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24 June 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

Music Tuition

We currently offer music tuition through Northumberland County Council. These lessons are for Key Stage 2 only and cover keyboard or guitar. We currently have places available for September for any children in Key Stage 2 who would wish to take up these lessons. Please contact Mrs Robinson in the school office for further details.

A Reminder

We have an increasing number of children forgetting to bring key things into school at the moment e.g. PE kit, packed lunches and Forest School clothes. We politely ask if you could assist us in reminding children to bring the correct equipment into school on the correct days.

Collecting Children

A reminder of the school system if a child is to be collected by another adult not known to school. A phone call should be made to school informing staff of the name of the new adult collecting your child. That adult should provide photo ID with their name on it when collecting the child.

Breakfast Club

As breakfast club remains popular, I must remind everyone that places should ideally be pre-booked and paid for in advance. Bookings can only be taken on the day if we have space available.

September 2016

Over the past few months it has become evident that we are beginning to be more affected by the low birth rate across the South East Northumberland area. The result has been a decrease in Nursery places being taken up for September.

The further result of this fall in pupil numbers has resulted in an unavoidable restructure of the school for September as follows:

Nursery – nursery will only operate as a morning nursery from 8.45am to 11.45am as September's nursery numbers have dropped to 14 children.

Reception – Will be as it is now – 2 x classes.

Years 1 and 2 – There will be three classes of Key Stage 1 children. These are arranged by age. Two classes will contain Year 2 with 5 of the oldest Year 1 children in each class. The third class will purely be Year 1 children.

Years 3 and 4 – children will be split across three mixed age group classes. Children have been split alphabetically. Since 2014 and the new National Curriculum, objectives to be taught were grouped together as a set of objectives to be completed by the end of Year 4. Therefore no children will be disadvantaged through being taught a curriculum inappropriate for their age or stage of development.

Year 5 and 6 – Year 5 and 6 will remain as single year group classes.

The restructure has reduced the school size by 1 class.

Staffing

We have a number of staff leaving Mowbray at the end of this term. Mrs J Hanna, Mrs D Howey, Mrs A Swailes, Mr D Swan and Mrs L Martin will all be moving on to other things. On behalf of all the children and staff I would like to thank them all for their many years of devoted service to Mowbray First/Primary School and wish them well for the future.

As usual, class teachers and new classes (where appropriate) will be released on Friday 8 July with Annual School Reports.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Miller
Headteacher