



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

AM/LH

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Dear Parents/Carers

#### After School Provision

Many thanks for returning surveys to Miss Lisle regarding the proposal for after school childcare. With such a response we are pleased to say that we will be going ahead with this and hope to implement it from January once all of the staffing, safeguarding and logistical aspects are dealt with. We will be in touch again soon to ask your opinions on several other aspects of the provision to help us implement it successfully.

#### Reception Applications September 2020

The portal is now open through the County Council website for applications for Reception in September 2020. Applications close on Wednesday 15 January 2020. If you are considering applying for a place in Reception, please be aware that places must all be applied for even if your child is in Mowbray nursery. There is no automatic transfer from nursery to Reception. Please also be aware that a place within nursery does not guarantee a place within the Reception class.

#### Christmas Lunches

Many of you have already returned slips to book Christmas Lunch this year. Please remember the deadline for this is 9am Tuesday 19 November. We cannot accept returned slips after this date. Family tickets will be issued from next week but if you have not received yours by Friday 6 December please contact the school office.

#### Phonics and Early Reading

Mrs Dodds and the English team will be once again running a workshop on how to support your child with reading and phonics. Dates for these along with a booking form will be emailed out shortly. Mrs Waters and Miss Gibson will be arranging the mathematics equivalent sessions in January.

#### Online Forms

As you will have noticed, our recent surveys have all been through a Google form. Following the success of using the forms, we will gradually be moving returned slips (e.g permission slips, trips etc) onto Google forms so that all letters can be emailed and returned electronically.

#### School Website

Following feedback through the Parent's Forum, we acknowledge that some sections of the website have become difficult to use. I have requested that this be overhauled and made more user friendly as soon as possible.

#### PTA Fundraising

As you will be aware, the PTA were accepted as one of the Community Groups which the Co-op has been raising funds for for the past year. We are pleased to say that we have been awarded £2259 and will be presented with a large cheque for this on Saturday. The money is going towards our ongoing fundraising for outdoor play equipment. Thank you to everyone who helped contribute towards this.

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### Engie and Bernicia

Engie and Bernicia are currently renovating homes in the area. On Wednesday, we became aware that they are planning a fundraiser Christmas fair at the church hall next to the Cherry Tree pub on Saturday 23 November. They have confirmed that the proceeds from the fair will be donated to Mowbray. This is a fantastic gesture from the company which we really appreciate.

### Recycling at Mowbray

We are working with a company called 'Empties Please'. They collect and recycle used ink and toner cartridges the environmentally friendly way and will donate the money raised back to us.

It's very simple. All we have to do is collect used ink cartridges and put them in our recycle bin. 'Empties Please' will collect the bin when it's full and then donate money raised straight back to our school with a certificate to display in our reception area.

To view what empty ink cartridges we can recycle, please visit <https://www.emptiesplease.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Variable-Pricelist-for-Empties-Please-Ink-Cartridge-Recycling.pdf> or see the list in our main reception.

If you have any original branded toners which you have to recycle, please visit <https://www.emptiesplease.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Toners-accepted-for-recycling-with-Empties-Please-50p-per-branded-toner.pdf>.

You can collect ink cartridges from absolutely anywhere; school, work, home, clubs, friends and family.

If you could display a bin in your workplace on behalf of our school please contact 'Empties Please' on 0844 879 7179 or email [info@emptiesplease.com](mailto:info@emptiesplease.com). Please ensure you provide our school's name so proceeds are credited to us.

We will be sending home collection bags with children - you can fit quite a few cartridges into one bag. But please don't put them into the post they must come back to the recycle bin at school. The more cartridges we can collect the more we can raise. Also, don't forget, you can recycle batteries in school too, just pop them into the box in the main reception at any time.

Lastly, if you're having a pre-Christmas clearout, we will be having another 'Bags 2 School' collection later this term. We will confirm a date for this soon.

### Shoebox Appeal

Thank you for all of your shoeboxes. Once again the it was well supported in school with 63 shoeboxes and bags donated.

### Winter Weather

The weather for the past few weeks has been terrible. Although most children are coming to school wearing a coat, we still have children coming with no coat or with non-waterproof hoodies. Can we please ask that all children do come with a coat through the winter months.

### Lost Property

We currently have several un-named items at school. Please ensure that items of clothing are named as far as possible. In most cases, named lost property quickly finds its way back to its owner.

Yours sincerely

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