



Moss Lane School Newsletter

Friday 17th January 2025



Our Value for this half-term is
Responsibility.

Dear Families,

Happy New Year to you all. I really hope you enjoyed Christmas and had a good rest too. We'd like to express our thanks and gratitude, once again, for the thoughtful cards, messages, and gifts we received. We are all very grateful!

It was wonderful welcoming the children back to school, where there was such a positive atmosphere around school. The children have come back settled and ready to learn. They have quickly got back into their usual classroom and school routines. It has been amazing seeing the excitement of being back and reading some of the children's super holiday recounts.

The beautiful writing in classes wowed me; the children really enjoyed getting their Headteacher stickers and Gold awards well done!

We know that many children and families had issues with illness over the holiday period and we know there are lots of viruses going around. We hope the children are returning to school fit and well, but if your child is unable to attend school, please report the absence before 9am each day on the school answerphone.

This half terms parent clinic with myself is on January 24th. To book a slot please call the school office. However, if you have any concerns or issues, please speak to your class teacher in the first instance. If you feel an issue is unresolved then please book a slot for my parent clinic.

It looks like the weather is set to change next week so please send children with warm coats and base layers as required. We hope that you will enjoy a wonderful weekend together.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Abbott
Headteacher

What's going on in school...

Reception

Bees have enjoyed coming back to school after the holidays and starting our new topic 'On the Water.' We have been exploring floating and sinking and enjoying water play. We have also had great fun with our 'Drawing Club,' which this week has been all about The Owl and the Pussy Cat.

Please don't forget to sign up to come and help at Morning Challenges if you can. You can sign up via the clipboard outside Honeybee's classroom or email the class teacher.

Year 1

Squirrels and foxes ended the first week back to school with a very exciting 'Commotion in the Ocean' day.



We looked wonderful in our sea-related costumes and made sea creatures, built boats, sang underwater songs and enjoyed a specially themed dance session as creatures from beneath the waves.

Year 2

Year 2 have been reading 'Samson's Titanic Journey', about Samson the mouse who travels aboard the Titanic on its journey to America. They made mouse ears as part of the topic.

Timekeeping

Timekeeping is important in the education of your child. If your child is persistently late, then they are missing out on important learning opportunities at the start of the lesson. Children go straight to their class from the playground 08:45 and lessons start as soon as the register has been taken.



Gates will be closed at **08:50am**. If your child arrives after this they must go to the office and be signed in. The school day ends at **3.20pm**

Why is school attendance so important?

Moss Lane works closely with children and parents in connection with attendance so that each child can achieve their full potential. By law, all children of compulsory school age (five to sixteen) must receive a suitable full-time education. Once your child is registered at school, you are legally responsible for making sure that they attend regularly and on time. If your child fails to do so, you risk getting a penalty notice or being prosecuted. You should also consider the negative impact upon the following:

- their learning
- their friendships
- their self-esteem and confidence.

Minutes late per day	Learning time lost in a year
5 minutes	3½ days
10 minutes	7 days
15 minutes	10 ½ days
20 minutes	14 days
30 minutes	21 days

Important Reminder...

- **All children should have access to a warm winter coat at school.** The children have playtimes outside even during light rain.
- PE takes place outside unless the playground conditions are considered to be dangerous or there is a torrential downpour. **Again**, please ensure that your child is equipped with a full PE kit. This should include: Plain black shorts/joggers, red plain T-shirt/polo shirt, school jumper and trainers.
- **Jewellery should not be worn** in school for health and safety reasons. Thank you.
- Please do not park on the yellow lines, kerbs outside school or the carpark next to the front of the school as you might get a ticket.
- Children are to walk not scoot or cycle on the playground.
- Please ensure all children walk into school rather than being carried or pushed in a buggy, as we encourage independence.
- Children are not to climb or use the playground equipment before or after school. If you are late please go to the school office and sign in.
- Water bottles —All water bottles must be plastic transparent bottles and filled with water (only). These must be clearly named to prevent other children from using them or getting lost.
- Names gloves /scarves—Now the weather has changed the children are bringing hats and gloves to school. Please can I remind parents/carers to clearly name them. Staff cannot be expected to go around the school trying to locate their owners.

Thank you for your cooperation

Sickness

Children do get ill which does mean they may need to have a day off school. However, I am aware that sometimes children are missing school when they could be in school learning. The traffic light guidance below may help you decide if your child is well enough to come into school.

RED – STAY AT HOME Sickness & Diarrhoea – 48 hours must have elapsed before a child can return to school from the last episode.	AMBER – SEEK ADVICE Headache, Feeling Sick, Tummy Ache Children often feel unwell if they are anxious, if in doubt contact the school for advice.	GREEN – COME TO SCHOOL Mild cough, Cold, Sore Throat, Feeling Tired We will always contact you if your child is ill during the school day.
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School rules

The children started the week with an assembly reminding them about our school values and our all-important school rules. All the children were able to share our main rules which are: -

- **Be Ready**
- **Be Safe**
- **Be Respectful**

Be Ready - encompasses how we learn through both listening to adults and peers and being mentally ready to learn.

Be safe - encompasses everything involving harm to anyone physical or verbal.

Be Respectful - encompasses 'treat others how you would like to be treated'.

Please do talk to your children about following the school rules for their success at school.

What's coming up...

Monday 13th January

Foxes Woodland School

Monday 20th January

Otters Woodland School

Friday 24th January

Parent Clinic

Monday 27th January

Hedgehogs Woodland
School

Wednesday 29th January

Inset day – No Children in
school

Friday 31st January

Chinese New Year

Monday 3rd February

Foxes Woodland School

Wednesday 5th February

FGB 6.15pm

Monday 10th February

Squirrels Woodland School

Tuesday 11th February

Zones of regulation training
for parents – 9am

Half Term

17th – 23rd February

Monday 24th February

Children Return to school

Unauthorised leave taken during term time

Just to remind parent/Carers that if they take their children out without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply: -

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to these child/children in a rolling 3-year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charge at the rate of £160.00 per parents/ carers per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of this notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice to these child/ children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3-year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payments within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in a Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to these child/ children in the rolling 3-year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice. – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parents/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under S444 Education Act 1996.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notices without the written permission of the Headteacher.

Please see our online calendar
of events [here](#).

Safeguarding...

Designated Safeguarding Leads Mrs Abbott, Mrs Betterton, Miss Forbes Wood and Mrs King

These members of staff monitor and manage all safeguarding practices and ensure staff are supported and have the training they need.

Please ask to see one of these adults if you are worried about the safety of a child at school

**If you have a safeguarding concern about a child out of school hours then the number to ring is:
Surrey C-SPA 01483 517898**

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

The government provides universal free school meals for every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in state-funded schools. However, although meals are provided free of charge, it may still be beneficial to you (if you meet the criteria) to apply for the FSM Entitlement (known as Pupil Premium). For every child in receipt of this entitlement, the school receives extra funding and this money is used to support that child to access school trips, activities, school clubs etc. and it is an important funding stream for every school. The qualifying criteria for Pupil Premium are: -

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seeker's Allowance (IBJSA)
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, provided that their annual income is less than £16,190 and they are not in receipt of Working Tax Credit.
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Working Tax Credit run-on -paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

NHS Pharmacy First Service

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that can help children feel better and back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service. Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

<u>Common condition</u>	<u>Patient eligibility</u>
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

*NHS Pharmacy First Service: In pharmacies in England only. Subject to availability. Treatment is subject to suitability assessment. Normal NHS prescription charge rules apply.

Heavy Snowfall

The school will endeavour to open and remain open in the event of extreme weather e.g., snowfall. The school will only close in the event of very severe weather and exceptional circumstances, having considered the health and safety of all site users. A decision on closure will be made overnight however if this is not possible, a firm decision will be taken in the morning as early as possible. We will endeavour to inform Parents and Carers via Parent Mail, and a message will be put on the Home Page of the School's website and social media platforms. This information will be updated whenever further information is available.

Community news

Are you a parent in need of support?

Home-Start in Waverley may be able to help you by offering you a volunteer if you:

- live in the borough of Waverley which includes Farnham, Haslemere, Cranleigh, Godalming and surrounding districts
 - have one or more children under the age of 5
 - are going through a difficult time in your life
- There are many reasons why you may need us. Perhaps you are:
- feeling isolated, maybe with no family nearby and struggling to make friends
 - suffering with post-natal depression and maybe finding it hard to talk to anyone about it
 - having a hard time coping with your child's illness or disability
 - being affected by the death of a family member
 - struggling with the emotional and practical demands of twins, triplets or more than one child under 5
 - finding it hard to cope with relationship difficulties
 - feeling exhausted or depressed
 - coping with your own illness or disability



What do we offer?

If we think you qualify for our service, a carefully selected and trained volunteer, who has parenting experience, can visit you regularly for 2-4 hours a week in your own home. Our volunteers are there to offer emotional and practical support which is based on what we together agree would be helpful. Our support is flexible and responsive to your needs and can include:

- being a listening ear or someone to talk to
- adult company
- helping and playing with your children
- reassurance
- help to find out about and access other local amenities and services
- encouragement and motivation
- practical help



How can I get support?

If you are a parent looking for support, you can [email us](#), call us on **01252 737 453** to chat about your needs, or you can download the [self-referral form](#) which you can complete and post back to us. Our address can be found on the [Contact Us](#) page, or [send us an email](#). Please phone our office if you need help to complete the referral form or you can ask someone else such as your GP or health visitor to do it with you. The information you provide will help us ensure that the support you receive is appropriate and effective.

Once we receive your completed referral form, we will contact you and arrange a visit to discuss any issues your family is having to deal with, what support is needed and how we may be able to help you. **Home-Start in Waverley** is an independent and confidential volunteer service – we only support you at your request.

Surrey Minds Together, are empowering individuals and families to navigate mental health challenges with greater understanding and confidence. Please see below some of the courses they offer.

Supporting Dysregulation in our Children and Ourselves

Sunday 28th January 10am-12pm

Student Learning Centre, The Ashcombe School, Dorking

<https://dorkingminds.cademy.io/supporting-and-understanding-self-harm>

Wellness Wonderland

A wellness festival supporting students ages 10-19 to look after their mental health and increase their toolkit in supporting themselves and others

Sunday 9th February 11am - 4pm

For more details visit - <https://surreymt.org/wellness-wonderland/>

Supporting and Understanding Self Harm

Sunday 23rd March 10am - 1pm

Why do young people increasingly turn to self-harm as a way of dealing with stress? And what can caring adults do to respond to this mystifying behaviour?

This workshop will explore the many variables which lead to self harm while exploring methods of healing distress through curiosity and compassionate understanding.

<https://dorkingminds.cademy.io/supporting-and-understanding-self-harm>

2 Day Accredited Youth Mental Health First Aid Training - £20!

17th & 24th May 9am - 5pm

<https://dorkingminds.cademy.io/youth-mhfa-2025>

ADHD Support Group

First Tuesday of every month 7pm - 9pm

<https://surreymt.org/support-groups/>

Adopt a Pane appeal

Haslemere Educational Museum operates as a charity and it has launched a new appeal to raise vital funds for the maintenance of its listed Georgian building on Haslemere High Street. Supporters are being asked to adopt one of its window panes. Details of how to adopt a pane can be found on the Museum's website at

haslemeremuseum.co.uk/adoptapane



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Support the Museum

Haslemere Museum is raising vital funds for maintenance of its listed Georgian building on Haslemere High Street.

Find out how you can help at
haslemeremuseum.co.uk/adoptapane

The poster features a photograph of a window with decorative stained glass panes in the foreground and a building facade in the background. The text is overlaid on a dark green background.

Family event BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH



Saturday 25 January 2025
10.30am-1pm

A chance for children and adults to have fun together making bird cakes, doing craft activities and discovering the birds in the Museum grounds and galleries.
Free event | No need to book in advance
Haslemere Museum, 78 High Street, Haslemere, GU27 2LA



Big Garden Birdwatch

To coincide with the RSPB's Big Garden, Birdwatch, Haslemere Educational Museum will hold a free family event on Saturday 25 January, 10.30am-1pm. A chance for children and adults to have fun together making bird cakes, doing craft activities and discovering the birds in the Museum grounds and galleries. Advance booking not required.

Artist of the term

Spring 2025

Self-portrait in the style of Frida Kahlo art challenge.

In assembly this week, the children have learned all about the work of Mexican artist Frida Kahlo. They learned how she often used her favourite bright colours, her favourite plants and animals in her paintings to reflect her thoughts and feelings.

I have asked the children if they would like to create a self-portrait using their favourite colours, and adding detail of their favourite plants and animals. Perhaps their self-portrait could reflect how they are feeling when they create it, such as happy, calm or even sleepy?

The children might want to sketch in pencil first, in front of a mirror so that they can see themselves, and then they could use coloured pencils, paints, or felt tips to add some beautiful colours. Frida used a lot of green, red, yellow and gold – perhaps the children like these colours too?

We will have a gallery of our Moss Lane artists' work in the hall for everyone to admire! Please name your child's art work on the back, and then either hand it to myself.

For more information on Frida Kahlo, here is a short video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fneUNgrxrE> .Please only use You Tube with adult supervision.

We can't wait to see their art work!

Thanks very much

Mrs Smith

Art and Design and DT Lead.

