



AM/LH

24 March 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

Roof and Ceiling Works

As you have no doubt noticed, building works started this week to repair the roof and ceilings. While roof work outside should be completed in the next few days, interior ceilings are taking around 1 week per classroom to repair. Classes will be moved back into their normal classes as soon as each one has been repaired.

Mother's Day Lunches

A reminder that if you have booked to come in for Mother's Day lunch, they are running next week starting at 11.30am.

Sponsored Read

So far the sponsored 20-in-20 read has raised close to £600 for our new library. If you still have sponsor money to return to school, please ensure it is returned by Friday 31 March.

Breakfast Club

Please ensure that you book in advance for Breakfast Club to avoid disappointment. We had 7 unbooked places this morning which were taken up quickly by 'drop in bookings' on the day and we again had to turn several children away as we had reached our staffing ratio. We always staff Breakfast Club based on the number of confirmed pre-bookings we have.

In addition, a polite request from Breakfast Club staff. If possible could lower value notes, coins or the correct change be used to pay for Breakfast Club please. Several payments have been made over the past few days with £20 notes for a £2 or £4 fee which is leaving Breakfast Club with little or no change.

Attendance

You may have heard from your child about the Class Attendance race which started last week. We have been working with the School Council to promote attendance. Each week, class attendance is recorded for the whole week and we award a trophy to the top EYFS, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 class. The classes with the most wins over a term will achieve a reward for their attendance.

Holiday Requests

School is receiving a large number of term time holiday requests at the moment. I have been contacted by numerous parents querying about why holidays have not been authorised.

The Education Regulations (2006) amendment of 2013 states that no Headteacher can grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. These exceptional circumstances must be on the application and proven by the parent.

The laws also state that if a Headteacher does decide to authorise absence, the child's attendance prior to and after the application must be in the 'satisfactory' or higher level. The levels are outlined below;

Mowbray Primary School defines key levels of attendance as:

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Description</u>
98-100%	Excellent
95-98%	Good
93-95%	Requires Improvement
91-93%	Unsatisfactory
90%	Persistent Absence

Easter Service

Our Easter Service will be on Friday 7 April 2017. EYFS and KS1 service will run from 9.00am to 9.30am. KS2 service will be from 9.45am to approx. 10.30am. Refreshments will be available in the hall from 8.45am.

Easter Egg Competition

On Wednesday 5 April 2017 we will be holding our Easter Egg Competition and Early Years Easter Egg Hunt.

As last year, we would like children to design and build an innovative creation using hard boiled eggs. Completed designs should be brought into school from 2pm on the afternoon of Wednesday 5 April 2017. If you wish your child to part make their design at home and bring materials to complete the design with you on Wednesday 5 April 2017, the classrooms will be available to you.

Once completed, designs should be taken to the hall and left on your child's class table. You will be free to take your child home after submitting their egg design if you have signed them out. Please note there will be very limited resources available in school for egg designs. Any child unable to make a design at home and would like to make one with school staff will be able to do so.

Refreshments, a chocolate tombola and cake stall will be available in the school hall.

The Early Years Easter Egg Hunt will take place during class time on the morning of Wednesday 5 April 2017.

Easter Disco on Thursday 6 April 2017

Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Children in these classes will have their disco during the afternoon. If children wish to bring party clothes to change into after lunch on Thursday 6 April 2017 they are more than welcome to do so. Nursery children are welcome to return in the afternoon for the disco.

If you wish your child NOT to take part, please indicate on the reply slip.

Years 3 – 6

The disco will start at 4.00pm and end at 5.30pm. If you would like your child to attend, please complete the permission slip and return to the school office by Tuesday 4 April 2017. On the form, you must indicate the arrangements for how your child will get home after the disco.

Both discos will be free of charge to the children. However if your child would like refreshments, a refreshments voucher will be on sale for £1 from the school office until 3.15pm on Wednesday 5 April 2017. No money should be sent on the day as items will not be able to be purchased without a pre bought voucher. The voucher will entitle your child to a carton of juice, bag of crisps and a mix up bag. Payments should be made in an envelope with your child's name and class clearly marked.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 vouchers will be given to your child's class teacher. Vouchers for Year 3 to 6 will be distributed on Thursday 6 April.

If you would like a voucher please indicate on the reply slip below.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Miller
Headteacher

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EASTER DISCO THURSDAY 6 APRIL 2017

My Child _____ in class _____

- ☐ Does Not wish to take part in the Easter Disco (Reception to Year 2)
- ☐ I will be collecting my child after the Disco (Year 3 – 6)
- ☐ My child will be walking home after the Disco (Year 3 – 6)
- ☐ I enclose £1 for a refreshments voucher (All children)

Signed _____ (parent/carer) Date _____

