



Mowbray Primary School
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Dear Parents/Carers

It was lovely to see so many parents/carers in school last week for the harvest performances. It was great for the children to have an audience to perform to in school again after the past few years of disruption. Thank you for all of the donations for the harvest assembly – these were donated on Friday to Wansbeck Food Bank.

Monster's Ball

As you are aware, the Monster's Ball is this Thursday during the afternoon for EYFS, Key Stage 1, Holly and Larch classes. Year 5 and Year 6 will have their Ball after school until 4.30pm. We are postponing swimming lessons this week for Year 4 and Year 6 so that they can take part in the Monster's Ball. If children wish to go to the Ball in fancy dress then they are more than welcome to. Fancy dress should be brought in on the day for the children to change into. You should already have received a letter last week from the PTA regarding refreshments for the Monster's Ball – no money should be sent in on the day.

Collections after the Mulberry / Maple / Willow Ball ends at 4.30pm should be from the main entrance.

We apologise if there has been any confusion over whether children attend in fancy dress for the whole day. This did happen last year to fit in with Covid protocols at the time.

Lost Property

We have a rising number of coats / jumpers in lost property. If your child has lost an item of clothing please ask them to check lost property. All items currently in lost property are un-named. House Captains check lost property regularly and return named items – please try to ensure jackets, jumpers etc are named so that they can be returned if they are misplaced.

Attendance

Our attendance is monitored by the Education Welfare Service on a regular basis. During Covid-19 there was flexibility given by the Department for Education around attendance given the legislation that was in place at the time. However, this flexibility has now been withdrawn; the Education Welfare Service will be picking up on poor attendance going forward which could lead to penalty notice fines if your child's attendance is persistently low.

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There are many reasons your child's attendance may be low and we do have a range of support available should you require it. Mrs Baines leads on attendance and can be contacted at jane.baines@mowbrayprimary.northumberland.sch.uk or on her work mobile 07595613842.

A related reminder that we are not allowed to approve holiday requests during term time apart from in exceptional circumstances. These circumstances must be outlined at the time of the application and evidence may need to be provided.

Volunteers in School

I know as parents / carers not many of us do have 'spare time' however we do wish to request volunteers if anyone has any time they are able to offer. We really would like help with listening to readers in particular during the school day. We would also love to expand our curriculum by asking for any parents / carers / family members with particular talents or interests e.g. are you a keen artist who could support an art club? Are you a sculptor or photographer who could support staff in offering a workshop to children? If so, we would love to hear from you; please email our Deputy Headteacher Mrs Dodds at alison.dodds@mowbrayprimary.northumberland.sch.uk

Please be aware that all volunteers in school would need to receive safeguarding clearance from Disclosures and Barring Service (DBS) before being able to support in school. School will arrange and pay for this clearance if you were to volunteer.

Parent Consultations

As you will know from the diary dates for the year, our parent consultations are after half term. Appointment slots will be available from 9am until 6pm on the day and face to face or phone appointments are available. Please be aware that the appointments portal closes at midnight the day before appointments.

In an amendment to the original dates, Willow Class will now be on Friday 4 November rather than Monday 7 November as originally listed.

Appointments can be booked now on our online booking system.

www.mowbrayprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk

If you have any booking issues please contact Mrs Hollocks in the school office. If you would like an appointment but are unable to attend on the listed dates, please contact your child's teacher directly.

Poppies

We will once again be supporting the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. Poppies and other items will be on sale at break and lunchtimes from Monday 31 October until Friday 11 November. There is no set 'cost' for the poppy or Royal British Legion items – a donation to their collection tin would be appreciated though.

Yours sincerely



Mr A Miller
Headteacher