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**BREAKFAST CLUB**
A reminder that the Breakfast Club will run from 8.15am until 8.45am each morning, at which point the children will be dismissed into the school playground. Support staff are on hand to supervise in the Dinner Hall as well as in the playground at 8.45am. It is free to all pupils and they will have the choice of either cereal, toast with spread, fruit in fruit juice or yogurt plus a drink (either apple/orange juice or milk). Children should enter the building via the back entrance to the school, nearest the Dinner Hall. You do not need to sign up your child(ren) to come along, just turn up on the days that suit.

**INDOOR SHOES**
All pupils must have a pair of indoor shoes to change into when they come into the building in the morning, after break time and after lunch time. This is to ensure the carpets in the school are kept in good condition. These can be gym shoes, trainers or school shoes and should be left in school each day.

**PARENT COUNCIL AND P.T.A.**
On Monday 26th August we will hold our first Parent Council and P.T.A. meetings of the year at 7pm in the school. All parents/carers of children in the School and Nursery are welcome to join the Parent Teacher Association (P.T.A.) or Parent Council.

The P.T.A. undertake a great amount of work organising fund raising and social events for the pupils and parents of the school, raising money so we can purchase extra resources and items to support learning.

The Parent Council are more involved in the “business” side of the school, where new developments are shared and discussed, as well as relevant issues being identified and talked through.

We look forward to seeing you next week!

**@MossneukPrimary**
We have a very active Mossneuk Twitter page showing many achievements, events and learning opportunities within the school.

If you are not a Mossneuk Primary Twitter follower yet but would like to follow our page, please search for the page on Twitter, click to follow it then email Mr Mayer on gw17mayeranthony@glow.sch.uk with a note of your Twitter username. He can then accept your request.

**CAR PARK REMINDERS**
We know that the car park at the school can be very busy at pick up and drop off times. Please remember that the drop off spaces should only be used for this purpose.

Cars should not be left unattended in these spaces. They should only be used for a short period of time. This is to allow for the school buses to have a clear route around the car park.

Please be considerate when parking in the local community. The car parks at the top of the hill near the shop and at Mossneuk Church can be used as drop off and collection points too.

**WATER BOTTLES**
Pupils are encouraged to come to school with a full water bottle every day. These are available from the School Office priced at £2.50 each if you wish.

**MEDICINES**
Please inform the School Office of any medical conditions that may affect your child in school.

If your child requires medicine to be administered during the school day please discuss this with a member of the Office team. Children are not permitted to have any medication in school without the completion of a medical administration form. These will be supplied by the Office and any medicines should be handed in by an adult to be kept there during the school day.
**WET MORNINGS**
If it is a rainy morning, the doors down the left hand side of the school (that the children use at break and lunch time for the toilets) will be open from 8.45am. Pupils can then head to their own class and there will be supervision in each of the areas. Individual classroom doors, or the door near the Dinner Hall, will not be opened at this time.

**PHOTOGRAPHER**
The photographer will be visiting the School and Nursery on Thurs 5th and Fri 6th September. Individual and family group photos will be taken. Further details will be sent out nearer the time.

**HOLIDAYS and INSERVICE DAYS**
Please note that in the coming year there will be two extra In-service days, an extra one in November and one extra in February. There is also a change to the traditional Monday May Day holiday this session. It has been moved to the Friday of that week. These are noted in the Dates for Your Diary section of the Newsletter.

**ANNUAL DATA**
The Annual Data forms will appear in your child’s school bag over the next couple of weeks. Please check that the contact information and emergency contact details are correct. All forms must be signed and returned, with any changes noted on them. If any of this information changes throughout the session, please contact the School Office. This will help us to ensure we have the most up-to-date information for your child(ren).

**P5 SWIMMING**
As you will have seen in the local press, the Dollan Swimming Baths are currently undergoing repairs following an act of serious vandalism. As this is the case, our P5 swimming lessons have been postponed. We will be in touch with P5 parents shortly to let you know when the swimming sessions will commence.

**P.E. DAYS**
Your child’s P.E. days for the coming session will be...

- **P1a** Mon and Wed
- **P1b** Mon and Thurs
- **P1c** Mon and Thurs
- **P1/2** Tues and Wed
- **P2a** Tues and Fri
- **P2b** Mon and Thurs
- **P3a** Tues and Fri
- **P3b** Tues and Fri
- **P3c** Tues and Fri
- **P3/4** Tues and Thurs
- **P4a** Wed and Fri
- **P4/5** Wed and Thurs
- **P5a** Wed and Fri
- **P5b** Wed and Fri
- **P6a** Tues and Thurs
- **P6b** Tues and Thurs
- **P6/7** Mon and Wed
- **P7a** Mon and Wed
- **P7b** Thrus and Fri

**P.O. BOX**
204x425

**MOSSNEUK’S VISION, VALUES AND AIMS**

Our vision, “**Growing to Learn, Learning to Grow**” is a message that we hope to get across to the children, parents and other partners of the school, with it being shared at assemblies, in Newsletters, on Twitter and around the school.

“**Growing to Learn**” recognises, supports and encourages the potential inside each and every person, ensuring learning is taking place and success is evident.

“**Learning to Grow**” is what our children are being taught and what they are learning. They are encouraged to apply these skills and knowledge, allowing them to grow into responsible citizens of the future.

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