

Moulsham Infant School

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December newsletter – 17th December 2021

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.

Jan 21st – Holly Class Assembly & Open Morning.

Jan 25th – Year 1 Open Afternoon.

Jan 27th – Year 1 Open Afternoon.

Jan 28th – Willow Class Assembly & Open Morning.

Feb 2nd and 3rd EYFS open afternoons

Feb 4th – Hazel Class Assembly & Open Morning.

Feb 9th & 10th – Parents' Evenings.

Feb 11th – Non-Pupil Day

Feb 14th-18th Half Term Break.

So we have made it, just, to the end of term. It has been a busy last few weeks and I think you will all agree we are all ready for the Christmas break!

The children have all worked considerably hard to learn songs, words, dances etc. for the Christmas productions and we are extremely proud of each and everyone of them. Alongside this, they also adapted to a change of venue to enable us to still perform to you. Thank you to all of you for understanding. We would obviously have preferred to go on as we initially intended, and perform the plays in the hall but we were glad to be able to adapt and improvise so you were still able to see your children at this magical time of year. We were also extremely lucky that the weather was in our favour and all the productions took place at the scheduled times.

We are going ahead and planning events 'as normal' for next term and hope that these plans can become reality and are not affected by any further restrictions.

All that is left to say is to wish you all a wonderful Christmas time together, to keep safe and look forward to seeing you all in 2022.

Jane Landa-Arese

Staffing

Unfortunately as we come to the end of this term we are saying goodbye to some of our very valued members of staff – Miss Laura Kendle, Miss Claire Yates and Mrs Natasha Spoors. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all their hard work and commitment to MIS over the years they have worked with us. We will miss all of them and wish them all the best in the future.

As we say goodbye to these staff members we would also like to welcome Miss Rosie Nunn who will be teaching in Tulip class, Mrs Lindsey Patterson who will be taking over the SENCo role and Mrs Tara Dowsett who will be working with our kitchen team. We are looking forward to working with them all.



SCHOOL DINNER

It will be the week 1 menu when we return after the holidays. Please ensure your child brings a packed lunch if they have not ordered a hot meal. Please inform the office if there are any changes to your child's choices.



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!



Reception

Admissions

Applications for reception places for September 2022 must be made to Planning and Admissions by **15th January 2022**. 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 2022 you **must** apply by **15th January 2022**. 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.



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.

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.

COVID

Please continue to do regular LF tests over the Christmas break and follow the government guideline so everyone can return fit and healthy in 2022.

If there are any changes to the beginning of next term we will let you know as soon as we are aware of these.

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.

Charity Collections

We raised £100.41 for the Poppy Appeal, £427.64 for Children in Need and £207.32 for Save the Children from our Christmas Jumper Day.

We also raised £248.12 for the YoYo Project from donations at our Christmas productions. Thank you to everyone who supported these worthwhile causes.

Spare Clothing

We are very short of girls tights and socks, boys pants and socks and jogging bottoms in our spare clothing. If you have any that your children have grown out of, please send them into the school office.

Christmas thank you!!

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has helped us to make this Christmas magical in school. Mr Cooper for recording the productions; SMILE for organising the Christmas Market, Mr and Mrs Innes for creating a wonderful Santa's grotto and of course to FC himself for visiting earlier in the week.