



**Mowbray Primary School**  
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**Northumberland**  
**NE62 5HQ**

**Headteacher: Mr Andrew Miller**

AM/LH

9 March 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

### World Book Day

Due to the snow closing school last week, we have had to rearrange World Book Day. The new date will be Monday 19 March 2018.

We have chosen this as the new date as this will be the day we officially open the new library. As part of the opening, Children's Author Vivian French will be visiting school. During her visit she will deliver writing workshops to some of our pupils as well as perform the official library opening. Due to the book fair being stopped due to the snow, a new book fair will run all week from Monday 19 March 2018.

### Attendance

As a reminder, I am unable to authorise any term time holidays unless parents/carers making the request prove that there are exceptional circumstances. In cases that fulfil County Council criteria, penalty notices may be issued by Northumberland County Council for unauthorised absence.

In overall terms of attendance, if your child's attendance falls below 93% you will receive a phone call from your child's Key Stage Leader to offer support in order to help your child's attendance.

It is at this point that the Education Welfare Officer would begin to monitor attendance. If there is not improvement in attendance, I will be unable to authorise any further absences from school without medical evidence. If attendance continues to fall or does not improve after that, then a referral to the Education Welfare Service may be made.

Please be aware that the government figure for persistent absenteeism is 90%. If your child's attendance is below this and is not rising, a referral will be made to the Education Welfare Officer.

On the whole, attendance at Mowbray is good with close to 96% of pupils attending regularly. Our class attendance race is in operation with weekly attendance winners being totalled up and rewards given for good attendance. Currently any classes attaining 100% attendance in a week will have a non uniform day the following week.

### School Debt

As you know, we brought in a debt collection policy last year due to the excessive amount of debt owed to school for costs such as school dinners, music lessons etc. I am pleased to say that this debt has dropped considerably. However, where debt remains, Mrs Atkinson will contact you to notify you and will be happy to arrange a flexible repayment plan. If debt still remains and does not reduce then details of the debt may be passed to the small claims court as per our policy.

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Chronicle

Our reporters in school have been working hard over the past few weeks preparing articles for our Mowbray Primary School feature in the Chronicle Newspaper. We are pleased to say that the children's work will be published in next Wednesday's edition of The Chronicle.

Yours sincerely

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

Tuesday 6 – Friday 9 March	11.30am	Mothers' Day Lunches
Friday 23 March		Sports Relief
Monday 26 March		Coffee Afternoon and Easter Egg Comp
Tuesday 27 March	9.00am	Easter Service – Reception, Years 1 and 2
Wednesday 28 March	9.00am 9.45am	Easter Service – Years 3 and 4 Easter Service – Years 5 and 6
Thursday 29 March		Easter Parties School Closes for Easter Holidays
Friday 30 March – Friday 13 April		Easter Holidays
Monday 16 April		Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 17 April		Pupils return to school
Monday 23 April		Project St George
Friday 27 April	1.30pm	Forest School Spring Event
Monday 14 – Friday 18 May		Year 6 SATs
Monday 21 – Friday 25 May		Year 2 SATs
Friday 25 May		School Closes for Half Term
Monday 28 May – Friday 1 June		Spring Half Term Week
Monday 4 June		Pupils return to school
Monday 4 – Friday 8 June		Writing Week
Monday 11 – Friday 15 June		Year 1 Phonics Tests
Tuesday 12 June	9.00am	Reception Class Assembly
Thursday 14 and Friday 15 June	11.30am	Fathers' Day Lunches
Monday 18 – Friday 22 June		Den Week