

Moulsham Infant School

Where learning is fun.



December newsletter – 18th December 2020

Merry Christmas to all our families from all the staff at Moulsham Infant School.



Important Dates

Jan 4th – Non-Pupil Day.

Jan 15th – Deadline for Year 3 and Year R applications to ECC.

Feb 10th & 11th – Parents' Evenings.

Feb 12th – Non-Pupil Day

Feb 15th-19th Half Term Break.,

Well we have made it!! It has been quite a term. I would again like to say thank you to everyone at MIS, for all your hard work – to the children, every member of staff and to all our parents. These are still very strange times and we are learning as we go along. With no Christmas production, this year it has been a strange run up to Christmas but the children sang beautifully together in class bubbles to tell the Christmas story. Follow the link sent out on a separate letter/email to view on YouTube. A Covid style Christmas Market took place this week and it was lovely to see the children so excited to go and buy their gifts. A huge thank you to Mrs Waller, Mrs O'Leary and Mrs David for working so hard to ensure this could still happen. The children enjoyed both a virtual pantomime and party with a virtual children's entertainer plus a message from Father Christmas – hopefully you have heard about these from your child/ren. Since the last newsletter, we have said goodbye to Mrs Vikki De Haas who worked in the kitchen for the last 2½ years. We wish her lots of luck in her new venture. Finally, I would like to wish everyone a restful Christmas break and let us hope 2021 is better.

Vikki De Haas

SCHOOL DINNER

A new menu starts after the Christmas holidays. It will be the Week 1 menu the week beginning 4th Jan.

Full details of the new menu are available on our website www.moulsham-inf.essex.sch.uk.



Reading at home

Top spots go to:-

YR – Oak Class
Y1 – Sycamore class
Y2 – Holly and Willow classes.
Keep reading!!!



Reception

Admissions

Applications for reception places for September 2021 must be made to Planning and Admissions by **15th January 2021**. Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. Late applications made after the closing date are considered after those made on time, which reduces a parent's chance of being offered a place at their preferred school.

Year 2 transfer to MJS

To guarantee a place for your child (Year 3) at MJS for September 2021 you **must** apply by **15th January 2021**. Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. Late applications made after the closing date are considered after those made on time, which reduces a parent's chance of being offered a place at their preferred school.



Please remember to name all your children's clothes – then we can return them.

THIS SCHOOL IS NUT FREE



THANK YOU
for keeping our school safe!

First Day Contact

If your child is unable to come to school because of illness, please ensure that you telephone the school office on the first day of absence, preferably before 9.15 a.m. If you telephone outside school hours, there will be an answer phone switched on for you to leave a message. If no message is received, we will need to contact you.

Important Information

Please remember all newsletters, important dates, forms and other information are available on our website at www.moulsham-inf.essex.sch.uk. SMILE also post reminders about upcoming events on their facebook page, just search for SMILE Parent's Group.

Parking for Dovedales



Can we please remind you that for safety reasons parents are not permitted to bring their cars into the staff car park when dropping off or collecting from Dovedales.

Spare Clothing

We are very short of boys trousers in our spare clothing. If you have any trousers that your children have grown out of, please send them into the school office.

COVID Tests

Please be aware that if anyone in your household has symptoms and is booking a test – from that point on children should not be attending school. They can only return to school when either a negative result is confirmed or after a period of 10 days

The Winter Reading Challenge 2020

Essex Library Services have launched a brand new reading scheme, which runs from 5th December to 27th February 2021. Visit your local library to collect a giant challenge bookmark. Each time a book is read they will receive a stamp on their bookmark (up to a maximum of six). When six books are read, they will receive a gold star, which is to be placed on their bookmark.

Late Arrivals/Collections



If your child arrives at school after their entrance has closed please bring them to the office and sign your child in. Children will be recorded in the register as late and if they arrive after 9.20 a.m. they will be recorded as an unauthorised absence for the morning session.

If your child is collected late from the school office, you will be asked to sign them out. It is **not acceptable** to have your children collected by older siblings from MHS unless it is an emergency and by prior arrangement. NB: Due to current restrictions classes start and finish at staggered times.

Parent Helpers in School



Due to Covid and restrictions on people coming into school we will be unable to welcome parent helpers into school at present.

School Nurse

Our school nurse Saffron Ling can be contacted on 0300 2470014.

Office hours

The school office is open from 8.45 a.m. – 3.30 p.m. Outside of these hours please leave a message on the school answerphone. Please ensure that children stay at the bottom of the steps until the door is open.

Save the Children

We raised £303.68 for Save the Children from our Christmas Jumper Day.

Thank you to everyone who supported this worthwhile cause.