



# Mason Moor Primary School Newsletter

## September 2017

### Message from the Headteacher

The start of my 3rd year at Mason Moor Primary sees a huge change, as our building work is finished. So many of you have commented on what a great difference our new school entrance makes: 'posh' and 'much safer' seem to keep reoccurring and I agree!

Already this term, we have welcomed our School Improvement Officer, Margaret Dickinson and Southampton Inspector, Lynn Ross, to the school. They examined every aspect of school life: teaching, learning, safeguarding, governance, leadership and pupil outcomes. They agreed with our evaluation of the school's successes and areas for improvement. They were really impressed with your children's learning as well as the quality of teaching and leadership across the school. This was a great way to start the year... the journey of improvement continues.

Emma Kerrigan-Draper



## School Improvement

This year we have 4 areas which we are prioritising for school improvement, which your children may have already described to you as they have been thinking about how they will achieve these ambitions for our school:



To ensure that all children are reading often and widely with fluency and comprehension



To ensure that the conceptual and procedural aspects of number enable all pupils to master maths



To develop the accuracy and range of techniques used in Short Burst Writing



To improve and sustain improvements in school attendance and punctuality

## Saints Tickets Offer



Premier League  
Primary Stars

This year Mason Moor Primary School is a Primary Stars school, which means that we are working with the Premier League and Southampton Football Club. Already we are being offered lots of amazing opportunities including this one...

If you are interested in watching Saints v West Bromich Albion at St Mary's on Saturday 21st October 5:30pm, then tickets are available to Mason Moor families for £20 adults and £5 children.



To book your tickets, follow the link on line and you can order your tickets, use the drop down menu to select our school, then the booking office will contact you to take payment.

<http://r1.surveysandforms.com/e92hkl29-822kiwac>

## Ramps Outside Classrooms Y1—Y6

At the end of the school day, please wait for your child off of the ramps. This ensures that teachers can dismiss children as safely as possible. This is especially important for younger siblings as the classrooms doors open outwards.

## Attendance

Look out for Green and Emerald attendance certificates coming home with children for good attendance over the last school year.



Emerald Awards if your child had 96% attendance or above. 100 children across the school earned emerald awards.



Green Awards if your child had 95% - 95.9% attendance. 30 children across the school earned green awards.

## Maths Fluency

Every day, across the school, children are improving their maths fluency. You can hear them chanting times tables and number bonds. You will hear them reading large numbers aloud. You will see them identifying what each digit in a number is worth.

During these daily sessions they will answer addition, subtraction, multiplication and division questions. They will describe and name 2d and 3d shapes.

These sessions have been specially designed by our maths leader and Assistant Headteacher, Jo Mumford, to ensure that children are

**QUICK and ACCURATE**

in their ability to recall and use important maths facts and information.

**Please help your child work on their number fluency booklet.**



## Reading Fluency

Every day, across the school, children are improving their reading fluency. You can hear them reading aloud in pairs. You will hear them using expression and taking notice of the punctuation. You will hear them discussing vocabulary and what it means. You will see them looking closely at the text to think about all the layers of meaning.

During these daily sessions they will decode, read aloud, develop their vocabularies and deepen their understanding.

These sessions have been specially designed by our English leader and Assistant Headteacher, Gemma Brumwell, to ensure that your children are

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in their ability to read and comprehend texts.

**Please help your child to read regularly at home  
and return their reading stickers.**



Is your child's attendance diamond, emerald, green, amber or red?

Has your child earned a Golden Ticket for attendance and behaviour this week?

Please ensure that you contact the school office EVERY DAY if your child is absent in person, by phone or by email.



## Dates for the Diary

Monday 2nd—Friday 6th October	Y6 Knapp House Residential
Tuesday 17th October 9am	Parents' Forum
Friday 20th October	Break up for Half Term
Monday 30th October	Restart after Half Term
Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd November	<b>Parents' Evening</b>
Thursday 30th November	LKS2 Theatre Trip: Nuffield
Wednesday 6th December	UKS2 Theatre Trip: Nuffield
Thursday 7th December	KS1 Theatre Trip: Winchester
Monday 11th December	Christmas Jumper & Donation Day
Friday 15th December 2pm-4pm	Friends of Mason Moor Christmas Fair
Tuesday 19th December (evening)	Friends of Mason Moor Christmas Disco
Monday 18th December 2pm	YR and KS1 Christmas Performance
Tuesday 19th December 2pm	LKS2 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 20th December 2pm	UKS2 Christmas Performance
TBC	Whole School Christmas Service at St Peter's Church, Maybush

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