



Mowbray Primary School
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Dear Parents and Carers

Our excellent start to the new academic year has continued and I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your support in helping it run smoothly.

Year 1 Larch Class

Over the end of the Summer and the first few weeks of term, several new children joined the school in Year 1. This resulted in a slightly than average class size for Larch. As a result, we have increased Mrs Sullivan to a full time contract and added her permanently to Larch class as a second class teacher. This now means that there are two full time teachers within the class which allows a flexible smaller group approach to teaching. Although the class is larger, the children will be taught in smaller groups of under 20 for all lessons. If you have any questions about this, please contact Miss Ewart or Mrs Sullivan.

Breakfast Club

Please be reminded that any children dropped off for Breakfast Club should be signed in by an adult as per our policy.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

We will be hosting a MacMillan Coffee Morning from 9.00am on Friday 28 September in the school hall. We would welcome donations of cakes/biscuits etc as well as prizes this year we will also be adding games to the coffee morning. If you would like to come along after dropping your children off, entry will be through the main office.

Toddler Group

Our highly successful Toddler Group has started running again on Tuesday mornings from 9.30am until 11.00am in the school hall for children under 3 years old. The group is open to the wider community therefore feel free to pass on the details to anyone with children who may be interested.

Collections Arrangements

If you have any changes to Collection Arrangements, please contact the school office. This includes informing us if you now give permission for your child in Year 5 or 6 to walk home on their own where you previously hadn't given permission for this.

Please also ensure that collection arrangements for after school clubs are agreed and passed on before the club. On a number of occasions recently children have not been collected at the end of an after school club. Only in exceptional circumstances should arrangements be changed on the day of the club.

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Data Protection Forms and Multi Consent Forms

You may recall that these two forms were sent out in the closing months of the last academic year. Several families still must return the forms. The office will contact you over the next week if either form is outstanding. Please return the form(s) to school as soon as possible.

Online Payments

Our online payment system is still up and running. While there have been several teething issues over the first few months, it is still now much more accessible and is a more secure way of sending money into school. We will be extending the service this year to include school trips from half term. Over this year, we will begin to phase out some forms of payments and I would urge you to register and use the online system if you have not already done so. The payment system can be found at: <https://login.eduspot.co.uk/public/portal/parent/?app=schoolmoney>

Transition to Secondary School for Current Year 6 Pupils

Please note that the admissions portal for applications for Secondary School places for September 2019 is now open. Please ensure that places have been applied for by the portal closes on 31 October.

You can access the portal via the Northumberland County Council website.

Any information received from Secondary schools regarding transition events etc. will be passed on to you as soon as it is received in school.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Miller
Headteacher

Friday 28 September	9.00am *	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Thursday 4 October		National Poetry Day
Wednesday 17 October & Thursday 18 October	3.30–6.30pm*	Parents' Evening
Friday 19 October	1.30pm*	Autumn Show
Wednesday 24 October	9.15am * 9.45 am *	Harvest Assembly Reception & Larch Class Harvest Assembly Elder, Beech & Mulberry
Thursday 25 October	9.15 am * 9.45am *	Harvest Assembly Holly, Maple & Chestnut Harvest Assembly Willow
Friday 26 October	2.00pm 3.30pm–5.00pm	Monster's Ball – Larch, Beech, Elder & Mulberry Monster's Ball – Holly, Chestnut, Maple & Willow
Friday 26 October		School closes for Half Term
Monday 29 October – Friday 2 November		Half Term week