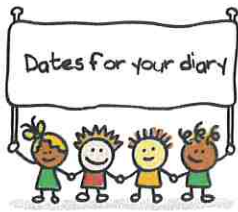


Moulsham Infant School

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September newsletter – 12th September 2022



Welcome back everyone.

Important Dates

Sept 19th – Bank Holiday

Sept 20th Year 2 After School Clubs begin.

Sept 23rd Harvest

Sept 28th Individual Photos.

Sept 30th Grandparents visits in EYFS.

Oct 7th Hazel Class Assembly & Open Morning.

Oct 14th Willow Class Assembly & Open Morning.

Oct 18th Parents Evening.

Oct 19th Parents Evening.

Oct 24th – 28th Half term holiday

Oct 31st Children return to school.

Nov 3rd Flu Immunisations.

We would like to welcome all our new families who have joined us this term – all those in EYFS and those who have joined us in Year 2. It is lovely to have you as part of the Moulsham family.

We also have several new members of staff – Miss Niamh Talbot teaching in Willow class, Mrs Amy Mobbs teaching in Hawthorn class. As well as Mrs Joyita Chowdhury, Miss Sienna Watling, Miss Tracey White, Mrs Rachel Lockwood, Miss Sarah Keys and Mrs Veronika Lorincz-Ormos who have joined our LSA team, Ms Odete Mendonca & Ms Rosangela Andreossi have joined our MDA team and Miss Natasha Wade & Miss Chloe Riley have joined us as teaching apprentices. Welcome to all of them and we look forward to working together.

The children have settled quickly into the new school year and are already working hard.

A plea

We have a lot of children bringing backpacks into school. These are really not necessary. Backpacks are causing health & safety concerns in the classrooms and cloakroom areas as they get knocked off pegs and then become a trip hazard.

Can I please ask you to support us in this area by **not** sending children to school with backpacks. A book bag is more than adequate for what the children need to bring to school. Book bags are then stored in the classrooms – helping us to keep cloakrooms/areas tidy and 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.

School Governors

We are looking for new governors to join our governing body.

If you are interested and have skills in Finance, Education or HR please contact Sue Hamnett in the school office for more information.

We are also looking to widen the diversity of our governing body.



SCHOOL DINNER

As you know our menu is on a 3 week cycle. This week will be week 2. 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
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THANK YOU
for keeping our school safe!

Bank Holiday

Monday, 19th September will be a national bank holiday for the Queens funeral.

School will re-open on Tuesday 20th September.

Collection Arrangements



Please can any regular collection arrangements by after school clubs or other relatives/adults be put in writing to your child's **new** class teacher. Arrangements from last year are not passed on by the previous teacher in case the information is not up to date. If we have not been notified of who is collecting your child we will not allow your child to leave for safeguarding reasons.

Homework for Year 1 & Year 2

This year we will not be using Google Classroom to set homework. This is now on the school website. In order to access this, you will need to click on the following tabs; Menu, Children's Area, Homework. You then click on the relevant year group and you will see the attachment. These do not need to be printed, children can just make notes in their homework book that goes home each Friday. We ask that these are returned no later than Wednesdays, in order to be marked and ready for the following Friday. Thank you for supporting home learning.

Charities

We are very keen to support charities throughout the year and will respond to events and incidents as they occur.

We will continue to support the normal charities that we raise money for e.g. Poppy appeal, Marie-Curie, Children in Need and Comic Relief but our main charity this year is Kids Inspire.

If you want kids to
WANT to READ . . .

Then read amazing
books aloud EVERY
single day.

School Values

The children have been introduced to our school values – Independence, curiosity, ambition, resilience and empathy (I CARE).

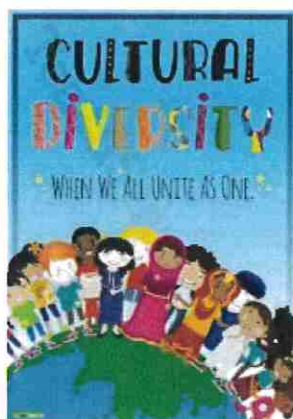
These values will be incorporated into every aspect of life in school.

Car Park & Parking on the school site

Please can all parents and visitors be mindful of how and where they park on the school site. The site is very busy at the start and end of the school day. Ultimately, safety has to be a priority to other drivers and pedestrians.

Cars **should not be parked** on grass verges or where they block entrances or exits.

Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.



Harvest

On Friday 23rd September KS1 classes will be taking part in a Harvest celebration at St John's Church in Moulsham Street. More details will be sent out in a separate letter. The EYFS classes will have a Harvest celebration in school on that day too.



Family Support Worker

Sarah Mansell is our Family Support Worker and is in school every Wednesday. To make an appointment to meet with her please contact the school office.

School Nurse

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

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.

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.

Drop Off 8.45 a.m. – 9.00 a.m.

Children can arrive at any time between these times. If parents stagger their arrival time this will reduce the amount of people waiting and congregating on the site.

Please ensure that children stay at the **bottom of the steps** until the door is open. There is always at least two members of staff on each entrance to welcome the children and there are members of staff in the corridor to help children if they are unsure.

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



We are always keen to welcome Parent/grandparent helpers in school. A letter with details on how you can volunteer will be circulated shortly.

SMILE

The SMILE AGM will be held on Thursday 15th September at 7.00 p.m. at the school. Please come along and see how you can be involved. SMILE can be contacted at smilepta2021@outlook.com.



Entrances at start of day

EYFS will enter the school via the side gate between 8.45 a.m. – 9.00 a.m.

Year 1 & Year 2 will enter through the main front door between 8.45 a.m. – 9.00 a.m.

Exits at end of school day.

Maple, Tulip and Cherry classes will exit via the side gate and Oak class via the door to the right of the side gate at 3.15 p.m.

Year 1 classes will exit via the old front door at 3.15 p.m.

Year 2 classes will exit via the main front door at 3.15 p.m.