

# MOSSY LEA MESSENGER

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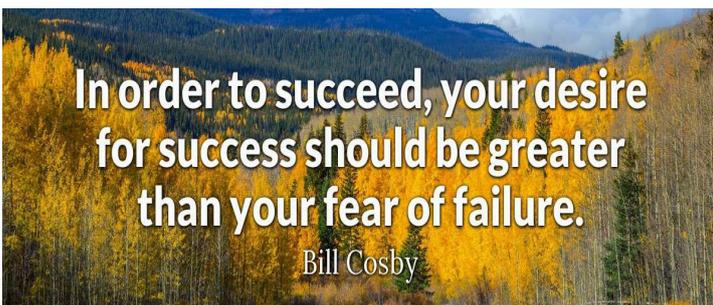
Newsletters are hilariously short aren't they—no pleas for parent helpers, no information about PGL, our year 6 residential with St Georges, no trips—enjoy the brevity why you can!

At the time of writing I believe Lancashire is having “local lock-down” restrictions introduced. This will actually involve no changes to school. All is good and fine with me. I’m “dead chuffed” with how school is running—don’t underestimate your part in the smooth return to school. Your coruscating support is superb. Thank you for following the systems. Thank you for keeping your kids off if they are symptomatic of COVID. Thanks for picking your kids up as and when we send them home—without shouting at us. Thanks for getting them tested. Thanks for letting us know the test result. Thanks for your support, and forgiveness when we get it wrong. It means a lot.

## School Uniform

Following a couple of conversations with children and parents, the current school uniform requirements are attached to this newsletter.

**This is for new purchases only**, not retrospectively. If you currently have any of the ‘old’ uniform then this is still ok.



## Admissions:

If you have a child who should start school in September 2021 please ensure that you have read the admissions process on the website at school.

We're still recovering from our bad times, 4 years ago now, we, as a school, have more than bounced back, but reputational wise, to those who don't know us, we're still recovering. Help us spread the word about Mossy. Its qualities, it's quaintness, its beauty. We're on the up with numbers, but we would like more.... Even full we'd only have 50 kids, so don't worry, we wont explode, we won't lose our village feel, or our village qualities.... But please. Spread the word. Back to good. Here for good. It's time to come back to Mossy Lea now.



Attached to this newsletter are the login details for the Seesaw Family app (not Reception children, they use Tapestry). This is different from the Class app which was used for completing work during lockdown. A teacher or your child will add work to Seesaw, to share some of their wonderful learning with

you. Seesaw is private. You'll only see posts for your child. It is a great way to keep up to date with what's going on in school and see some of the lovely work taking place.

If in the event of a school closure, work will be set and uploaded on the Seesaw Class app, alongside Zoom lessons, but for now you only need the Family app.

### Reading

We appreciate that life can be busy, however, it is so important that children read at home. They are learning lots of specific reading skills in school and they need time to practise these skills.

Parents can support this 'reading journey' through regular reading at home. Reading to and with your child every evening for at least ten minutes can make a dramatic difference to a child's achievement within school. A report from the Oxford University Press highlighted the importance of parents reading with their children. 'Children who read outside of class are 13 times more likely to read above the expected level for their age'.

The report also offers six tips for reading with your child at home, including:

1. Make time to read- even ten minutes a day
2. Choose different types of books
3. Take turns to read
4. Talk about the book- asking your child questions
5. Pay attention to the language
6. Enjoy reading

In order to support parents the Reading Records have questions and ideas you can talk about with your child. Every time you hear your child read please make a note and we will also do the same in school. The children can even earn Dojo points for reading at home. Lets work together to foster a love of reading within our children.

