



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

Headteacher: Mr Andrew Miller

AM/LH

15 June 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

I cannot believe that we are in the final half term of this year already. We look forward to welcoming you over the next few weeks at the different events on offer.

Class Assemblies

Class assembly dates were published last September and are on the reverse of the newsletter. Assemblies all start at 9.00am with entry to school being through the main entrance from 8.45am. After the assembly you will have an opportunity to look at your child's workbooks for the year with them. Arrangements for the year 6 leaver's assembly will follow under a separate letter.

Data Protection

You will have received many emails and letters from different companies about the Data Law changes which came into force on 25 May. This law affected schools too. Although many of you have returned the forms sent before the half term break, we are still waiting for quite a few to be returned.

Some forms are in the process of being returned to parents/carers as the information on them was incomplete – if this is the case for you, please return the forms as soon as possible.

School Visits

We have had several queries about why we only ask for voluntary contributions for school trips. The answer is that it is the law under the 1996 Education Act (Sections 449-462). Activities provided during the school day (including trips and transport) can't have a compulsory charge. We can ask for voluntary contributions as we do on all letters. For parents/carers who choose not to make a contribution, their children cannot be penalised under the Act. School must cover the cost rather than pass them on to other parents. Therefore we also state on letters that if enough voluntary contributions are not received, visits may not be able to go ahead as it is becoming increasingly difficult with the state of current education funding for schools to keep covering the shortfall.

If you require further information on the Education Act rules for charging for school activities, our policy is available through the website.

Dogs on Site

Please note that no dogs (except assistance dogs) are allowed on site – including dogs being carried.

☎ 01670 823198

✉ Admin@mowbrayprimary.northumberland.sch.uk
🌐 www.mowbrayprimary.northumberland.sch.uk

Transition Day

Transition Day was originally scheduled for Tuesday 10 July 2018. This will now be Tuesday 3 July as the date had to be altered by Bedlington Academy. New class and teacher information for September will be sent out next week in time for transition day. Arrangements for transition day will also be sent out with the class information.

Term Time Absences

I have had several parents contact me as they have been upset that I have not authorised term time absence. Please be reminded of the following:

“The 2013 amendments to the 2006 regulations explain clearly that Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

There is no automatic right to take your child out of school during term time. The Law does however allow Head Teachers to consider individual requests to authorise a Leave of Absence in Exceptional Circumstance(s).

The Head Teacher must be satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances to justify an authorised absence. It is the parents' responsibility when submitting the request to provide all the information and evidence to prove exceptional circumstances.

The request for authorised Leave of Absence must be made at least two weeks in advance and the Head Teacher may invite the parent/carer(s) into school to discuss the request before a decision is made.”

Lost Property

We still have hundreds of items of un-named property from the past few months. If your child has misplaced any property and you would like to view the handed in items, they will be on view until the end of term at the main office.

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.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Miller
Headteacher

Monday 18 – Friday 22 June		Den Week
Tuesday 19 June	9.00am	Larch Class Assembly
Wednesday 20 June	9.00am	Elder Class Assembly
Thursday 21 June	9.00am	Beech Class Assembly
Tuesday 26 June	9.00am	Oak Class Assembly
Wednesday 27 June	9.00am	Chestnut Class Assembly
Thursday 28 and Friday 29 June		Year 4 Camping Trip
Monday 2 July		Canada Day
Tuesday 3 July	9.00am	Transition Day Reception Class Trip (parents will be notified re Transition Day) Maple Class Assembly to be rearranged
Wednesday 4 July	9.00am	Holly Class Assembly
Thursday 5 July	9.00am	Mulberry Class Assembly
Monday 9 – Friday 13 July		Sports Week
Wednesday 11 July	9.30am 1.30pm	Sports Day Summer Fair
Friday 20 July	9.00am 2.00pm	Leavers' Assembly School Closes for Summer Holidays