

# MOSS HALL NURSERY SCHOOL

## JULY NEWSLETTER

The summer holidays are fast approaching and we have some special events planned for the children during these last few weeks. Unfortunately, Covid restrictions have not yet been lifted and so we will not be able to involve parents as much as we would have wished to.

### **Be prepared for the sun**

We are hoping for some more 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)

### **Parent Workshops**

Our series of parent workshops has now ended. Thank you to all those who attended; we hope that you found them useful. If you were unable to attend you can view the recorded sessions on google classrooms.



### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July**

Art in the Garden week

#### **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2.00 – 3.15**

Fun Afternoon

#### **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

Green Class Picnics – details to be confirmed

#### **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

Blue Class Picnics- details to be confirmed

#### **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

Last day of term

## **Parent survey**

We had a very positive response to the recent parents survey, which was organised by our parent governors. There were 64 responses and parents were overwhelmingly happy with our school with 100% saying they would recommend our school to others.

We were particularly pleased with the positive response during a year that has been disrupted by the pandemic, where some children were unable to attend for a number of weeks and where it has been more of a challenge to communicate with parents. We have endeavoured to be creative and find alternative ways to stay in touch but acknowledge that there may have been difficulties for some of you.

There were a few respondents who did not feel that they were aware of what their child was learning, how they were doing or whether the school had high expectations for their child. Although, this was a small minority we will use this feedback to review our practice to see if we can ensure that every parent feels more fully informed. Please do make contact with us if you have any concerns and we will make time to talk with you.

We would also appreciate it if you could complete a similar survey on Ofsted parent view.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

## **Art in the garden (12 – 16 July)**

Art in the garden is an annual event at Moss Hall Nursery School. Our focus will be on engaging with the natural environment and using mud, sticks, leaves etc in our creations. Children will spend the whole week in the garden engaged in a range of activities including painting, model making, singing, dancing, drama etc. Please make sure they are dressed appropriately; while aprons will be provided children are still likely to get dirty.

### **What can a stick be?**

You can get involved with your child at home too. Find a stick and see what they can make with it. A stick can become all sorts of things with a little imagination and the children have lots of imagination. They may like to add other natural resources, use paint or chalk or anything you can find at home or in your garden or the local park. We would love children to bring in their finished sticks so we can see the many different things a stick can be!

## **Fun Afternoon**

Unfortunately, we cannot invite families to join us at Fun Afternoon this year. However, we are still planning a Fun Afternoon for the children on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July from 2.00pm to 3.15. We will have an entertainer and ice creams for the children.

Children who usually attend in the morning can come in the afternoon instead on that day. So rather than arriving at 8.30(Blue Class) or 8.45(Green Class) and leaving at 11.30(Blue Class) or 11.45(Green Class), they can arrive at 12.30 (Blue Class) or 12.45 (Green Class) and leave at 3.15 (Blue Class) or 3.30 (Green Class).

Usually we fund the entertainer by asking families to contribute an entrance fee and by selling food. As this will not be possible this year, we would be grateful for any financial contributions you can make. Please put money in an envelope and give to Annette or Ken at the door.

## **Class Picnics**

If lifting of restrictions allow we will be inviting parents and carers to join us for Class Farewell picnics in the last week of term.

Green Class picnics will be on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July**. Parents of morning children will be invited to join us at **11.15**, and parents of afternoon children or children who stay all day will be invited to join us at **2.45**.

Blue Class picnics will be on **Wednesday 21st July**. Parents of morning children will be invited to join us at **11.00**, and parents of afternoon children or children who stay all day will be invited to join us at **2.30**.

**If restrictions are not lifted, we will invite smaller groups in throughout the day. We will confirm this nearer to the time.**

## **One final request for your financial support**

During a routine safety check we were advised that the scramble net and trapeze in our garden are not safe for children to use. They are beyond repair and will need to be replaced. This will be very expensive and we will need to do some serious fundraising. We do have some money in our Special Activity Fund that we will use but this is unlikely to be enough. We would welcome any donations and ideas for raising money so that all children can continue to benefit from the physical and emotional challenges available.

Moss Hall Nursery School Team

