



**Mowbray Primary School**  
**Stakeford Lane**  
**Guide Post**  
**Choppington**  
**Northumberland**  
**NE62 5HQ**

**Headteacher: Mr Andrew Miller**

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10 May 2019

Dear Parents / Carers

This half term certainly seems to be passing quickly since the Easter holidays. Across school the children are all working hard and are well settled currently despite the shortened weeks due to the Bank Holidays.

#### End of Year Assessments

Year 6 will be taking their SATs next week and have been preparing well over the past few months. It is essential if your child is in Year 6 that they are in school on time all week. If for any reason your child is unable to attend school, please call us as soon as possible to let us know. If you have any questions about the Year 6 assessments, please contact Mrs Dodds as Key Stage 2 Leader.

Year 2 will be taking their end of year assessments in the week beginning Monday 20 May 2019. Unlike the Year 6 tests, these are less formal and only form a part of our judgement on your child. The majority of the assessment judgement is to be made from ongoing assessments by your child's class teacher. Year 2 children undertake the tests with familiar adults in small groups. If you have any questions in relation to the assessments please contact Mrs Waters as Key Stage Leader.

#### End of Year Reports

In preparation for reports to be issued in July, can you please make sure that the office has up to date email addresses please. Reports will once again be emailed out to parents on a staggered system like last year – with different classes being issued on different days. The timetable for reports being issued will be confirmed after half term.

#### Dogs on the Yard

Please be reminded that only assistance dogs are permitted on the school site. No dogs should be on the site when dropping children off before or collecting children after school.

#### Bikes and Scooters

While we encourage children to cycle and scoot to school, please can you help us remind children that bikes and scooters are not to be ridden in the school grounds unless they are on the old Mowbray Yard near the Forest School cabin. Please dismount bikes / scooters at the main gates. If your child wishes to ride their bike on the old yard it should be pushed across to the yard and not ridden. There are too many pedestrians accessing the school via the gates – often with pushchairs and younger children. We insist on this rule for the safety of everyone using the school site.

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### Autumn Show

Following the huge success of last year's Autumn Show, we are pleased to inform you that we will again be holding the show in the coming Autumn Term. The success of the previous show was down to your hard work growing vegetables, making cakes, jams and pies. Therefore we thought we give as much advance notice as possible for you this year. The show will be held on **Friday 18 October 2019** with doors opening for the show at 1:30pm.

The categories which can be entered are: Best Cake, Best Jam, Best Chutney, Best Savoury Pie, Best Scone (Sweet / Savoury), Largest / most uniform vegetable and finally the Funniest Vegetable (for children only!)

As there was at the last show, there will be stalls and various demonstrations at the show. More information and entry slips will be available when school starts back in September.

### Term Time Holidays

Please be reminded that since 2013, Headteachers can no longer authorise Term Time Holidays except in exceptional circumstances. As per the regulations, it is a parent's responsibility to prove the exceptional circumstances and to request the Term Time Absence by completing the request form (available from the office) at least 2 weeks before the request. Holidays and Term Time Absence are not automatically granted and may result in a penalty notice being issued by Northumberland County Council.

### Parental Surveys

In the past we have surveyed parental opinion through paper based surveys. However, we have moved this online now and over the next few weeks will be asking for your opinions on a range of different areas of school via email questionnaires. We would appreciate any honest feedback through the surveys. As always, if you have any issues in relation to any aspect of school, please speak to a member of staff. In most cases, issues can be resolved very quickly by speaking to your child's class teacher in the first instance.

### Warm Weather

As the weather improves, we would like to ensure that all children enjoy the sun safely. As we anticipate more sunny days we are advising the following:

- Children bring a sunhat or cap to school
- Children should be provided with UV protection sunglasses
- Suncream (at least SPF15 with UVA and UVB protection) is applied before children come to school

Children, particularly on Forest School or Outdoor PE days, should bring a named bottle of sun cream into school for re-application. Children should be able to apply this themselves, however, if they are unable to apply this themselves, staff can apply the suncream to face, neck, arms and hands only.

If your child requires a staff member to apply sun cream, please complete a form which you can collect from the school office indicating whether you give permission for this to happen.

We also have cool water drinking fountains throughout school. Your child will need to bring a named re-sealable bottle into school to access these.

On very sunny or high UV days, we may limit the amount of time that children spend exposed to the sun.

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Yours sincerely

**Mr A Miller**  
**Headteacher**

Monday 13 May – Friday 17 May		Year 6 SATs Week
Monday 20 May – Friday 24 May		Year 2 SATs Week
Friday 24 May		School closes for Half Term
Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May		Half Term Holiday
Monday 3 June		Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 4 June		Pupils Return to school
Tuesday 4 June – Friday 7 June		Writing Week
Monday 10 June – Friday 14 June		Year 1 Phonics Tests
Wednesday 12 June	9.00am*	Reception Class Assembly
Thursday 13 and Friday 14 June	11.30am*	Fathers' Day Lunches
Monday 17 June to Friday 21 June		Forest School Den Week
Wednesday 19 June	9.00am*	Larch Class Assembly
Thursday 20 June	9.00am*	Elder Class Assembly
Thursday 20 June	10.00am*	Big Toddle - Nursery & Reception Class
Wednesday 26 June	9.00am*	Beech Class Assembly
Thursday 27 June	9.00am*	Mulberry Class Assembly
Wednesday 3 July	9.00am*	Chestnut Class Assembly
Thursday 4 July	9.00am*	Maple Class Assembly
Wednesday 10 July	9.00am*	Holly Class Assembly
Thursday 11 July	9.30am*	Sports Day
Thursday 11 July	1.30pm*	Summer Fair
Friday 12 July		International Day
Thursday 18 July	1.30pm	House Winners Reward Event
Friday 19 July	9.00am*	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
Friday 19 July	2.00pm*	School Closes

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## SUNCREAM APPLICATION

Name of Child \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

- I give permission for a member of staff to apply suncream to my child if required. I have brought into school the suncream that I would like to be applied.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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