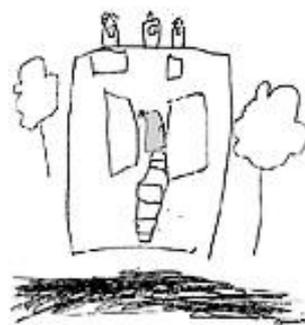


MOSS HALL NURSERY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

September 2020



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Welcome

A very warm welcome to all our new families and to the families returning after the summer break.

The new children are settling in well and can be seen enjoying playing in the garden and classrooms and beginning to make new friends.

We have been blessed with good weather which has meant most people are in the garden for much of the day, which we know is a safer place in terms of transmission of Coronavirus.

Thank you for supporting our settling in policy; it does help children to have a positive start to their school life. All children will have different needs at this time, and the key person will work with parents to support children's individual needs as they settle in to a new experience. A particular thank you for complying with measures introduced to minimise risk of infection during the Covid pandemic.

Paid for care

As children are being admitted gradually invoices for September are just beginning to go out. In future invoices will be emailed to you on the first working day of the month.

This will mean you are likely to receive the invoices for September and for October close together.

We appreciate your patience with this.

Term dates for the year are attached to this newsletter and are also on the website.

Monday 28th September – Friday 2nd October

Harvest Collection for local food bank – more information to follow

Tuesday 6th October

Welcome Event for Parents – a Zoom meeting to provide information about how children learn at our school.

Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October

Half term holiday

Friday 18th December

Last day of term

Important information for new families and a reminder for returning families

Arrival and collection times for the children are as follows:

It is very important that your child is brought and collected on time.

Blue Class

Arrive between 8.30 and 8.45 am.

Children attending morning sessions should be collected at 11.30

Children attending afternoon sessions should arrive at 12.30

Blue Class children should be collected between 3.15 and 3.30

Children in Blue Class will arrive and be collected using the main front door.

**The front door will be closed at 8.45. If children from Blue Class arrive after this time they cannot be admitted until 9.00 as Green Class will be arriving through a different entrance.*

Green Class

Arrive between 8.45 and 9.00 am.

Children attending morning sessions should be collected at 11.45

Children attending afternoon sessions should arrive at 12.45

Green Class children should be collected between 3.30 and 3.45

Children in Green Class will arrive and be collected using the gate to the garden which is located in the staff car park.

Please ensure you maintain social distance while waiting to come into the building. Where possible only one parent should bring/collect their child. If you can avoid bringing in siblings that would also help us minimise transmission but at all times the safety of children must come first.

Regular attendance is very important for children's progress and children are expected to attend nursery every day unless they are unwell. If your child will not be coming to nursery because of illness or for any other reason you **must** call the nursery and tell us the reason for absence.

In exceptional circumstances, which mean you need to take your child out of nursery you must get a form from the office to request authorisation from Annette.

Children have **healthy snacks** during the morning and afternoon sessions. We ask parents to contribute vegetables, fruit, oatcakes, rice cakes, breadsticks etc to share.

Special Activities Fund

We ask all families to make a donation of £10 a term to the school to enable us to continue to provide special learning experiences and resources for the children. This is becoming increasingly important with the continued cuts to our school funding and we hope you can support us. You can make a bank transfer to Moss Hall Nursery, Sort Code 60-23-36, Account Number 82625174 or bring in cash to the office in an envelope with your child's name on

Getting to know our new children using photo books

We are disappointed that we were not able to make our usual home visits this year because of the Coronavirus pandemic. These have always been a good way to begin to build a relationship with your children in a place where they feel comfortable. To help us get to know your child a little better we are asking families to share 3 photographs with us

1. A photograph of your family
2. A photograph of your child's favourite toy
3. A photograph of a mealtime in your home.

These will be used to make books in the key groups to support a sense of belonging and encourage children to talk about similarities and differences.

You can give us a printed copy of the photos or email them to your child's key person. If you need it, we can lend you a school camera.

Thank you for your help with this project.

Moss Hall Schools Association (MHSA)

MHSA is a registered charity and is run entirely by a group of parent volunteers.

They run events to raise money to buy equipment and resources for the nursery, infant and junior schools.

We would love to hear from anyone that would like to join our lovely committee of mums and dads. Our AGM will be held in early October (date TBC) so please come along to learn more about how you can get involved.

Stay up to date with events:

Facebook: Moss Hall Schools Association Instagram: mhsa_finchley Twitter: @mhsa_finchley

Email: Mhsa.info@gmail.com

From October, newsletters will be emailed to parents and available on the website. If you would still like to receive a paper copy please speak to Kalpna in the office.

