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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been another successful half term at Mowbray. School has been settled and the children have once again been fantastic in everything that they do.

Coronavirus Update

After half term we are relaxing some of our protective measures. We will be allowing classes to mix at break and lunchtimes outdoors once again. Classes will also use the hall for lunch once more but will remain in class groups in the hall. Although children will be able to mix once again outdoors, we are maintaining the staggered approach to break and lunchtime to reduce the number of classes outdoors at any one time. The Government is expected to make an announcement with regards to Covid restrictions during half term. This may impact upon schools but at present we have no more information than what is being speculated about in the press. If the announcement does have an impact on our procedures, we will review risk assessments and write to you in the first week back.

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations (either telephone or face-to-face) are open for bookings using the online portal <https://mowbrayprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk>

If you have any difficulties booking an appointment or would like an appointment but are unable to make any of the times available, please contact the main office or your child's teacher.

Dogs and Smoking

We have received several complaints from parents/carers with regards to other parents/carers smoking on the yard or bringing dogs onto the school site at pick up and drop off times. The entire site is a smoke free site – this includes our outdoor areas. In addition, dogs should not be brought onto site at any time. The only exception to this are registered Assistance or Therapy Dogs.

Lost Property

We continue to hold large amounts of un-named property – this ranges from many coats and jumpers to individual socks! If your child has misplaced something at school and you would like to check lost property please contact the main office.

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Demolition of Old First School

The demolition has progressed over the past fortnight with little disruption to school. It is still anticipated that demolition will be completed by when we return after half term.

World Book Day

World Book Day is Thursday 3 March this year. As usual, we will be celebrating World Book Day with a range of activities and lessons based around books and reading. While we realise that dressing up for World Book Day is an exciting and enjoyable experience for the children we also realise that this can add extra stress (financial and emotional) to parents/carers. While children can dress up as a favourite character if they wish, this is not compulsory. All children will be involved in many activities which focus on the core aims of World Book Day – developing a love of books and shared reading. There are many ways to get involved with this at home which we would love to find out about on World Book Day that could replace dressing up if you and your child would prefer. Some suggestions are:

- Making a colourful bookmark linked to a favourite book
- Prepare a reading of a favourite section with fluency and expression
- Build a model of a setting, character or element of a favourite book
- Reading a favourite poem
- Dramatise a section of a story and upload to Seesaw or Tapestry
- Recording a reading of a book for younger children and upload to Seesaw so the book may be an 'Audiobook'
- Artwork of a favourite setting

All of these are simply ideas to help your child engage with reading and books. No matter what you choose to do for world book day be it dressing up or an alternative activity we would love to see the results on 3 March (which may be through Seesaw or Tapestry depending on what you choose to do).

Maths Week

After February half term, it is Maths Week in school. This coincides with 100 days in school. During that week your child will take part in lots of different maths activities based around a book that their teacher has chosen, as this year Maths Week will coincide with World Book Day.

We are setting some whole school homework with the theme of "Maths is Everywhere". Take a photograph and annotate this to show maths is around us. It can be patterns you have seen in the park, examples of tessellations, geometrical shapes or even something that you have made yourself. The photograph can be uploaded onto Seesaw or Tapestry. We look forward to seeing your photographs. Examples to support you with this will come out after half term.

Bikeability

Year 5 have been undertaking Bikeability training this week. Unfortunately the weather has beaten us and we have been unable to complete the course. We are arranging an additional day as soon as possible so that the children can complete their cycle training.

Children Returning to School

Children return to school on Monday 28 February 2022.

Yours sincerely

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