

The Moss Hey Messenger

Dream Explore Achieve Together



Friday 9th September 2022

It is lovely to welcome everyone back and we have already had a great start to the new academic year. The children have been amazing, they have settled really well and the enthusiasm for learning is fantastic in every class. I would like to extend a warm welcome our new children and families who have joined us this year. The new Reception class have settled in beautifully and are getting to grips with the routines and are starting to make new friends.

It is with deepest sadness that we learnt that Her Majesty, The Queen passed away yesterday. Queen Elizabeth II was in every respect our Monarch. In this time of national grief, we give thanks that we have had the privilege of Her Majesty as our Queen – a constant example of leadership, determination, courage, compassion and above all service.

Teachers will be adapting their lessons and circle times next week to celebrate the life of Queen Elizabeth II. We understand that death can be difficult to talk about, we will be using age appropriate resources designed to help manage discussions and activities and will also be taking into consideration the needs of each class.



Meet The Teacher: It was lovely to see parents and carers at the sessions yesterday. For those who were unable to attend, the slides will be made available on our school website on each class page.

Coffee Morning: Parents and carers are invited to join us for a coffee morning on Monday 12th September 9.15am-10am. Our School Council reps from last academic year will delivering a short presentation to introduce our new school values. Please do not worry if you are unable to make the coffee morning as the power-point presentation will be uploaded on to our school website.

Parking: We have had a great start to the academic year but unfortunately we have already received an angry complaint from a resident, as their driveway has been blocked by families from Moss Hey at drop off and collection times. Please can we remind all families to always be considerate to our residents and park legally, it is never acceptable to block a driveway and we implore families not to do this. We are aware of how busy the roads are at the beginning and end of the school day so please allow more time if you are travelling by car and if it is busy please park further away from school and walk. When you park, please also check if an emergency vehicle could get through as the roads are quite narrow in places around the school.

Also please can I remind you of the one-way system that we request parents/carers to follow. drive up to the top of Langdale and turn right onto Eskdale so that the school is on your left as you come down Eskdale. Please only park on the right hand side of the road, be sure not to block any drives and do not stop in the middle of the road to let children out as this slows up the traffic flow and is not safe for children. We really appreciate your cooperation on this matter.

It is vital that you share the above information about parking with anyone who will be dropping off or collecting your child.

Vacancies: We currently have a midday assistant vacancy as well as 2 vacancies in Out of School. If you are interested in these roles, or know of anybody who may be interested, please email admin@mosshey.stockport.sch.uk for further information.

PTA: The PTA AGM is on Tuesday 13th September @ 6.30pm in school. All are welcome to attend and there are currently vacancies to fill within the PTA so if you are thinking of joining, please do come along.

Communication: As well as our fortnightly Moss Hey Messenger, families will receive letters / notices through School Spider. Please be aware that there are no notifications with this service and you will have to check your e-mail inbox regularly. We strongly encourage you to download the School Spider app as we have the facility to send smartphone messages using the app. This is also where parents evening appointments are booked and where consent forms are completed so it's definitely worth having the app for ease.

Class Dojo: Please do not use Class Dojo for reporting absences, this must be done through the school office. Teachers are continuing to use Class Dojo to communicate with parents / carers in their class as well as sharing snippets of the week on Class Story. **Should you have any serious concerns or complaints please e-mail, write a letter, phone or arrange a meeting rather than detailing it through Dojo.**

Absence reporting: If your child is absent due to illness, you must contact the school office by 9.15am in the first instance to report your child's absence from school. Please use the report an absence facility on the Spider app or website, call 439 5114 or email admin@mosshey.stockport.sch.uk stating your child's name, class and the reason for the absence. Absence should be reported every day unless you are able to give a return date due to a planned absence. If your child experiences sickness or diarrhoea then they must remain off school until 48 hours after the last episode.

If you need to request a planned leave of absence for your child, please complete a form which is available through from the school office, **this should not be reported on School Spider.**

If your child has a medical appointment scheduled to take place within school hours, please provide a copy of the appointment letter to the office **in advance** of the appointment. Please let the office know what time your child will be collected, who they will be collected by and whether they will return to school the same day.

Please, wherever possible do not book routine dental/optician/medical appointments for during school time.

Lunches: Gary Cope continues to be the school cook. He has been a great addition to the Moss Hey team and children thoroughly enjoy the meals.

School lunches must be pre-ordered at home. School meals can be pre-ordered each half term in advance, as we are now having so many children having a school meal we would politely request that lunches are ordered as soon as possible. This can be done using the School Grid website, unfortunately there is not an app for this facility. If you have lost your log in details, please contact the office and they can send a new password link.

If you are sending a packed lunch in with your child, please remember that we **do not allow NUTS** in school due to having children with severe allergies so please check all ingredient labels carefully.

Medication / Inhaler: If your child has a medical condition requiring medication, please ensure that we have all necessary medications in school and that they are in date. A medical form needs to be completed for each type of medicine we hold in school.

Out of School: If you use the Out of School club please ensure you have read the new terms and conditions.

Parents need to make their own bookings using School Gateway and online bookings close 3 days in advance. Parents now have the ability to amend their own bookings as long as they are more than 3 days away.

The Out of School club is very busy so it is important that parents manage their bookings carefully as we are having to turn people away when last minute requests are made for OOS.

Any queries regarding the Out of School club please send an email to outofschool@mosshey.stockport.sch.uk for the Out of School managers. Any queries involving payments need to be emailed to admin@mosshey.stockport.sch.uk. The phone number if you need to contact Out of School is 07444 882 791.

OOS staff have requested that when you come to collect your child from OOS, you come through the gate into the playground as the staff need to see who is collecting the child. Similarly, if someone other than Mum or Dad is collecting your child from OOS, please let the managers know in advance by email.

Dates for the diary

Date	Event	Time
Tues 6th Sept – Tues 6th Dec	Y4 Swimming	9.10am
Monday 12th Sept – Fri 16th Sept	Y6 Bikeability	See individual timetable
Monday 12th September	Parent coffee morning	9.15am – 10am
Friday 16th September	Y4 cake sale	3.20pm
Monday 19th September	Individual & sibling school photos	AM
Wednesday 21st September	Y6 to Stockport Air Raid Shelters	10am-2pm
Thursday 29th September	School Discos	TBC
Thursday 29th September	Bramhall High School Open Evening	5pm-8pm
Monday 3rd October	Open morning for prospective parents	9.30am – 11am
Weds 12th Oct – Fri 14th Oct	Y5 Castleton Residential	All Day
Friday 14th October	Flu vaccines for children	AM
Friday 21st October	Y2 trip to Staircase House	9.30am – 2.30pm
Friday 21st October	School Closes for half term	3.20pm