



Mowbray Primary School
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Headteacher: Mr Andrew Miller

AM/LH

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Dear Parent/Carers

Extra Curricular Activities and Clubs

We have attached a programme of additional clubs and activities on offer for the remainder of the year. (Please note that not all clubs are after school – some run at lunchtime). In cases of after school clubs, letters will come out before the club starts with its arrangements eg. timings, how your child should get come afterwards etc.

We have received additional funding from the government to develop sport across school. As a result, additional clubs may be added to our programme. When this occurs, we will notify you in writing

Holiday Applications

Please be reminded that I am unable to grant permission for term time holidays unless an application with proof of exceptional circumstances is made. As you may also be aware, the parent from the Isle of Wight who challenged the penalty fines for taking his child out of school on holiday lost his case in the Supreme Court. As a result, Northumberland County Council have recommenced issuing fines in cases that fulfil the criteria.

Attendance

As you are aware, attendance is monitored regularly with our Education Welfare Officer. At Mowbray Primary, we define attendance rates as follows:

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Description</u>
98.1-100%	Excellent
95.1-98%	Good
93.1-95%	Requires Improvement
91-93%	Unsatisfactory
90%	Persistent Absence

Remembrance Poppies

From Monday 6 November, Remembrance Day poppies will be available daily in school for donation to The Poppy Appeal.

Online Payments

Over the next few weeks we will begin a trial implementation of online payments for costs such as dinner money or school trips. A separate letter will come out soon outlining a new system.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Miller
Headteacher