



# MASON MOOR

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

Tuesday 22 November 2022

### Updates for Parents & Carers

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to provide some updates on school and what we are up to at the moment. I am very proud of the children and their behaviour around the school. When I started at Mason Moor in September, as you know, we had an issue with behaviour and attitudes across the school. I am pleased to tell you that this has stopped – our corridors and classrooms are calm, happy environments where children can flourish.

Last Friday, 25 parents attended this month's Parent Forum – an opportunity for Parents and Carers to come in and meet the Headteacher. We took a tour around the school to show off our newly decorated building. Parents had some great ideas – and some issues - that they wanted resolving which I list later in this letter.

In classrooms, I have been so proud to see children really engaged in their learning. I have been especially proud of children's writing and the push we have at the minute on developing a love of being a writer.

Yesterday, during the afternoon, our children had the opportunity to watch the World Cup match between England and Iran during their lessons. An important competition for our country, as well as being an opportunity to embed teaching about cohesion and community.

### Dates for your attention:

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#### Parent's Evening

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**Date: Wednesday 30 November (3:30 – 6pm)**

We will be hosting our Autumn Term parent's evening next Wednesday. You will have an opportunity to meet your child's class teacher, see their learning books and discuss progress made this term.

Appoints will be made online – a separate letter follows.



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### Christingle & Christmas Service at St Peter's Maybush

**Date: Monday 12 December (morning service)**

Children will take a short journey down to the St. Peter's, Maybush to sing, and for a brief service with the Vicar. Sadly, due to space, parents and carers cannot attend but videos will be posted on the website.



### Traditional School Nativity

**Date: Tuesday 13 December at 1:30pm (Main School Hall)**

Key Stage 1 and Reception will stage the traditional nativity story – accompanied by songs. Parents and carers will receive invites to ensure that you are able to share this special occasion with us.



### Christmas Carols around the school tree!

**Date: Wednesday 14 December at 1:30pm (Main School Hall)**

Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) will share with you their wonderful singing of our traditional and modern Christmas carols. **Parents – you too are expected to sing – so begin practising 'Little Donkey' now!**



### Christmas Jumper Week – final week of term

**Date: Monday 12 – Friday 16 December**

During the final week of term – every day is a Christmas Jumper day. Over the course of the week – we have lots of festive activities planned including a Christmas story day, Christmas Carol singing and more fun!



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### Parent forum – you said, we did...

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On Friday 18 November, I met with parents and carers – here's some of the feedback we had during the day:

*"The children are behaving so beautifully now – it was great to see them in their lesson – they look really proud of their work"*

*"I love their new exercise books – it was good to see the learning journey at the front of the book"*

*"The school looks so different. The fresh paint and new doors make a big difference"*

### Things you would like us to improve:

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You said: *"The office team aren't communicating well with parents – they don't always pass on messages and they get things wrong when we speak to them"*

We did: We are appointing, this week, an SAO (School Administrative Officer) to lead and manage the office team. The new role will be central in providing more effective customer service to parents/carers and to help you get your queries answered efficiently.

In the School Office, all telephone calls are now recorded on a central system – accessed by all leaders at the school so that we are aware of telephone calls coming in to school and can action any parental concerns.

You said: *"Parents and Carers would like to get more involved in school life – to help raise funds or to support the children in getting new experienced. Do you still have a friends of Mason Moor group?"*

We did: Following the discussion, I met with Ms Fuller who supports in the Main School Office. A date for a meeting is going out to help grow our very small team. In addition, we would welcome any support from our parent community – perhaps reading with the children or being able to offer a hand in other ways – it all adds to that sense of community we so desperately want to build.





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### Special Educational Needs at Mason Moor

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Parents have been asking me about the leadership of SEND during the current continued absence of our SENCo. I am currently leading Special Educational Needs – supported by Mr Benfield.

This term we have implemented new strategies to improve the support in class and diagnostic tools we use to understand a child's needs:

- **GL Assessment – Dyslexia Screener and Dyslexia Guidance.** A 40-60 minute diagnostic test which helps us to identify dyslexic tendencies and recommends intervention strategies for teachers to follow.
- **Provision Mapper** – a new software to digitally create and update SEND pupils Passport to Success (the individual education plan we create for supporting wider needs).



If you believe that your child is struggling or may have a need – come and talk to us! Initially, you need to share your concerns directly with your child's class teacher. The class teacher will complete the referral form (internally) and we will sign-post out to a multi-agency professional.

### Attendance

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Attendance Ladder



### Attendance at Mason Moor

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Attendance at this school is monitored closely by Southampton City Council. The register marks are collected daily and are seen nationally as well as locally at the Council.

Children who have attendance that falls below 95% will have initial intervention – this will include letters home and meetings with the school.

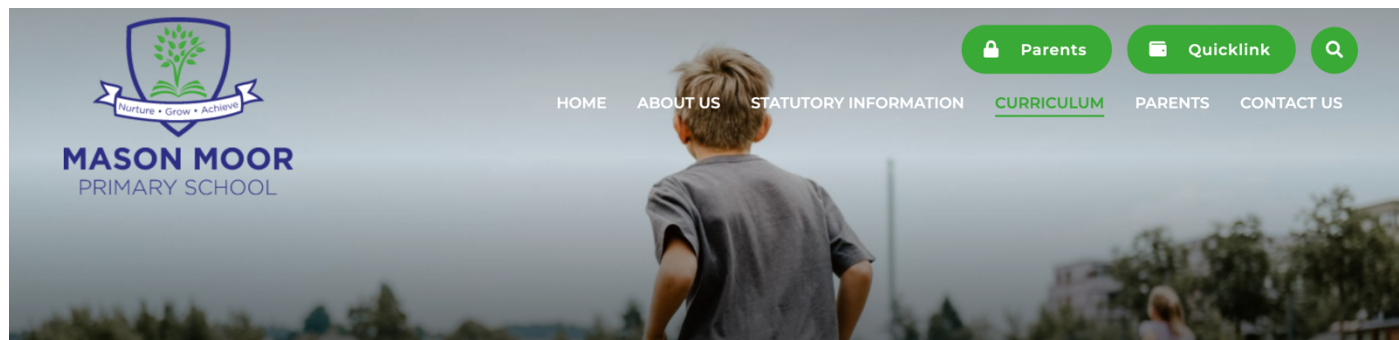
Attendance that goes below 90% will be fined – this is a last resort for the school but is not something we have any jurisdiction in deciding.



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### New Website



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Parents and Carers will find a wealth of information on our brand new website. I am sure you will agree that it's a nicer page – with tons more information to help you at home.

### Website highlights for you:

- Curriculum Pages contain the Knowledge Organisers that help you to understand the learning happening in class this term.
- Whole term information leaflets – which describe what your child is learning, assembly themes, clubs on offer and important information.
- Letters/Newsletters – for those who may have mislaid an item or for those inevitable days when letters do not make it home.

The last couple of weeks have been especially hectic with early morning parent meetings. I hope to see more of you in the coming weeks – as well as at the next **Parent Forum meeting which will take place on Friday 9 December at 9am – with a focus on SEND**. Come, grab a coffee and ask us a question. I will take parents on a tour towards the end of the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

DJ Constable-Phelps .

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Executive Headteacher