

MOSS HALL NURSERY SCHOOL

APRIL/MAY NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Summer Term

We are very happy to see all the children back at school today, and are looking forward to a summer term where children are playing and learning in a safe and stimulating environment.

Although there is good news about a decrease in Covid infections and an increase in vaccinations we are still being cautious at the nursery, minimising contact and increasing handwashing and hygiene practices.

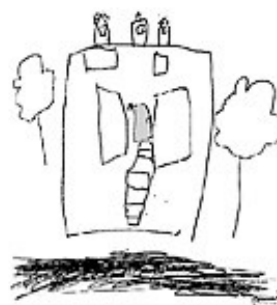
We have changed the end of day collection procedures for Green Class in an attempt to lessen close contact and to be able to ensure all children are handed over safely to their parents or carers.

One of the things staff are finding very hard during the pandemic is the need to restrict parents from coming into the building and we know it has an impact on the kinds of informal conversations and information sharing that would happen at the beginning and end of the day. If you wish to speak to a member of staff, please call or email the office and the staff member will get back to you as soon as they can.

You will have heard about the presence of the South African variant in some parts of Finchley with an N3 postcode where some of our families may live.

Further information can be found at

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19-latest-information-and-advice/covid-testing-nhs-test-and-trace-service/south>



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 28th April 9.30 am

Parent Workshop – Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Monday 3rd May

Bank Holiday. School is closed.

Wednesday 5th May 9.30am

Parent workshop – Physical Development

Wednesday 19th May 9.30am

Parent Workshop - Reading

Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June

Half-term holiday. School is closed for one week

Friday 23rd July

Last day of term

Fundraising

Moss Hall Nursery School, like many Maintained Nursery Schools across the country is struggling financially and this situation has been exacerbated by the income losses incurred during the Covid pandemic. While we appreciate that families may also have suffered financially at this time we are asking for fundraising support from those families who are in a position to help.

You can help us in the following ways:

- You can make a termly donation of £10 to our Special Activity Fund.

You can pay by cash, cheque or online into the school's bank account. Bank: Nat West, Sort Code: 60-23-26, Account no: 82625174

- You can support our school lottery.

<https://www.yourschoolottery.co.uk/lottery/school/moss-hall-nursery-school>

If you have any ideas about raising more funds for the school please let us know.

Reception Places

Please complete the short survey we recently sent out to tell us where your child will be going to in September. We will then be able to work with the schools to support a smooth transition for your children

Tea Club

There are places available in Tea Club. The cost is £16 a day. If you need a place as a one off we may be able to accommodate this at the moment while our numbers are low. The cost is £16. Please call Kalpna or email the office if you are interested.

Parent Workshops

We usually plan to hold monthly parent workshops to provide information about the early years curriculum. We did not have any workshops in the Spring term so plan to offer more frequent sessions this term. They will be on Zoom at 9.30am and we hope to record the session and share it on google classrooms for parents unable to attend the live session. Please see dates for your diary for each workshop. Links will be sent nearer to the dates.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a parent governor. More information will be coming out on Monday 26th April. Please talk to Annette if you would like to know more about this. Our current governing body is not very culturally diverse so we would particularly welcome applicants from a black or ethnic minority background.

Be prepared for the sun

On sunny days please remember to put suncream on your child before they come to nursery. We will top up for the children who attend all day (you will already have given permission for this when your child started). If your child needs an alternative cream please make sure we have some at nursery.

Please dress your child appropriately. They will need sunhats (write their names in them) and should wear clothes that are light but that cover their shoulders. Footwear must be suitable for climbing, running etc so they need to be fastened securely on their feet. (no flipflops)

Backpacks and Water Bottles

To support the end of day dismissal it would be helpful if children kept their bag of clothes at nursery unless we have had to change their clothes (instead of taking it home every day). They will bring home their water bottle on a daily basis for washing and refilling.

Recipe of the Month

We will be sharing simple and healthy recipes in our monthly newsletters. Here is the first one.

Stuffed Pitta

Stuffed Pittas are a great nutritional lunch/snack and they are easy to make with children. Children at tea club enjoy making these for their tea. At Moss Hall Nursery School children use real knives (supervised).



What you need;

- Wholemeal or White Pitta Breads

Suggested Fillings: cheese, chicken and sweetcorn, tuna mayo, chickpeas, scrambled eggs

Salad: cucumber, grated carrot, sliced peppers, shredded lettuce

1. Cut the pitta breads in half and carefully cut open the top of the pitta. You will then have a pitta pocket.
2. You can then get the children to fill them up with their favourite toppings.
3. Now they are ready to eat.

FROM THE MOSS HALL NURSERY SCHOOL TEAM

