

MOSSY LEA MESSENGER

MONDAY, 30th November 2020 XXX· XI · MMXIX

Well, yyyeaaaaahhhh we've almost had a full term without having to close the school bubble—not hubris, just enjoying the moment! Long may it continue!

To help us maintain this, and to do our very best to ensure that no one is in isolation over Christmas please:

- Do not send your child to school if they, or anyone in the household has symptoms of COVID- 19 (high temperature, cough, change in taste or smell, and in children increasingly stomach cramps, diarrhoea, vomiting) If you or your child has any of these symptoms please get a test, and await the results before your return to school
- Do not send your child to school if they, or anyone in your household are awaiting test results.
- Do not send your child to school if they or anyone in your household has tested positive.
- Do not send your child to school if they have been contacted by test, track and trace.
- Do not send your child to school if you have been on holiday and have to self isolate as part of quarantine.
- Do not send your child to school if they have received advice that they need to resume shielding.

Its all the opposite to what we normally say isn't it!? We normally say—"send them in, if they are unwell, we'll send them home..." but with COVID, especially on the final laps before we break for Christmas, please, I implore, let's air on the side of caution. If not for you, then for me.

Finally, on the COVID front, this year, if you are sending Christmas cards to each other, please do this privately at home; we won't be allowing the giving and receiving of cards in school..... Sorry!

Christmas Nativity

Due to COVID restrictions, we are sadly unable to join up with Pingawings for our performance this year. However, we will be performing our own nativity story, filled with poetry and songs. As it stands, we are unable to invite parents into school to watch the performance live.



The plan is to record the performance and email you all a copy, you can then have your own family showing...why not make an evening of it, wear Christmas jumpers, drink hot chocolate (or mulled wine for the grown ups) and enjoy the performance together. The video can then be shared with extended family members. The performance will be recorded on **Tuesday, 15th December** and emailed out the next day.

Your child has been told what part they are playing and will be bringing home a slip today with any costume requirements. These should only be minimal, I don't want anyone to feel the need to buy anything especially for the performance. If you are struggling then please let me know and we can sort it. Children in Years 5 and 6 will have lines to perform. Please will you ensure that they practise reading these aloud as much as possible.

It was a month before Christmas,
 And all through the town,
 People wore masks,
 That covered their frown.
 The frown had begun
 Way back in the Spring,
 When a global pandemic
 Changed everything.

They called it corona,
 But unlike the beer,
 It didn't bring good times,
 It didn't bring cheer.
 Contagious and deadly,
 This virus spread fast,
 Like a wildfire that starts
 When fueled by gas.

Airplanes were grounded,
 Travel was banned.
 Borders were closed
 Across air, sea and land.
 As the world entered lockdown
 To flatten the curve,
 The economy halted,
 And folks lost their nerve.

From March to July
 We rode the first wave,
 People stayed home,
 They tried to behave.
 When summer emerged
 The lockdown was lifted.
 But away from caution,
 Many folks drifted.

Now it's November
 And cases are spiking,
 Wave two has arrived,
 Much to our disliking.
 Frontline workers,
 Doctors and nurses,
 Try to save people,
 From riding in hearses.

This virus is awful,
 This COVID-19.
 There isn't a cure.
 Not yet a vaccine.
 It's true that this year
 Has had sadness a plenty,
 We'll never forget
 The year 2020.

And just 'round the corner -
 The holiday season,
 But why be merry?
 Is there even one reason?
 To decorate the house
 And put up the tree,
 When no one will see it,
 No-one but me.

But outside my window
 The snow gently falls,
 And I think to myself,
 Let's deck the halls!
 So, I gather the ribbon,
 The garland and bows,
 As I play those old carols,
 My happiness grows.

Christmas ain't cancelled
 And neither is hope.
 If we lean on each other,
 I know we can cope

Weekly Class Dojo Winners

Congratulations to Alfie and Brooke.



Admissions:

If you have a child who should start school in September or know a child due to start in 2021, please remember that Mossy Lea is back to good, here for good! Alas, we won't be able to show people round this year, but our virtual tour is now on the website and Facebook page.

Upcoming Events

Friday, 11th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday, 15th December	Christmas Performance
Wednesday, 16th December	School Christmas lunch
Thursday, 17th December	A very special visitor to school
Friday, 18th December	Break up at 15:30
Monday, 4th January	Back to school