

# Mosscroft Primary School Newsletter

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- ★ **Star Pupils of the** ★
- ★ **Week to date** ★
- ★ Well done to all our ★
- ★ April & May Stars!! ★
- ★ Heidi Hall, Olivia ★
- ★ Porter,, Faye Mur- ★
- ★ phy, Joseph ★
- ★ Woods, Alfie ★
- ★ Davies, Scarlett ★
- ★ Winrow, Colby ★
- ★ Prosser, Ellie ★
- ★ Bristow, Keira ★
- ★ Cooke, Lewis ★
- ★ Collins, Scarlet ★
- ★ Halton-Carmichael, ★
- ★ Jake Preston, Paige ★
- ★ Collins, Harry Hall, ★
- ★ Sophie Francis, ★
- ★ Matthew Newby, ★
- ★ Robert Coleman, ★
- ★ Ruby Stewart, Harry ★
- ★ Roberts, Jack Mo, ★
- ★ Nikolas Hajko, ★
- ★ Harvey Harris ★



## APRIL & MAY'S NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents,

I hope you will not mind the combined monthly newsletter, but with the Easter Bank Holiday break, followed by the Spring Break and May Bank Holiday we have actually not been in school a huge amount since the last newsletter! These months are always a little quieter on the activity front as the pupils get ready for their National tests in Y1 (phonics), Y2 and Y6 (SATs) or take part in school year group tests elsewhere. However, I have tried to pull out all the important information to share with you for these months and the half term to come.

Mrs. France

**ATTENDANCE**

Our attendance target this year is : 96+%  
Whole school attendance for the year so far is: 94.9%

**EARLY FINISHING:** please note that before the Spring Break 20 children did not attend on the last day of term. We feel that our 1.30p.m. finish may be contributing to a lack of effort to get pupils to school for this final day and as a result will reconsider this early finishing time for 2016/2017.

### WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON?

**TESTS TESTS TESTS!!!!**

We are getting to the end of the test period for all our children, with only the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check to take place and the Y6 writing moderation to occur after Half Term. Both Year 6 pupils and Year 2 pupils have been a real credit to you all as they have worked with real focus and determination on the National tests (SATs).

Then Year 3 to Year 5 have taken part in some new NFER tests that will add to the judgements made by the class teachers in regards to their attainment this year. We are really hopeful that all pupils being tested will have showcased their talents and reflected how brilliant they are.

All results will be shared in your child's end of year report.

**Enterprise Week**

**I said I would report on the outcomes of our highly successful Enterprise Week. In total the classes made an impressive £663.61, with Y5 making the most money of all year groups, raising £178.02. They celebrated their win last week with a McDonald's Happy Meal each!!!!**

**OPEN AFTERNOONS: RECEPTION**

We hosted our second Open Afternoon this week to prospective parents of children coming to Reception in September 2016. Parents were able to visit with their children and get a flavour for our brilliant Foundation Stage. There was lots of fun to be had!!! We look forward to welcoming all our new pupils in September.

**Y1 & Y2 Trip to Liverpool's walker Art Gallery**

Y1 and Y2 thoroughly enjoyed this trip linked to their IPC topic. They explored a wide range of paintings of Kings and Queens that they had studied. They also had the opportunity to take part in a learning session called, Portrait Detectives. During this session children worked with a member of staff from the gallery to find clues and share their opinions about different portraits. To finish the session children created their own self portrait. A brilliant day out!!!!



#### Good Behaviour:

- Well done to all our April & May Angels!!!
- Kyle Lawton, Caleb Magill, Kayden McGlynn, Alfie Morton, Ebony Harris, Daniel Guy, Olivia Cardwell, Abbey Townson, Ellie Bristow, Jamie Preston, Connie Winrow, Thomas Johnson, Harry Hall, Ava Morris, Thomas Christian-Williams, , Robert Coleman, Jade Smith, Matthew Newby, Ella Randles, Anthony Winrow, Kayleigh Hall





### UNIFORM REMINDERS ONCE AGAIN!

The children have looked ever so smart and fresh as they have transitioned into their Summer uniform—the boys in their shorts and the girls in their Summer dresses ( I am particularly fond of the new checked playsuits!!!). Thank you

However can I just remind parents of a few points:

\* white pumps are not acceptable school uniform for girls wearing summer dresses - it is white sandals or shoes that are allowed. Or the normal black options.

In addition, it seems that we have a few issues with trainers creeping back into school—although I must say a big well done to Y5 who were the only class with 100% correct footwear when I did my check last week!

\* can I remind all parents that trainers ( whether they are black or not) are not acceptable school uniform—and I would strongly advise parents to purchase black school plimsolls (pumps) as a cost effective option to take the pupils through to the Summer and to prevent me tackling the issue with the same pupils over and over again.

Finally all Y6 pupils ( except those in summer dresses) should wear a tie and have their sweat shirt with them everyday:

\* could parents ensure their Y6 child has these with them.

Uniform is an important part of our school identity, we want pupils from Mosscroft to stand out for the right reasons—for looking smart. We should all feel proud of belonging to Mosscroft School and should therefore work hard to present ourselves to the very best we can so that we look just as good or better than the other pupils attending other primary schools in our close proximity.

### STAFFING UPDATES



There's quite a bit of staffing news to share with parents and this will continue to be reported after half term as school moves through a period of reviewing staffing structures and responsibilities.

In the meantime, I can share with you that we warmly welcomed Mrs. Wilbraham (Deputy Headteacher) back following her maternity leave. She is currently teaching in Year 3 as Mr. Cochrane has chosen not to return to Mosscroft Primary following his prolonged period of absence.

Also, Miss. Duck, who is the Teaching Assistant in year 1 (supporting a pupil on a one to one basis), has been successfully accepted to begin her teacher training qualifications in September— she will make a fantastic teacher! . So she will be leaving us at the end of this academic year.

Class teachers and TAs for September 2016 will be shared with parents before Open Afternoon.



### THE READING CORNER:

The really challenging Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 1 reading tests : text and questions have only reinforced for us as a school how very important it is that all pupils are heard read or are read to regularly not only to build their own reading skills and comprehension skills but to develop a real love for books that we hope will stay with them for life.

Visits to our library still remain popular and we would continue to urge parents to visit Huyton library with your children so they can access books regularly—and with no cost!!!!

To get you on the right track when selecting great books to read, the following is a list of authors and book titles recommended for all children to experience as children.

Here are the titles of the top 20 children's books as compiled by 'The Telegraph' to give you some inspiration:

The Wind in The Willows	Barbar
Watership Down	Treasure Island
The Lord of The Rings	Swallows and Amazons
Harry Potter Series	Winnie the Pooh
The Chronicles of Narnia	Where the Wild Things Are
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	The Tiger who came for Tea
The Gruffalo	The Tale of Peter Rabbit
Peter Pan	The Story of Tracy Beaker
The Very Hungry Caterpillar	The Railway Children
The Faraway tree	His Dark Material ( Philip Pullman)



### FORTHCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

#### MAY

27.5.16: Break up 3.05p.m. for the Whit holiday

#### JUNE

6.6.16: INSET DAY : school closed  
7.6.16: Back to school  
13.6.16: Year 6 swimming block begins  
13 –17th June: Y1 phonic screening test week  
27.6.15: Year 2 swimming block begins  
27.6.15: Children's University Graduation (a.m.)

#### JULY

W/b 11.7.16: Shine Week  
11.7.16: Sports Day: am KS1 & p.m. KS2  
12.7.16: Reserve Sports Day  
13.7.16: Talent Show (a.m.)  
13.7.16: Parent's open Afternoon (p.m.)  
14.7.16: Potential attendance Celebration (p.m.)  
15.7.16: Whole School Trip (TBC)  
22.7.15: Break up for the Summer Holidays at 1.30p.m.