



Newly elected House Captains and
Members of the Mossgate Parliament

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope you have all had a wonderful break with friends and family and are ready for a fun and busy half-term.

Parents' Evening – Wednesday 23rd January 3:00 - 7:20pm

Regular and honest communication between home and schools is important and ensures that we are **'working together to achieve success'** for every child at Mossgate Primary School.

If you haven't already booked an appointment using the school app (search for School Spider in the app store) then please do this as soon as possible. Please contact the school office if you have difficulties using the app – this is a separate app to ParentPay.

If your child has additional needs (SEND or a CAF/TAF), they need to book an appointment direct with the class teacher during the w/c Mon 14th January. Mrs Boswell (SENDCo) will also be available on Wednesday 16th January and happy to attend the meeting with class teachers.

Curriculum information

We will be sending home a 'Learning Timeline' which will provide an overview for the half term for the different subjects your child will be studying. (This will replace the letter you have received in the past.) Please check below for PE days. **Children will need an indoor (shorts, t-shirt and pumps) and outdoor PE kit (track suit top and bottoms and trainers) for the whole of this term.**

EYFS Wednesday

Y1 Wednesday and Thursday

Y2 Monday and Friday

Y3 Thursday and Friday

Y4 Wednesday and Friday

Y5 PE Wednesday and Swimming Friday

Y6 PE Thursday and Swimming Friday

Online payments to school with ParentPay

ParentPay is now live and we are working towards no longer accepting cash and cheque payments, making the school a cash-free environment. If you are having difficulties setting up your account, then please contact the school office. (ParentPay is different to School Spider which we use for booking parents' evenings and clubs.) **Remember, when you pay using ParentPay, you also provide parental consent for the activity which will remove the need to send in a separate consent form for most activities.**



Home reading

All children are now expected to **read a minimum of 3 times a week at home** which will be checked on a Thursday. EYFS and KS1 will now receive two books every Thursday. Every classroom now has a new display on their external door to celebrate the children who are achieving their weekly reading target. We will also be recognising those who go above and beyond and read 4, 5, 6 or even 7 times in a week. The display will show the photographs of the children, how many times they have read and will be on both sides of the door for parents and children to celebrate.

Weekly reading targets

When children have met their reading target for the week, they receive a sticker on their weekly reading target card. Children who have met their weekly target for the whole half term will receive a certificate in a reading celebration assembly the following half term. Check Facebook for last terms.



Please support your child with their home reading and achieving their weekly target as it is so important to their progress across the curriculum.

Other reading

We encourage our children to read a wide variety of books and other types of texts alongside their school reading book. This could be a library book, a home book, a magazine or newspaper or even a recipe to make something. Please record any extra reading that your child has done in their home reading book so that this can be celebrated in school.

Reading target cards can also be ticked for other reading that your child has done and your child could then be entered into a raffle to receive a book token at the end of the half term if this is ticked off.

Consequences for not reading at home

The table below shows the consequences for children who do not achieve their weekly reading target:

| The number of times a child has not read at home | Consequence |
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| 1 st week | A text sent home |
| 2 nd week | A meeting or phone call to discuss home reading and the reading target with the class teacher |
| 3 rd week | A meeting with Mr Smith to discuss your child's home reading |

The school library

We have moved our school library to a bigger room (Jigsaw Room) so that it can be enjoyed by larger groups and provides more opportunities for children to change their library books during lunchtime. It has been great to see so many children enjoying the new library space. Children also have a class library slot where they will be able to visit the library and change their book if they don't choose to during lunchtime.

Over the autumn term, we have purchased a lot of new non-fiction books that link to our class topics for the children to use in class. A huge thanks to Mr Edwards (Mossgate Nursery and school governor) who donated £2,500 for new books. During Storytelling week (28th January) you will have the opportunity to visit our new library with your child and enjoy some of the books. Please look out for more information on this on the school newsletter.

Heysham Library

If your child has not yet joined Heysham library, it is very simple to do. Either call into the library to sign up or contact Mrs Massey at school. This term Key Stage 1 children will also be visiting the library so look out for the permission slip on the newsletter if you would like your child to become a member.

Library visit dates: Mon 28th Jan – Y6, Tues 29th Jan – Y5, Wed 30th Jan – Y4, Thurs 31st Jan – Y3 Fri 1st Feb – Y2 and Mon 4th Feb – Y1

Reading superheroes

During the spring term, we will be having a Superhero day where we will be introducing some new superheroes that have special reading powers. These are all linked to the different reading skills that your child learns in school. Please look out for more information on Superhero day as there will an opportunity for parents to be involved and find out more about the reading skills that the children learn and how you can support your child at home with these skills.