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September Newsletter – 13th September 2023

Welcome back everyone and welcome to all our new families.



Important Dates

September 18th – Y1 & Y2 after school clubs begin.

September 21st – SMILE AGM.

September 21st – Last day YR parents can take children to the classroom.

September 27th – Individual Photographs.

September 29th – Harvest.

October 6th – Flu Immunisation Day.

October 17th – Parents' Evening.

October 18th – Parents' Evening.

October 23rd -27th Half Term.

The children have settled very quickly back in school and into the new academic year. Our new EYFS children are all now in school and are becoming familiar with school routines. They are coming into school in the mornings happily. We have also welcomed several new children into KS1 – it already feels like they have always been part of Moulsham.

As well as welcoming our new families, we would also like to welcome a couple of new staff members – Mrs Kerry Falltrick has joined our LSA team. Mrs Claire Fletcher has joined our lunchtime team and Miss Poppy Marshall who has joined us as a teaching assistant apprentice.

This year we are going to return to organising school trips, following many comments from parents about how disappointed they were that we had not done them last year. Venues have been decided on and we are just waiting to hear back from coach companies, so that costs can be confirmed. A letter will go out with the cost for the trips and experience days (as we did last year). The money will need to be paid by a certain date so that we are able to confirm with the venues, coaches and companies coming into school. As I am sure you understand our budget does not cover the cost of trips and we are reliant on parents making contributions to cover the trip cost. If we do not receive adequate funds to cover the cost of the trips/experiences, we will have no alternative but to cancel them.

Over the Summer holiday, we had an addition to the Landa-Arrese household – it wasn't a planned addition but we are delighted it happened – introducing Ralph, a Cockapoo and Murphy's buddy.

We are looking forward to the year ahead, there are lots of things that we are focusing on including those highlighted from our OFSTED inspection last April.



Jane Landa-Arrese



SCHOOL DINNER

As you know, our menu is on a 3-week cycle. We are currently on Week 2 of the new menu.

School hours

REMINDER – the start of school changed at the start of term. Doors/gates will open at **8.35 a.m.** and close at **8.45 a.m.**

School will continue to finish at **3.15p.m.**



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

Family Support Worker

Sarah Mansell, our Family Support Worker 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 8.35 a.m. – 3.30 p.m. Outside of these hours, please leave a message on the school answerphone.

Drop Off 8.35 a.m. – 8.45 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. Even if the Junior school bell is ringing. 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. At **pick up time** please stand back from the exits so that the staff and children can see where their grown-ups are waiting. Thank you.

Entrances at start of day

EYFS will enter the school via the side gate between 8.35 a.m. – 8.45 a.m.

Year 1 & Year 2 will enter through the main front door between 8.35 a.m. – 8.45 a.m.

Exits at end of school day.

EYFS classes will exit via the side 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.

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 9.05 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.

School finishes at 3.15p.m and this is the time the children must be picked up

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 9.05 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.

BACKPACKS

Thank you to everyone who has followed our request and are no longer bringing backpacks to school. The cloakrooms are definitely tidier and more importantly they are safer.

We really appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

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.

Correspondence

When emails, letters, messages are sent into school please can parents ensure that the child's class is stated in the correspondence as well as their child's name.

Thank you

Footwear

We have noticed that there are a couple of children who are wearing crocs to school. This style of shoe is not suitable to be worn in school. Please refer to the uniform guidance for suitable footwear or ask a member of staff.

School Code and Values

The children will continue to follow the Mould Sham Code and work to live by our core values - Independence, curiosity, ambition, resilience and empathy (I CARE). These values are incorporated into every aspect of life in school, including the cube jar reward.

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.

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 21st September at 7.00 p.m. at the school. Please come along and see how you can be involved. We will be discussing ways to raise money this year and our next fund raising project.

SMILE can be contacted at smilepta2021@outlook.com.

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 Farleigh Hospice.

Harvest

On Friday 29th September **KS1 classes** will be taking part in a Harvest celebration at St Luke's Church on Gloucester Avenue. More details will be sent out in a separate letter.

The EYFS classes will have a Harvest celebration in school on that day too.



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THANK YOU
for keeping our school safe!

