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Dear Parents/Carers

Keeping Safe Online

Northumberland County Council have asked that I remind all parents and carers of the need to closely monitor their children's internet activity – in particular their use of apps, websites and games where they can openly communicate with others. There have been two recent incidents where children (not from Mowbray) have been persuaded to befriend someone online who has then attempted to act inappropriately towards them.

Advice on keeping your children safe online can be found via NSPCC 'Share Aware' site
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/>

Mowbray Day Centre

The Day Centre on the old Mowbray First School site has been operational for several months now. Most of their clients arrive by minibus at around the same time as the start of our day. This has increased the amount of traffic outside of school and means there is more traffic entering/exiting the Day Centre site. Please be vigilant if you are walking with your children near the vehicle entrance to the Day Centre at the start and end of the school day.

In addition, I have been asked to remind anyone travelling by car that the Day Centre car park is private and cannot be used by parents/carers dropping off or collecting children.

British Sandwich Week

On Thursday 19 May we would like to invite as many children as possible to take a school dinner. We will be celebrating British Sandwich Week by having a Sandwich Day! Children can buy a baguette with a choice of filling:

- Hot Beef
- Chicken Tikka
- Surprise filling designed by Year 6 for Sandwich Week

Sandwiches will be served with chips, sweetcorn or peas with an ice lolly for dessert.

As a reminder, children from Reception – Year 2 receive a free school meal so there would be no cost if your child is in one of these year groups. If your child is in Year 3 – 6 the school meal cost is £2 (unless already registered for free school meals). If you would like your child to have a school meal to celebrate British Sandwich Week, please ensure you have **returned the slip** by **Tuesday 17 May**.



SANDWICH DAY – THURSDAY 19 MAY 2016

Name of Child(ren) _____ Class(es) _____

- ☐ Would like a school sandwich and **enclose £2**
- ☐ Would like a school sandwich and on **Free School Meals**

Signed _____ (parent/carers) Date _____

Writing Enrichment Week

We are planning a themed writing development week for the first week back after the half term break. We won't reveal our theme until the holidays to build suspense! To ratchet up the excitement we need your help. Please could you send a stamped address envelope (addressed to your child or children) into school by Tuesday 24 May at the latest so that we can write directly to your child/ren in the holidays and tell him/her about the writing week theme. Also in the letter will be further information for you too – including information about a themed lunch for the children.

We are hopeful this will be a successful event and we are always grateful for your excellent support.

Smoking Outside of School

Please be aware that in the past week I have been made aware that County Council Environmental Health Officers have spot fined people outside our school gates for dropping used cigarette butts. This was a fixed penalty of £75.

PTA

Our new Parent Teacher's Association is now up and running. To further raise funds, they are planning a Father's Day Raffle during the first two weeks back. Tickets will be on sale from Tuesday 7 June from the office and on the school yard. Raffle draw will take place on Thursday 16 June.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Miller
Headteacher