

# The Mosley Academy Newsletter

Friday 19th April 2024



## Staffing

We are pleased to be able to finally announce that Mrs Day was successfully appointed to be the substantive Deputy Head from September 2024. A few weeks ago we held a rigorous recruitment process involving a number of other candidates from other schools, with a high number of applications for the post to initially shortlist from. Mrs Day shone through and fought off some tough competition - and we are all so pleased that Mrs Day will be joining us full time in September. Big congratulations to you!

In other news, Miss Luce has just had a baby girl! We all send her much love and congratulations for her new bundle of absolute joy - wonderful news. We look forward to seeing Miss Luce at some point in the next few months with baby Marnie.



## Family Reading Time

We are excited to invite you into school for our family reading time. We will be opening our classrooms to one family member per child, to join us for our reading afternoons. This is a wonderful opportunity to share a book or two with your child in their classroom setting. We do hope to see you there! Here are our summer term dates for family reading time:

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 2:45pm.

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 2.45 pm

*Please note: You are welcome to join us for one or more sessions.*



## Lost Property

Please can we try to remember to label all items of clothing as the lost property bucket continuously overflows with clothing that has no name! Lost property can be found just inside the main doors from the playground at drop off and pick up times.

## May Day 2024

Please don't forget to come and see the children perform their may day dances on Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9 am ( weather permitting). It would be lovely to see the children all bringing their own May Pole for the whole school procession too! We will also shortly be voting for the new May Queen and May King from the Year 6 class.



## Appointment Reminder

Please can we ask that if medical appointments must be made during the school day, proof of the appointment will need to be shown to the school office staff. This can be a text confirmation, it does not have to be a formal letter or appointment card. This is in line with the JTMAT Attendance Policy and expectations.

## OPAL - Family Play Sessions

We would like to invite one member of each family to a play session, to see all the benefits of the OPAL project that we have been working on over the last twelve months. This will take place on Wednesday 22nd May at the following times:

1.15pm - 2pm      Reception, Y1 and Y2

2.15pm - 3pm      Y3, 4, 5 and 6

The children will have an extra 45 minutes of play during the afternoon to showcase OPAL in action. Please come prepared to play!

In order to continue building on our provision, we are looking for the following items if you have any going spare! Logs and big tractor tyres (for sitting on), road barriers and cones, a water butt, scaffolding netting, tarpaulins and bricks (for building raised beds/containers). Thank you!



## **Pupil Premium and Free School Meals**

We would like to strongly encourage parents of all children who are eligible for Pupil Premium support to apply for this additional funding. Applying for Pupil Premium support will not only benefit your own children, but will help the school to secure funding which can be used to benefit the whole school community. The funding arrangements are confidential and there is no way of identifying Pupil Premium students from other students.

The Pupil Premium is a government initiative that gives additional funding to schools for students from families who would benefit most from economic support. This has been allocated to every school in the country in light of national figures which show that these groups of students do not achieve as well as other students. This funding enables additional provision and intervention to allow students to reach their full potential and achieve their aspirations.

Children of Parents eligible for any of the following benefits in the last six years are entitled to Pupil Premium funding:

- \* Income Support
- \* Income Based Job Seekers Allowance. Please note the 'new style' job seekers allowance is not a qualifying benefit, as this is based upon payment of National Insurance contributions and not the household income
- \* Income Related Employment and Support Allowance. Please note the 'new style' employment and support allowance is not a qualifying benefit, as this is based upon payment of National Insurance contributions and not the household income
- \* Eligible for Child Tax Credit but not Working Tax Credit and the household income (as used by HMRC to assess tax credits) is not more than £16,190. Please note: anyone eligible for Working Tax Credit, or if you have a partner and they receive it, regardless of Income, you will not qualify
- \* The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- \* Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- \* In receipt of the 4 week run on of working tax credit (this is where someone becomes unemployed or reduces their hours and so is no longer entitled to working tax credit but will continue to receive it for a further 4 weeks and is entitled to free meals during that time)
- \* Universal credit (provided you have an annual net earned household income of no more than £7,400 as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods). Your net earned income is your household income after taxes

and deductions and does not include income from Universal Credit or any other benefits you may receive.

In addition, the following students are also eligible:

- \* Children whose parents are armed services personnel.
- \* Children who are adopted or looked after children.

Schools have the freedom to spend the Premium in a way they think will best support the raising of attainment for such pupils. You can apply on-line at:

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Apply-online.aspx>

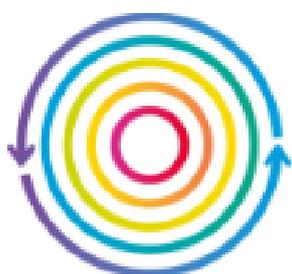
Please don't be put off by the wording that you are applying for a free school meal, this is actually very misleading. For every pupil registered as eligible under the entitlement criteria, the school will receive extra funding that invest directly in to supporting your child.

If you have any queries would like help in completing the application, please contact the school office or speak to Mrs Rowe in confidence.

### **My School Fund**

We're pleased to announce that The Mosley Academy is now part of the My School Fund initiative. This innovative scheme allows for us to be able to boost our school budget with your help. Parents, guardians and carers can sign up to the scheme for free and start earning cashback on the things they buy in participating retail stores, including Sainsbury's and Argos. As you spend you'll receive 2% cashback in the form of eGift vouchers that can be redeemed in participating stores. By linking your spend to our school on the My School Fund website we'll also earn 1% cashback on your spend. Add that all up across our network of families and together we can all make a big difference!

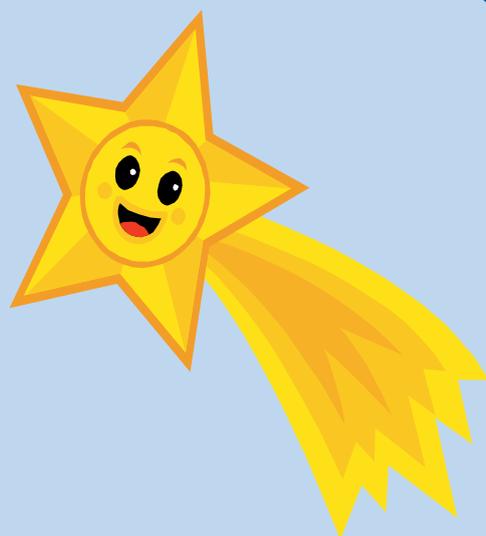
Visit [myschoolfund.org](https://myschoolfund.org) to register for free and link to The Mosley Academy. From there, everything you spend in participating stores will go towards helping boost our budget, plus your own!



**MY SCHOOL FUND**

## Stars of the Week!

Congratulations to....	
Rec	Martha
Year 1	EVERYONE!
Year 2	Caleb
Year 3	Georgia
Year 4	Teddy
Year 5	Madison
Year 6	Sophia



## Dates for your Diary 2023 - 2024

Although we have compiled this list to give you as much information as possible, dates may be subject to change if necessary.

### April

Wed 24th JCB Girls Into Engineering Event—Invited Y6s

Fri 26th Year 5 Parent Lunch

**Fri 26th Family Reading Time 2.45pm (Rec, Y1 and Y2)**

### May

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Governors' Meeting

Fri 3rd May Day Celebrations 9am

**Fri 3rd Family Reading Time 2.45pm (Rec, Y1 and Y2)**

## May continued

Mon 6th	Bank Holiday - School Closed
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 SATS week
Tues 14th	JTMAT Drama Excellence Showcase at the Lichfield Garrick - Invited Students
Wed 22nd	OPAL family play sessions ( 1.15pm - 2pm: Reception, Y1 and Y2, 2.15pm - 3pm: Y3, 4, 5 and 6)
Thurs 23rd	Break Up for Half Term
Fri 24th	Inset Day

### HALF TERM

## June

Mon 3rd	Back to school
<b>Fri 7th</b>	<b>Family Reading Time 2.45pm (Y3, 4, 5 and 6)</b>
Wed 12th	Y2 Trip to Tamworth Castle
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	Father's Day Lunch KS2
<b>Fri 14th</b>	<b>Family Reading Time 2.45pm (Y3, 4, 5 and 6)</b>
Mon 17th	Father's Day Lunch EYFS/KS1
Mon 17th	National School Sports Week
Wed 19th	Governors' Meeting
Fri 21st	Sports Day and Summer Gala
Thurs 27th	Violin and Ukulele Concert, Tamworth (details TBC)
Fri 28th	Year 6 Parent Lunch

## July

Wed 3rd	EYFS & KS1 Seaside Day
Thurs 4th	KS2 Seaside Day
Fri 5th	JTMAT INSET Day - School is closed to pupils
Thurs 11th	Summer Showcase- KS2 Musicians
Thurs 18th	Leavers Assembly
Fri 19th	Good to be Green Enrichment morning
Fri 19th	Break Up for Summer—School will close at 2.30pm
Mon 22nd	Inset Day

### SUMMER HOLS

## Sept 2024

Mon 2nd	Inset Day
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## Attendance - Target 97% or above

*A few missed days of school can soon add up....*

Year Group	Days Missed This Week	This Week Attendance %	Days Missed This Year	Year to Date Attendance %
Rec	3	98.0	113.5	97.1
Year 1	5	96.4	174	95.3
Year 2	8.5	94.3	107	97.3
Year 3	4	97.3	162	95.9
Year 4	11	93.1	281	93.4
Year 5	4	97.4	131	96.8
Year 6	5.5	96.3	119	97.0
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>96.1</b>	<b>1087.5</b>	<b>96.1</b>

0 days of school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned



# HOPE Virtual Parent Support

## Understanding Anger in our children & tweens



**Tues 23rd April 7pm / Thurs 25th April 10am**

- ⇒ Understanding anger and emotions feeding it
- ⇒ Emotional regulation
- ⇒ Managing behaviour and calming strategies
- ⇒ Emotion coaching ideas
- ⇒ Resources and signposting

What a wonderful project, amazing advice, thank you!

These sessions are really useful and very re-assuring

*Feel free to listen off camera and mic or use the chat facility to participate*

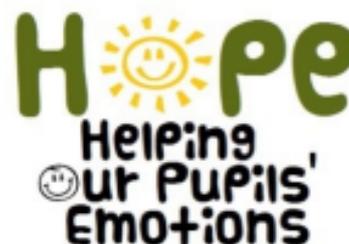
## HOPE Parent Support Sessions;

**a safe place to find information, chat and learn from each other through shared experience.**

To find out more contact your HOPE mentor in school or Keddie on  
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