

Mosscroft Primary School Newsletter

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Award Assemblies!!!

Our celebratory Star Assembly will begin again on Friday, 18th September, to allow sufficient time for parents to be informed of all nominations. The assembly starts at 9.00a.m.

We are also introducing a reward assembly on Thursdays too from this year so as to reduce Fridays' assembly time. This will be when Star Writers of the week are recognised and celebrated.

Attendance and punctuality awards will also be shared at this Assembly too. You will receive a text message via our texting service if your child has been selected for Thursday or Friday's—but do keep it a secret!

As ever, whether your child has been nominated or not, all parents and friends of Mosscroft are more than welcome to attend any of these two assemblies and we do hope to see many of you from week to week.

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new academic year. I do hope that you have had a lovely Summer—I have enjoyed hearing from the children about their trips away or days out whilst they have been off—there has definitely been lots of fun going on!!!!

I have thoroughly enjoyed greeting all the children over the past week and must comment on how fabulously smart they all have looked. The new uniform is such a great improvement. I have heard nothing but praise from parents in relation to the changes. Thank you for your support.

We have a busy year ahead of us to meet our Ofsted targets, but are raring to go!

Please look out for parent drop ins that will be occurring over each term, to keep you up to date and provide ideas for ways to support your child at home.



ATTENDANCE

Our attendance target this year is

96+%

Whole school attendance for the year so far: 95.1% - a really sad start to the year

The class with the best attendance were: Y1

The class who need to try harder are: Y3



MEET THE TEACHER DROP IN SESSIONS

We are repeating these highly successful sessions that we began last year so that parents have the opportunity not only to meet your child's teacher for this year but equally, if not more importantly, find out about the expectations and routines for your child in their new class.

At these meetings your child's class teacher will explain:

- * what your child will be covering this year—this being the second year of the new curriculum.
- * the importance of reading regularly both at school and at home
- * Your child's homework this year—what to expect, when its given out and when its due in.
- * How you can support your child to hit their targets and focus on key areas such as English and maths.
- * P.E. days and kit required
- * Our Assertive Mentoring approach

But each meeting will be very much tailored to each individual class.

These meetings will take place over the week beginning 14th September and run from 8.45—9.30p.m. we shall try to organise the timings so that parents can attend all the meetings for all their children. Sessions are as follows:

Tuesday 15th Sept	Wednesday 16th Sept	Thursday 16th Sept
8.45—9.30	8.45—9.30	8.45—9.30
Y6 & Y5	Nursery & Reception Y1 & Y3	Nursery & Reception Y2 & Y4

Hoping that as many of you as possible will make time for these meetings.





STAFF STRUCTURE 2015/2016

Just a reminder of who is where this year and who's who!!!

(Note: TA =Teaching Assistant

SENCo = Special Educational Needs Co ordinator)

Y6: Miss Adcock **TAs:** Miss. Corrigan & Mrs. Best

Y5: Mr. Griffiths

TA: Miss. Corrigan

Y4: Miss. Cushion

TAs: Miss. McGuire & Mrs. Luximon

Y3: Mr. Cochrane

TA: Mrs. Lee

Y2: Miss. Connor (SENCo & Senior Manager) **TA:** Mrs. McLean

Y1: Miss. Lucas

TAs: Miss. Duck

Reception: Mrs. Rogerson (Acting Deputy Head)

TAs: Miss. Cavanagh & Miss. Pearson

Nursery: Mrs. Rogers **Nursery Nurse:** Miss. Frazer

Preparation, Planning & Assessment cover (PPA):

Mr. Pennington (until Mrs. Wilbraham returns

Headteacher: Mrs. Penny France (Safeguarding Officer)

Administrators: Miss. Jo McElvey & Mrs. Bev Hewitt

(position vacant for Business & Finance Administrator)

Learning Mentor: Miss. Elaine Whitby (Safeguarding Officer)

Site Manager: Mr. Steve McArdle

A BIG THANK YOU

On behalf of all the staff can we thank all the children and parents for the wonderful gifts that you gave to us before the Summer holidays to mark the end of the school year.

Your kindness and generosity is always touching and all the gifts and cards were very gratefully received.

Thank you all.

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OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE

Can I just remind parents that our school website contains lots of useful information including term dates—so you should never be unsure of when we break up or when we return.

Teachers will be updating their class pages soon so look out for that and Year 4 already have some fabulous work being showcased so take a look!

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EXTENDED PROVISION



Don't forget we offer a Mosscroft's Breakfast and After School Service for all parents at a very reasonable price. You can utilise this on a regular or ad hoc basis—just pop into the office to register your child and Mrs. Hewitt will explain all you need to know.

ATTENDANCE



Despite popular belief I am not obsessed with attendance (!!!) – but it is incredibly important to us as a school (and all schools).

What I am obsessed with though is all pupils being given the opportunity to meet their full potential. I'm sure that you appreciate the fact that a lack of being in school impacts hugely on any child's attainment and progress. If pupils are not in school they are not learning—simple as that. In addition, all schools are working to National set targets—and we were below these again last year after our successful previous year, so it does need focus.

I am acutely aware of how many of you do work really hard with us to bring your children in; and take advantage of the service we provide in administrating medicine and keeping a close eye on any children feeling under the weather, and for that we are hugely grateful.

Each year we try really hard to consider ways to motivate the pupils and help parents. This year I set the return to school date as late as I possibly could so parents could take advantage of possible cheaper holiday prices in that first week in September, and communicated that to parents.

So, you can imagine how disappointed I was that despite this some families had taken holidays in the first week that we returned or had holidays yet to go on. The start of any school year is so important in settling the children, establishing routines and meeting new class teachers. The impact of this can also be seen in our whole school attendance reading for this academic year so far: 95.1% (last year this stood at 96.1% a massive whole percent more which in attendance terms is huge.)

The Parents Attendance and Punctuality Guidance Booklet will have come home with your child tonight—could I urge all parents to read it and familiarise yourself with the schools policy and procedures to pupils attendance.

If we work together I know we can bring some consistency to our school's attendance and we know from 2013/2014 we can do this.

If you have any queries please do see Miss. Whitby

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

Our excellent extra curricular clubs will start up again during the week beginning 21st September.

Details have gone out and slips are due back in today. Don't forget club attendance adds to every child's Children's University points so they can move towards graduation!

