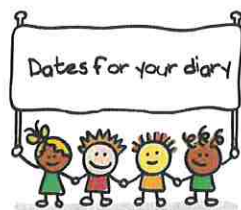


# Moulsham Infant School

Motivate, Inspire, Succeed



October newsletter – 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022



Half term is here!!!!

## Important Dates

Oct 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> Half term holiday

Oct 31<sup>st</sup> Children return to school.

Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> Textile recycling being collected.

Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> Phonics Workshops for parents.

Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> – Flu Immunisation Day.

Nov 4<sup>th</sup> – Holly Class Assembly & Open Morning.

Nov 11<sup>th</sup> – Hawthorn Class Assembly & Open Morning.

Nov 18<sup>th</sup> – Children in Need.

Nov 25<sup>th</sup> – Y2 1940s Day.

Nov 28<sup>th</sup> – SMILE Non-Uniform Day.

Dec 1<sup>st</sup> – EYFS Christmas Production to parents (Oak & Maple).

Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> – SMILE Non-Uniform Day.

Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> – EYFS Christmas Production to parents (Cherry & Tulip classes).

Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> – KS1 Christmas

How can we be at half term already? The past 7 weeks just seem to have flown by!

The children have settled well into their new classes and new routines. There is a lovely purposeful atmosphere across the school and the children are engaging very well with their learning. We are particularly proud of our Year 2 children who have adapted brilliantly to their new class groups and are showing amazing team work. This has really come across in the two assemblies that have been performed so far this term. Well done to Hazel and Willow classes. We look forward to Hawthorn and Holly class assemblies after the half term break.

Thank you to all the parents and children who have taken on the plea from the previous newsletter and are no longer bringing backpacks into school.

Next half term is always a busy one with Christmas preparations underway alongside the normal day to day activities. Please look out for information after the half term about Christmas productions.

Finally, we would all like to wish you a happy half term holiday break and look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October with their pumpkins ready for the competition. We are looking forward to seeing the children's creations.

*Joe Hand-Arse*



## SCHOOL DINNER

After half term it will be the week 2 menu. 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.

## School Admission Policy

We are currently consulting on changes to our Admissions Policy for the 2024-2025 academic year.

Details are available on our website [www.moulsham-inf.essex.sch.uk](http://www.moulsham-inf.essex.sch.uk) under the information tab, admissions.

## E-safety reminder

Again we have children talking about 'Poppy's Playground' and a new addition called 'Rainbow Friends'.

Could we just re-iterate that neither of these are appropriate for children of infant age. Please be mindful of what your children are watching/engaging with on computers.

THIS SCHOOL IS  
**NUT FREE**



THANK YOU  
for keeping our school safe!

### Important Dates

Dec 9<sup>th</sup> – SMILE Non-Uniform Day.

Dec 14<sup>th</sup> – Christmas lunch celebration.

Dec 15<sup>th</sup> – SMILE Christmas Market.

Dec 16<sup>th</sup> – FC visit and Christmas Parties.

Dec 20<sup>th</sup> – Break up for Christmas holidays.

### KS1 entrance.

Please ensure that children stay at the bottom of the steps until the door is open. This is to ensure that children do not get squashed.

Thank you

### 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.

### 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](http://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.

### School Governors

Mrs Beth Aspinall has been appointed as our new Chair of 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.

### PE days

Reminder

Please ensure that long hair is tied up and ear-rings are removed for P.E. days.

Thank you for your co-operation.



### 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.

### Parent Helpers in School



We are now welcoming Parent Helpers back into school. If you are interested in this role please contact the school office for further information.

### SMILE



A SMILE newsletter will be circulated after the half term break with information about forth coming events.

### Backpacks

Please can we just remind parents that children should not be bringing backpacks into school. We do not have room to store them safely in the cloakrooms and they are becoming a health and safety issue.

### Textile Recycling

We are having a textile recycling collection on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Please only bring your donations before 10.00 am on the morning of 4<sup>th</sup> November as we are unable to store the donations in the school building. We are also collecting old pens. Collecting bins are in school. Please send into school so we can recycle them.

Thank you.

