

Mossgrove Monthly



September 2022

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 3 Oct	Nursery & Primary 1 normal school sessions
Tues 4 Oct	PTA AGM 6.30pm
Tues 4 -6 Oct	Book Fair 2.00-4.00pm
Thurs 6 Oct	NI Water - Educational Talk P1 - P7
Fri 14 Oct	Macmillan Coffee Morning 9-11am (donations welcome - details to follow)
Mon 17 -21 Oct	Maths Week
Tues 18 Oct	Harvest Assembly (donations to Newtownabbey Food Bank - details to follow)
	P6 Shared Education Day
Fri 21 Oct	Children's Literacy & Numeracy work will be sent home for parents to view
Mon 24 - 28 Oct	Parent Interview Week PI -P7 finish at 2pm Nursery sessions as normal

Mon 31 Oct - Mon 7 Nov (inclusive)
SCHOOL CLOSED - HALF TERM

Wed 9 Nov	P1—P7 Flu vaccination
Sat 12 Nov	GL Examination P7
Mon 14 Nov	Anti Bullying Week
Fri 18 Nov	Children In Need Non-Uniform Day
Sat 19,26 Nov Sat 3 Dec	AQE Examination P7
Tues 6 Dec	P1- P3 visit to Pantomime
W/C 12 Dec	Christmas Nativity Play, further details to follow
Fri 16 Dec	Christmas Dinner (tbc)
Tues 20 Dec	P4—P7 Cinema trip
Wed 21 Dec	PI- P7 finish at 12.30pm. No PM Nursery Non Uniform Day



SEPTEMBER FUN

It has been a great first month back at Mossgrove! It has been lovely to see everyone again and the children have been enjoying their learning and spending time with their friends and teachers.

We hope you find the monthly newsletter informative alongside photographs and information shared via SeeSaw and Facebook.

We extend a special warm welcome to our Nursery and P1 children and parents and to all those who have joined us the first time this year.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Thank you for the care and attention given to wearing the correct school uniform.

Please continue to ensure black school shoes are worn.

Please note: Training shoes and navy tracksuit bottoms (P4-P7) are only to be worn on specified PE days.

Going forward, if attending after school sports sessions, footwear and clothing needs to be brought to school to allow children to change after school.

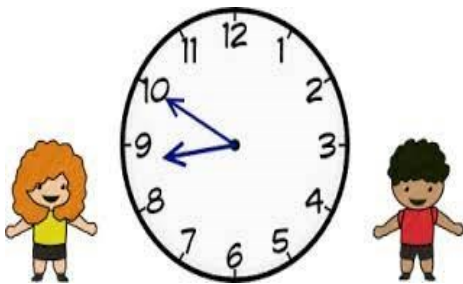
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School News

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BE ON TIME!



LESSONS START AT 9.00AM!

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MATTERS

It is important that children attend school regularly. Please see link below from the Department of Education.

<https://tinyurl.com/56yf7w9y>

If your child is absent, please inform the school office via telephone or email.



SCHOOL MEALS

Please remember to book all School Meals via the SchoolMoney system.

This includes the booking of Free School Meals.

Meals can be booked up to midnight the day before they are required. .

FREE SCHOOL MEAL ENTITLEMENT

If you are entitled to Free School Meals please register even if you do not take the meals (this includes all nursery and primary pupils).

This is important as every child entitled means additional funding is allocated to our school budget.

Further information is available using the link below:

<https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants>



BREAKFAST CLUB

8.00-8.50am P1-P7 £2.50

A selection of cereals, toast and a drink (milk, fruit juice, water) will be served.

You can book online via SchoolMoney.



LOST PROPERTY

We have some lost property already!

Please remember to label your child's belongings, particularly jumpers and coats.

DATA COLLECTION SHEETS

We are updating our parent contact details.

Please look out for this information next week and return to school as soon as possible.

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MEDICATION

If your child requires medication to be administered in school, a consent form must be completed at the school office.

HELPERS REQUIRED

If you are available to help with at our Book Fair or Macmillan Coffee Morning, please contact the school office.



SCHOOL SAFEGAURDING TEAM

If you have any concerns of a child protection nature, please contact the designated teacher, Mrs Gillespie.

The following are members of the schools Safeguarding Team:

- Designated Teacher: Mrs A Gillespie
- Deputy Designated Teacher: Mrs O McKee
- Principal: Mrs E Sinton
- Designated Governor for Child Protection: Mrs V Bryans
- Chair of the Board of Governors: Mr R Young

PARENT RESOURCES

The High Five newsletter is a resource pack for families and primary aged pupils in relation to staying safe physically but also emotionally and mentally using the Health and Social Care Take 5 framework.



Please see link below to access the latest edition:

<https://tinyurl.com/yc4t6348>

NI4 KIDS

For the ultimate 'what's on' guide for family events in Northern Ireland. Parenting, health, education, family lifestyle, competitions and activities for school age children please see link below.



<https://ni4kids.com>

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CHILDREN'S SAFETY

We wish to ensure the safety of all children and therefore would ask that everyone leaving and collecting children at school, drives slowly and plays their part in ensuring pupil safety around the school.

Please do not drive into the school grounds as this is putting children at risk.

There is insufficient room in the car park to offer access for parking, dropping off or collecting children.

Also an area must be kept clear to allow access for a school bus which transports meals from the school canteen.

Sandyknowes Park and Swanston Road

Please observe the road markings at the school. Parking on the footpath opposite the school is illegal and not permitted as children are crossing between cars and the footpath is inaccessible for parents with prams and buggies. Please also exercise caution when using the parking bay at the school gate, as pedestrians and parents with prams use the footpath behind the bay.

There is adequate street parking available in various areas further back from the school leaving you a short distance to walk. However local residents **must** also be able to enter and exit their homes freely at all times.

It is illegal to park across driveways.

Swanston Road

Over the years at Mossgrove, there has been a 'voluntary' one-way traffic system which parents have been encouraged to support. When possible, I suggest that the following route is taken - cars enter along Swanston Road, turn left at Swanston Avenue, then right into Swanston Drive and follow the road all the way round towards the school. Then cars exiting are all facing the same direction to move back out along Swanston Road.

Please can I ask you to pass this information to any others who may be collecting your child.



Welcome to all our new and returning Nursery pupils. Our pupils have enjoyed lots of play time outside and they have made new friends already!



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Primary 1 pupils have settled so well into the new term.
They are having lots of fun learning and practising new skills!



Primary 2 have enjoyed play based learning activities and especially enjoyed learning about Romania for 'European Languages Day'
Primary 3 have had a busy start to September and are happy back in school!



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Primary 4 and 5 have embraced learning some Portuguese and Spanish for our 'European Languages Day'!



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Primary 6 and Primary 7 are really enjoying being back at school. Primary 6 have created some lovely art work about their summer memories. Primary 7 made a beautiful display in remembrance of Queen Elizabeth II.



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