

Mossgrove Monthly



September 2024

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 8-10 Oct	Book Fair 2.00-4.00pm
Tues 8 Oct	PTA AGM (TBC)
Wed 9 Oct	P1-P7 Flu vaccination
Mon 14 Oct	Nursery—P7 School Photographs
Fri 18 Oct	Children's Literacy & Numeracy work will be sent home for parents to view
Mon 21 - 25 Oct	Parent Interview Week P1 -P7 finish at 2pm Nursery sessions as normal
Mon 28 Oct - Fri 1 Nov (inclusive) SCHOOL CLOSED - HALF TERM	
Sat 16 Nov	SEAG Test
Sat 23 Nov	SEAG Test
Tues 10 Dec	P1-P3 Christmas Pantomime visit
Thurs 12 Dec	Canteen Christmas Dinner
Mon 16- Wed 18 Dec	P1-P7 Nativity
Fri 20 Dec	P1- P7 finish at 12.30pm. No PM Nursery Non Uniform Day

SEPTEMBER NEWS

It has been lovely to see everyone throughout this first month back. The children have been enjoying their learning and spending time with their friends and teachers.

It has been a pleasure to welcome our new Nursery and Primary One pupils and parents, as well as several new families who have joined us for the first time throughout the school.

The children in P1-P7 have particularly enjoyed dressing up for European Languages Day.

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

Mrs Sinton



AMJR—FOOTBALL AND MULTISPORTS

AMJR Football and Multisports will begin week commencing 7 October 2024 (details to follow).



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BE ON TIME!



Be In **SCHOOL**
Be On **TIME**

ARRIVAL TIME - **8.50AM**

LESSONS START AT 9.00AM!

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MATTERS

It is important that children attend school regularly.

IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT YOU ARE REQUIRED TO INFORM THE SCHOOL OFFICE VIA EMAIL OR TELEPHONE



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 always take the meals.**

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.

AFTERNOON CLUB

2.00-3.00pm P1-P3 £2.50

Biscuits and juice or water will be served. Arts and crafts are a central theme in our afternoon club as well as lots of free play.



LOST PROPERTY

We have some lost property already!

Please remember to label your child's belongings, particularly jumpers and coats and then items can be returned to their owners.

MEDICATION

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

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INTERNET SAFETY

We ask all parents to be aware of the age restrictions on the following social media apps.

In addition to the apps listed, we also advise parental guidance for children using the Roblox app. This app is advised by 'Common Sense Media' as suitable for children aged 13 +.



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ASDA CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

A reminder from our PTA that even for those that don't shop in Asda, simply by downloading the Asda Rewards app and nominating Mossgrove, means that our school will receive £1 for every nomination!

Please share this information with friends and family.

The offer ends on 30 November 2024.

To date we have raised £99.94!

Thank you everyone!

INTRODUCING CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

Download and opt-in with Asda Rewards and we will donate **££s** to schools.

HERE'S HOW:

- 1 Download the Asda Rewards app and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools.
- 2 Choose your primary school
- 3 Shop in-store across Asda & George, and scan your Asda Rewards app at the checkout.
- 4 Shopping online? Simply log in to Asda.com using the same details as your Asda Rewards account.
- 5 We'll do the rest! We donate ££s to your chosen school every time you shop, so they can spend it on exactly what they need.

With **Parentkind**

Selected stores. Minimum spend £2. Exclusions apply including Asda Express & George.com. Subject to availability. UK 18+. App & Opt in required. 0.5% of the value of a customer's single shop is donated. Publicly funded primary schools, must register with Parents charity 1012833. Full T&Cs at asda.com/cashpotforschools. Rewards T&Cs at asda.com/rewards/terms. Ends 30/11/24.

CASH FOR CLOBBER

For anyone having a pre Christmas clear out, don't forget we have a 'Cash for Clobber' donation bin in our school car-park. Any clothes you no longer require can be deposited here to provide additional funds to Mossgrove.

CASH FOR CLOBBER.ie

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The easy way to
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SCHOOL UNIFORM

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

Please continue to ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform and that **BLACK SCHOOL SHOES** are also worn on a daily basis.

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

Boys

Grey trousers
Mossgrove polo shirt
Mossgrove sweatshirt
Grey socks

BLACK SCHOOL SHOES

Girls

Grey skirt or pinafore
Mossgrove polo shirt
Mossgrove sweatshirt
WHITE knee length socks or
grey woollen tights

BLACK SCHOOL SHOES

WALKING HOME FROM SCHOOL AND

CHILDREN BEING COLLECTED BY FRIENDS/FAMILY

If your child is in P5-P7 and you wish them to walk home unattended at 3.00pm, please send a note to your child's class teacher or email the school office, giving your permission for them to do so.

Similarly, if your child is going home with a friend's parents or other family members that do not usually pick your child up, please inform your child's class teacher on these days.

If we do not have a note in these circumstances, your child will be asked to wait at reception until the school office can make contact with you.

Therefore we very much need your help and assistance with this.

SCHOOL SAFEGUARDING 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

SEESAW FAMILY

Please sign up to SeeSaw Family for class information and school correspondence.

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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 and they have made new friends already!



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



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Primary 2 are enjoying being back at school. They have had a very busy month!



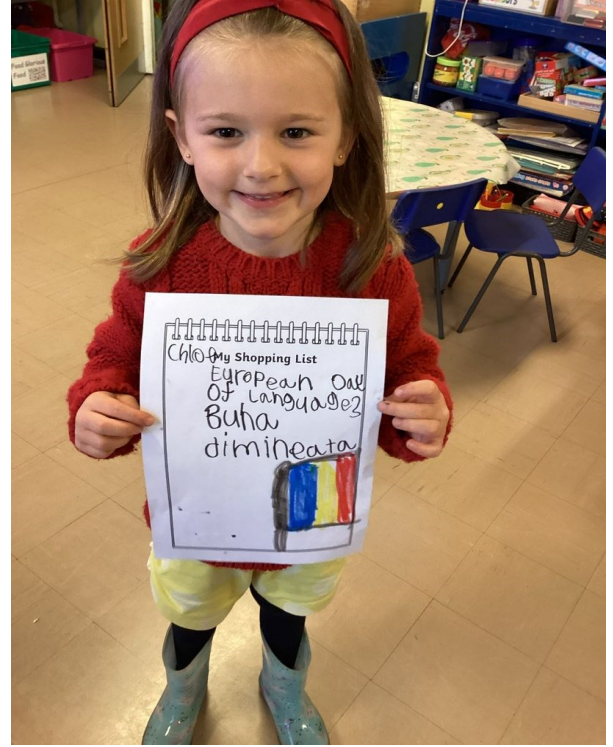
In September, Primary 5 started the 'Roots of Empathy' programme and met Baby River!



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