

MOSSY LEA MESSENGER

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Well that was great! What a great half term that was; as I sit in front office writing the newsletter the sun is shining literally and metaphorically—I'm proud of what we've achieved. I hope you are. Kitchen open, music in, teaching fab, OFSTED done, huge benefits for both schools resulting from the collaboration, residential done, and we've even had 1 or 2 more kids in the school—although we do need more.... I'm sure they'll come.... Just keep spreading the word, tell people it's time to come back to Mossy Lea.

Our biggest crises we've faced is upon us right now—the chickens! We need to get a bit of an organised rota going here to ease the pressure of Mrs Elms.... I know there isn't many of us, but can we get people together a bit to help organise the chickens.... It isn't sustainable if its left to 1 person. I wonder if our neighbours will also help? I'm going to have a chat with Mrs Elms after half term, and see what, if anything, we can come up with. I don't want to lose them!

We're holding a parents evening on Thursday 7th November. Gill in the office has a register for the evening... please sign in with her during the 1st week back. The importance of parents and school working together is often underrated... kids really respond to your interest in their education.... They thrive off positive comments, and benefit from any advice and targets that are given.... So please, take this formal opportunity to come and meet the team here at Mossy, and speak to Antonella about your child's progress, and next steps in their learning!

Have a great half term everyone, Andy

Dates for diary! Ignore website for now.... We're still catching up!

I'll get to grips with it over half term.... Promise!

Monday is ukulele day! Don't forget to bring them in and, of course, keep practising at home!

18th October... Flu Vaccinations... I think its come a little late for me!

School re open Tuesday 29th October, withal clubs continuing as planned.

7th November. Parents' evening 4.00pm, until 7.00pm

Homework Menu

Thanks for all your positive emails and comments about the learning homework menu. I agree with you! It gives you more flexibility to get involved with the kids work, lets children focus on a wider range of areas, tapping into expertise at home, and saves all the scrappy bits of paper that used to come home, which didn't really and much value to a child' education! Keep enjoying the homework menu, and I look forward to the fruits of your work! You have a long time to complete the activities.... Pin the menu on the fridge.... And go for it! Make sure you do complete the activities kids.... And make sure you do your best.... It makes the celebration much better!

Admissions—come and see the school in action!

If you have a child who should start school in September 2020 please ensure that you have read the admissions process on the website at school, book an appointment and come and see us! We won't be holding "open days" as such. Any fool can put on a show.... choosing a school is a massive decision; I want you to meet me, and see our school. Not meet a polished, scripted me and a show. Come and see. We're great. It's time to come back to Mossy Lea.

Reading is crucial... it underpins everything.... So 15 minutes each day kids please.... Read/ be read to/ discuss/ predict.... And do it all in weird, wonderful, exciting, yet safe places!

Email me your pictures as well..... We'll do a display in school! It'll be great fun!

We're zooshing up the profile of reading at school. Part of this is doing the "extreme reading" challenge or the "look who we found reading" Its great fun, and raises the profile of reading. So kids... find a weird, yet safe spot, and read.... And send me in/ bring me in/ tweet your photographs....

Kids, and adults come on... where are you reading this week? Tweet your pictures.... DoJo's for every tweet! Where are you going to do your extreme reading?

Remember extreme reading is not just for our kids at school – parents, grandparents siblings you can join in as well!