

Family News

September 2013

Welcome back!

After a beautiful Summer, we are thrilled to welcome back all families and staff to a new year at Jubilee Academy Mossley. An especially warm welcome to our new Nursery and Reception children and also to all other new pupils who have joined us this term.

It is wonderful to see so many happy, smiling faces and shiny new school uniforms. Well done everyone – a really good start. You are giving an ideal impression of our school

We are also pleased to welcome Mr Hooper, our new teacher in Year 6, and Mrs Moore our new teacher in Year 1. We wish them every success this year. Welcome also Mrs Kellas to Reception, we are sure you will have a wonderful year.

Good Attendance = High Achievement

For individual children, it is vital that they attend school as much as possible if they are to achieve the success of which they capable. There is a proven direct link between poor attendance and poor attainment. All parents want their children to fulfil their potential and one crucial way to encourage this is to make sure they come to school every day.

For Jubilee Academy Mossley to continue to be the good school your children deserve, it is essential that our attendance greatly improves.

Some parents have asked what good attendance actually looks like. Here is an example:

By October half-term holiday, **no more** than 2 days off would be about **95%** (the national average).

Persistent absence is defined as **85%** attendance or below. For example by Christmas, **11 days** away from school would be persistent absence.

Our campaign against persistent absence continues this year. Parents will be interested to know that the school and Local Authority are working together and are issuing Penalty Notices as necessary.

You will have all received a letter regarding changes to the law regarding holidays in term-time. Head-teachers are no longer allowed to authorise such absence. In many circumstances, Penalty Notices will follow absence for holidays. Both the Local Authority and Ofsted are ensuring we stick to this.

On a brighter note we will be continuing our cup reward system for good attendance. In addition we will be introducing other exciting incentives to encourage good attendance. We'll keep you posted.

Dates for your Diary

More detailed information will be given closer to the dates below.

Kingswood deposit due -
Monday 30th September

Harvest Festival - **Friday 4th October**

Year 3/4 school trip to Cadbury World – **Friday 18th October**

School Photographer - **Monday 21st October**

Parents' Evening – **Wednesday 23rd October**

Break up for half term – **Friday 25th October**

Back to school – **Monday 4th November**

Election Fever!

TUCK SHOP

Hot items available every day at 10 o'clock.

Enjoy tasty snacks such as: cheese toasties, crumpets or toast.

Order in the morning or the day before.

Everything under **50p!**



On Wednesday 4th September, we held an election to choose our new house captains. All of the children in Key Stages 1 and 2 took part.



Each child in year 6, who wanted to put themselves forward to be a house captain, wrote a speech.

All children came into the hall and were separated into their different houses: Tintern (red), Tewkesbury (blue), Pershore (green) and Glastonbury (yellow).

The children listened to the speeches their prospective house captains had written and then voted for the person they most wanted to be their house captain.

The votes were counted and the winning house captains and vice-captains were announced in assembly! Well done to everyone who took part and many congratulations to the house captains and vice captains. We are sure you will do a brilliant job this year.

Glastonbury

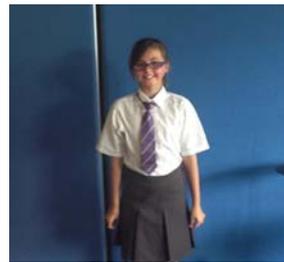


Mary Beards
House Captain



Sydney Hitchcock
Vice Captain

Pershore



Amy Vaughan
House Captain



Thomas Durbin
Vice Captain

Tewkesbury



Kayleigh Kimberley
House Captain



Mitchell Jones
Vice Captain

Tintern



Kayleigh Dwight
House Captain



Morgan Latham
Vice Captain



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Our Class Dojo system is working really well to improve behaviour in school. Children are working so hard to ensure they behave well and earn those all-important green dojos! Don't forget you can use your parent password to log on and see how your child is behaving in school. Once you sign up, you will get a weekly update of their behaviour and you can see for yourselves how well they are behaving!

Reminders

Please make sure your child has a full PE kit in school. Even though it's a bit chilly, the children are still going outside when the weather is fine and need a blue or black tracksuit.



Governors' Corner

Dear Parents,

I hope you all enjoyed the summer break! The children have arrived at the beginning of the term looking very smart and ready for work!

As Chair of Governors I wanted to have the chance to keep in touch with parents and let you know how the governors are supporting the school and working hard to ensure your children have the best education we can provide. We can't do this without your help and I do hope you will support the children in every way you can.



Governors will keep in touch with you through the Family News and to begin with we thought it would be helpful for you to know who the governors are and a little information about them. We are all volunteers and give our time to supporting the staff, pupils and you, as parents!

Our main aim is to make Jubilee Academy, Mossley a great school where all our children are happy, safe and make good progress in school preparing them for High school. We know you want the same too!

Governors will also be available to meet with parents after the celebration assemblies but if you need to contact me or any of the governors please let Mrs. Westley know and we will get back to you straight away. We want to know what is working well and what you think we need to improve!

Julie Sheldon

(Chair of Governors)

Meet our Governors



Julie Sheldon

Community Governor
Chair of Governors



Sue Wedgwood

Community Governor



Gary Smith

Parent Governor



Louise Harrison

Community Governor

We will feature more of our Governors next month and introduce you to one of them in more detail!