



**Mowbray Primary School**  
**Stakeford Lane**  
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**Northumberland**  
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**Headteacher: Mr Andrew Miller**

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18 January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to school. I hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas break.

After a fantastic first term, the children have all settled quickly back into school and are ready for another busy term.

#### NUFC Foundation

Our continued work with the NUFC Foundation has provided us with some more match tickets – this time for the Cardiff City game. These were drawn by Mr Davison this week with 2 tickets going to Josh in Willow Class and 2 tickets to Dylan in Maple Class.

In a surprise addition, Mr Davison was contacted on the teacher training day to say that some work he had completed for the Foundation had been of such an exemplary nature that we had been awarded a Mascot package. One child would be a Mascot at the Manchester City game, would lead the players out and meet both teams. The focus had to be attendance or pupils who fulfilled the FA's #befair criteria. This was drawn and Billy from Year 6 is very excited to be the Mascot!

#### Car Parking

Since we returned to school we have been contacted several times by members of the public complaining about inconsiderate parking which has blocked paths for pushchairs and wheelchairs. Please be considerate of others when parking – it isn't acceptable for pedestrians, pushchairs or wheelchairs to have to walk onto Stakeford Lane to avoid parked cars.

#### Lateness

The number of people arriving late improved throughout last term but is currently very high again. Please ensure that your children are on time for school. Any children arriving late must be signed into the school office by an adult. We have had a few incidents of older children who walk themselves to and from school arriving late. In cases where unaccompanied children arrive late, parents/carers will be informed.

#### 48 Hour Sickness Absence

In line with other schools in the partnership, we will be trialling a new policy this term in relation to sickness. Currently we ask children who have had vomiting/diarrhoea to stay off school for 48 hours after the last episode. Until Easter we will trial a reduction to 24 hours of absence after the last episode rather than the 48 hours. We will monitor the impact of this change until Easter before deciding if it will become a permanent policy alteration.

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### Toddler Group

Our Toddler Group has restarted again after the Christmas break on a Tuesday morning from 9.30am until 11am for children under 3 years of age. This group is open to members of the public and not just parents/carers of children already at Mowbray. If you know of anyone who may like to come along, please pass on the information.

### Nursery Spaces

We currently have spaces available for September for Nursery – please contact the school office and speak to Mrs Hollocks for more details.

### Debt to School

Please ensure any payments to school are kept up to date. Currently, debt to school (e.g. for lunches, music lessons etc) totals over £1000 which must be covered from the school budget and is not able to be spent on supporting children's learning in class. If you are in debt at school and wish to discuss the matter, please contact School Business Manager Mrs Atkinson via the school office.

### Parent's Evenings

You should receive appointment letters for your child's parent's evenings. This will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with their teacher. Please note that some classes have had to change the parent's evening dates from those originally published in September. This is due to staff training courses, the dates of which were not available at the start of the year. Please check the dates of your child's parent's evening carefully.

Yours sincerely

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

Wednesday 6 February Thursday 7 February	3.30pm-6.30pm*	Parents' Evening
Friday 15 February		School closes for Half Term
Monday 18 February – Friday 22 February		Half Term Week
Monday 25 February		School reopens
Monday 25 February – Friday 1 March		Maths Week
Monday 25 February to 8 March		Chicks Hatching in School
Thursday 7 March		World Book Day
Friday 15 March		Red Nose Day
Tuesday 26 March – Friday 29 March	11.30am*	Mothers' Day Lunches
Monday 1 April	1.30pm*	Coffee Afternoon / Easter Egg Competition
Wednesday 3 April	9.00am* 9.30am*	Reception & Larch Easter Assembly Elder, Beech, Mulberry Easter Assembly
Thursday 4 April	9.00am* 9.45am*	Holly, Maple, Chestnut Easter Assembly Willow Easter Assembly
Friday 5 April	1.15pm	Easter Parties
Friday 5 April		School closes for Easter
Monday 8 April – Monday 22 April		Easter Holidays
Tuesday 23 April		School reopens

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