



# Mossheadlines

NEWSLETTER

September 2022

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Dear Parent

We have had a great start to the new school year and it is lovely to be back with all of the staff and the children. Everyone has settled in well to their new classes and we are busy planning for the year ahead. We will be back to some of the usual events we had in place before Covid and will share information about each event (assemblies/ nativity/ etc) with you as soon as any details are finalised. The PTA are also putting together a calendar of events and there is info below about how you can become involved.



We welcome Mrs Watson, Miss Tees, Mr Shaw and Miss Gibney to Mosshead as our new teachers this session. Miss Stewart has also joined us as a member of our support staff.

Mrs Governo will continue to be the key link for P1-3 pupils and Miss Smyth the link for P4-7 pupils. Please do not hesitate to contact any of us if you have any concerns or queries about your child's educational progress or welfare.

Yours sincerely  
Susan Yeoman  
Head Teacher

## Seesaw

Teachers have been sharing information and learning through Seesaw so that you can see what is going on in the class and are aware of what your child is learning. Children love it when they see a like ♥ from their parents and if you have a chance it would be lovely if you could leave a short message as well (teachers will review and approve these so they won't appear immediately). Please continue to use the school office for any important questions or messages as teachers' priority is on learning and teaching and messages might be missed on Seesaw. Clerical staff will pick up emails/ phone messages daily and the most appropriate person will respond to you asap.

## PTA



The PTA will be having their first meeting of the year soon and would be very keen to accept new members. You can contact them on mossheadpta@gmail.com .

All money raised helps the school and the PTA fund a number of events, subsidise trips for pupils throughout the year and buy additional resources to enhance the learning experience for all pupils.

We can always do with more helpers so if you would like to be involved in any way, whether as a regular member or just a helper for certain events, please let the PTA know so you can be included in correspondence.

## SNACKS

We would ask that you provide only 1 small, healthy snack for your child at break time. Some children end up spending their whole playtime eating and don't get a chance to run around with their friends – a piece of fruit, cereal bar, etc are ideal. It is best if the snack doesn't need to be taken out in a tub as these are often left lying in the playground afterwards!

## WATERPROOF CLOTHING



As we move into Autumn, it is really important that our pupils come to school equipped for inclement weather. A waterproof jacket and suitable footwear are essential as pupils will be outdoors for most breaks unless weather is really severe. Pupils will also be taking advantage of outdoor learning where possible. Even if it is sunny in the mornings children should carry a waterproof in their bags so they are prepared for our changeable Scottish weather!

## ABSENCES

The office are dealing with numerous phone calls for absences daily so if you cannot get through in the morning please just send an email to [office@mosshead.e-dunbarton.sch.uk](mailto:office@mosshead.e-dunbarton.sch.uk).



We will be absence monitoring monthly and sending letters to advise if your child's attendance falls below 90%. If attendance falls below 85% you will be invited to an absence review meeting and the attendance officer may become involved, depending on the circumstances. We know children are unwell at times and will provide support to help them catch up on return to school but we cannot provide learning for holidays taken during the school term. These holidays will be marked as unauthorised and the attendance officer may become involved. The exception to this is for parents working in emergency services who have official letters stating that they can only take their holidays in term time. Thank you for your co-operation in helping us improve attendance this year after a slight dip due to Covid absences over the past couple of years.



## AWARENESS RAISING – ALLERGIES

We have several children in our school who have extreme allergies and through good practice, we endeavour to keep them safe on a daily basis. We ask for whole school parental assistance in continuing to make our school environment as safe as possible for all our children and staff. It is important that pupils do not bring food containing **nuts or seeds** to school. Such foods include hummus, pesto, hazelnut chocolate spreads, peanut butter, some cereal bars and some confectionary items. Whilst this list is by no means exhaustive, we appreciate your ongoing vigilance and support in this matter.



## SCHOOL UNIFORM

We are very proud of Mosshead Primary School and feel that our uniform gives us a strong sense of identity. This year it is great to see so many of our P7 pupils wearing a shirt and tie. Lots of people have commented on how smart they look. Uniform can be purchased through various companies listed on the school website and school ties are available from the school office.

If you need financial assistance with purchasing any aspect of the school uniform, or other essential items like a winter jacket please contact the Head Teacher to discuss this in confidence.

Please remember to label **everything** so we can hopefully help items find their way back to the owners!

## PE KIT/ JEWELLERY

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that children should all have a full PE kit to participate in this area of the curriculum. Crop tops are not suitable PE clothing and a normal t-shirt (or a school polo shirt) should be worn. Children are not allowed to wear any jewellery as this is EDC policy. If you are considering having your child's ears pierced, please wait until the start of the summer holidays so earrings can be taken out for PE days.



## NEW HOUSE NAMES

Last year the Pupil Council decided to change the house names to Scottish Olympians and the P4-7 pupils voted on which athletes to choose. The new House names are Grainger (blue), Muir (red), Murray (yellow) and Scott (green). Our House Captains and Vice Captains will be working with their houses to try and win the House and Sports cups over the year.

## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



We are in the process of getting some extra-curricular clubs up and running. Active Schools and a member of our Parent Council have been working with local clubs to try and organise some volunteers for after school clubs. We have an SFA coach booked in for football but are still looking for other sports. If you are interested in running a sports club please let us know and we will pass on your details to our Active Schools co-ordinator so we can provide support/ training as required.

As we can only have 1 sports club running each day we are also looking for volunteers who could offer something different – chess, sewing, art, music, etc. If you have a skill you would be willing to share please contact the school office. Thank you.

## 2022 SPONSORED WALK

As before the pupils and staff will take part in the annual sponsored walk on behalf of the Beatson Institute. A letter about this will be issued shortly.



## LOST PROPERTY

Already in the term we are collecting lost property which has no names on it. Please label **absolutely everything** with your child's name and class. We have nowhere to store lost property in school so anything with a name/class will be returned to the owner but good quality, unnamed items of clothing will be put on the recycle rack on a Friday so please look there if you are aware something is missing. Each day the teachers will try to ensure anything lying about is claimed but if your child loses something please ask them to speak to their teacher the next day so we can try to find it asap.

## P7 OUTDOOR ADVENTURE WEEK

Last week we took our P7 year group to Luss with West End Adventures for some exciting outdoor education. Children were involved in activities such as archery, canoeing, paddle boarding and hillwalking, developing many new skills and thoroughly enjoying these experiences. They represented Mosshead so well and made us so proud with their enthusiasm and resilience throughout the week.

The following are some quotes from the P7 pupils and there are some photos below taken during the week.

*'It would be hard not to enjoy yourself - our first week in P7 couldn't have been better!', 'The instructors made sure you had fun while you were learning', 'I enjoyed every minute of it', 'So many fun memories were made, I hoped that it would never end', I absolutely loved it; it was the best week ever', The water sports were extremely exciting', 'Everything we did was amazing!' 'From the top of Ben Dubh to the village of Luss, we had a blast at West End Adventures.'*



## Dates for the diary

30th August	Bikeability starts for P7a (4 weeks)	 
1st September	Bikeability starts for P7b (4 weeks)	
5th September	P1 Photo – Glasgow Times	
22nd September	Beatson Sponsored Walk (details to follow)	
23rd–26th September	Holiday Weekend	
w/b 27th September	National Maths Week	
27th September	Parent Council Meeting (change of date/ previously scheduled for 20th)	
30th September	P1 Parent workshop (info to follow)- 1:30pm	
30th September	Meet the Teacher (info to follow) – 2:15pm	
5th October	Flu Vaccination Day	
13th October	Harvest Service 9:30am – all welcome	
14th October	Inservice day (holiday for pupils)	
17th–22nd October	School Holiday	
9th and 10th November	Parent Interviews 3:30-6pm	
w/b 14th November	Book Week Scotland	
18th November	Children In Need Day	
24th–25th November	Dogs' Trust workshops (P4-7)	
9th December	Christmas Jumper Day	
15th December	Nativity afternoon/ evening show (P1-3)	
16th– 21st December	Christmas parties	
22nd December	Christmas Service 9:30 – all welcome	
23rd December	Christmas holidays – close 2:30pm (start back Mon 9th Jan)	