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# Moss Road Academy Newsletter

# A positive start for our new Nursery children!

We have welcomed seven new children into our Nursery this halfterm. They are our 'Early Starters' who will benefit from five terms in our Nursery setting. We have been really impressed with how they have settled. They enter school with confidence and have made significant progress over the last six weeks. Don't forget to look at our Twitter feed, @MossRoadAcad, for weekly updates on the learning of these children and all the other year groups in school.

We wish all our families a lovely half-term and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 8:45am.

Kind regards, Carol Ann Turner Executive Head Teacher

### **KEY DATES**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February & Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February: Parents' Evenings

Wednesday 15th March: Birds of Prey to visit

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March:** Happy Chick Company to deliver eggs!

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March:** Skip2Bfit Workshop including parental sessions

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March: Campsmount Dance Show

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March:** School closes for the Easter holidays and reopens on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April.

Please refer to the calendar on our school website for details of more events.





### #MOSSROAD

Our Christmas raffle and craft sale raised £373thank you for your generosity. We are using the money to enhance the children's learning experiences. The Happy Chick Company will be supporting the children's scientific learning next half term with their fertilised eggs and incubator.

As part of our sustainability work, the children are engaged in the Walk to School initiative with Modeshift Stars and have been awarded their Bronze Level award for their efforts.

PE is a key part of our curriculum and the children enjoyed a Skip2Bfit and Box2Bfit day on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb. There are some wonderful photos on our Twitter feed. (@MossRoadAcad).

The Fire Service came to visit in January - a great learning experience for everyone!

#### Moss Road Five Non-Negotiables:

- **1**. Children arrive on time, wearing their school uniform.
- **2.** Children bring their book bag and water bottle to school every day.
- **3.** PE kit is brought to school on a Monday and remains in school until Friday.
- **4.** Children read at least 3 times each week.
- **5.** The Seesaw app is accessed at least weekly.





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### FOSTERING A LOVE OF READING

Reading is a key element of our curriculum at Moss Road and we endeavour to foster a love of reading within all our children.

A new initiative has been launched to support reading this halfterm, entitled 'Story Suitcases'. Children who have had their reading records signed three times during the week will be placed into a draw to take the Story Suitcase home for the weekend.

The story suitcase contains a book of your child's choosing, a sachet of hot chocolate, the class reading mascot and a journal for parents and children to complete. This is proving really popular both with children and parents.



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Happy reading!

**Governing Body:** Have you ever thought of becoming a school Governor? Being a Governor can be an extremely rewarding experience and you will develop different transferrable skills which is great for your personal development. Please get in touch with the School Office for more information.



In March, the Eco Warriors are helping staff to organise a litter pick to support the Great British Spring Clean.

The KS1 continue to enjoy their weekly Born2Ride sessions on our balance bikes.

Our Gardening Club children have made bird feeders during their sessions with Mrs Swain.





# **TEACHING AND LEARNING**

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January was Moss Road's annual Leger Education Trust Teaching and Learning Review. It is our ambition to develop **'Truly Great Students'** across all our schools, and for teaching and learning to be the best that it can possibly be.

The review was very positive with the highlights being:

- In EYFS, children are highly engaged in their learning in well-considered and attractive learning environments.
- The quality of maths teaching in school with children being well supported to make the best possible progress.
- In KS1, the majority of children are actively engaged in their learning, displaying good and often outstanding learning behaviours.

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