term and will take place every THURSDAY from the 22nd January from 9 –10.20p.m.

Please look out for the flyers your child will bring home and book on.

I would encourage as many of you as possible to attend and build your skills and confidence in this area.



OTHER FORTHCOMING FAMILY LEARNING EVENTS

All take place in school—times and further details will follow via fliers.

9.1.15 Foundation Stage Maths workshop

16.1.15 KS1 Maths Workshop 1

23.1.15 KS1 Maths Workshop 2

30.1.15 KS2 Maths Workshop 1

6.2.15 KS2 Maths Workshop 2

