

Mowbray Primary School
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Headteacher: Mr Andrew Miller

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Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of another fantastic year, I would like to thank everyone for their support over the past 11 months.

Summer Fair and Sports Day

It was fabulous to see such a good level of support for both events on Wednesday. A total amount raised at the fair will be published shortly but it goes a long way towards ensuring the provision of school trips continues as well as supporting the improvement of our facilities for the children.

Annual Assessments

This year has seen the children achieve the highest academic standards we have had as a Primary School and continues our upward trend of results. This year's summaries are as follows:

- Year 1 Phonics 81% (National Average 2017 = 81%)
- Year 2 Reading 73% (National Average 2017 = 76%)
- Year 2 Writing 68% (National Average 2017 = 68%)
- Year 2 Maths 73% (National Average 2017 = 75%)
- Year 6 Reading 71% (National Average 2018 = 75%)
- Year 6 Writing 80% (National Average 2018 = 78%)
- Year 6 Maths 69% (National Average 2018 = 76%)
- Year 6 Combined Scores 57% (National Average = 64%)

All results show improvement from the previous year's results and reflects the hard work of the children and staff this year.

Site Security

You will be aware that over some holiday periods we have suffered attacks of vandalism. Could I ask everyone to be vigilant over the holidays and to report anything suspicious directly to the police. Mr Todd the caretaker will be on site during what would be normal school hours.

Friday 20 July

Please be reminded that it is a 2pm finish next Friday. Year 6 leavers will finish directly after their leaver's assembly on Friday morning.

Car Parking

I have again been contacted by residents in the area regarding inconsiderate parking. Please think carefully about where you park as wardens from Northumberland County Council are regularly on patrol enforcing parking restrictions.

Pathway in Front of Classrooms

The pathway against the building that runs outside the Willow, Maple, Elder classrooms down to Chestnut class isn't a main access path around the building – although many use it as such. If using it please exercise caution as windows are open during hot weather. The footpath between the gates on Stakeford Lane should ideally be used rather than the maintenance path.

Library Books

Our new library has been extremely well used this year and is loved by the children. Many children still have books on loan which need to be returned next week. Please have a good check at home and send any school library books back in from Monday as any lost books may incur a charge.

New Reading Scheme

Following our successful introduction of Phonics Bug and its associated Reading Books, we will be introducing a new graded reading scheme call Bug Club which will run throughout school and which will operate hand in hand with Phonics Bug. This introduction will begin in September. Mrs Dodds will be in touch early in the new academic year with more information about the scheme.

Children will return to school on Tuesday 4 September 2018.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Miller Headteacher