



Mowbray Primary School
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Headteacher: Mr Andrew Miller

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Dear Parents/Carers

It was lovely to see so many parents/carers in school last week for the harvest performances. Thank you for all of the donations for the harvest assembly – these were donated on Friday to Wansbeck Food Bank.

Monster's Ball

As you are aware, the Monster's Ball is this Thursday during the afternoon. We are postponing swimming lessons this week so that the children can take part in the Monster's Ball. If children wish to go to the Ball in fancy dress then they are more than welcome to. Fancy dress should be brought in on the day for the children to change into with the exception of EYFS. You should already have received a letter last week from the PTA regarding refreshments for the Monster's Ball – no money should be sent in on the day.

Lost Property

We have a rising number of coats / jumpers in lost property. If your child has lost an item of clothing please ask them to check lost property. All items currently in lost property are un-named. House Captains check lost property regularly and return named items – please try to ensure jackets, jumpers etc are named so that they can be returned if they are misplaced.

Attendance

Our attendance is monitored by the Education Welfare Service on a regular basis. The service picks up on low or falling attendance which could lead to penalty notice fines if your child's attendance is persistently low.

There are many reasons your child's attendance may be low and we do have a range of support available should you require it. Mrs Baines leads on attendance and can be contacted at jane.baines@mowbrayprimary.northumberland.sch.uk or on her work mobile 07595613842.

A related reminder that we are not allowed to approve holiday requests during term time apart from in exceptional circumstances. These circumstances must be outlined at the time of the application and evidence may need to be provided.

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Volunteers in School

I know as parents / carers not many of us do have 'spare time' however we do wish to request volunteers if anyone has any time they are able to offer. We really would like help with listening to readers in particular during the school day. We would also love to expand our curriculum by asking for any parents / carers / family members with particular talents or interests e.g. are you a keen artist who could support an art club? Are you a sculptor or photographer who could support staff in offering a workshop to children? If so, we would love to hear from you; please email our Deputy Headteacher Mrs Beattie at sarah.beattie@mowbrayprimary.northumberland.sch.uk

Please be aware that all volunteers in school would need to receive safeguarding clearance from Disclosures and Barring Service (DBS) before being able to support in school. School will arrange and pay for this clearance if you were to volunteer.

Mowbray Day Centre

The manager from Mowbray Day Centre has been in touch regarding an employment opportunity. The Day Centre are currently recruiting casual "Bank" Care Workers. They will happily work around commitments e.g. drop off and pick up times. If you would like more information or would like to arrange an informal visit, please contact the manager Peter Douglas on 07966325132.

Book Fair

Thank you for supporting the Book Fair last week. Overall the Fair raised £716.87 of which school received £286.75 in commission which we will put towards buying reading books for school.

Half Term Holiday

We break up this Friday for the half term holidays. We reopen on Monday 6 November.

Yours sincerely



Mr A Miller
Headteacher