



Mowbray Primary School
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Headteacher: Mr Andrew Miller

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Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back after the summer break. We have had a very successful first few days with children settling well into their new classes.

Welcome and Welcome Back

We would like to welcome Ms Curtis to Mowbray for this academic year. Ms Curtis will be working predominantly with Year 6 but will also spend some time with Early Years and Year 2. We would also like to welcome back Ms Holdsworth from Canada after her successful year long exchange with Miss Young last year.

Diary Dates

Please find attached the initial diary dates for the academic year ahead. As always, extra trips or events will occur throughout the year. We will give as much notice as possible for these additional events.

Forest School and PE

By now you should have received your child's Forest School and PE days. To help us continue our good start to the year, please ensure that your child has the correct kit in school on those days.

Jewellery and Make Up

I would like to remind everyone that we have a no jewellery, no make-up and no nail polish policy. The exception being that a wrist watch may be worn. Earrings can not be worn in school and should be removed. Clear plastic holding studs may be worn to keep a newly pierced hole open until such time as they are no longer required. Taping up earrings doesn't provide sufficient protection and the tape can easily come off. From next week, you may receive a phone call to come and remove your child's earrings if they can not remove earrings themselves.

New Reading Scheme

We are implementing a new reading scheme across school. By now you should have received a letter from Mrs Dodds about the new scheme. If you have any questions about the new scheme, please contact Mrs Dodds or sign up for one of our information sessions outlined in Mrs Dodds' letter.

Newcastle United Foundation

We are extremely pleased to announce that this year we will be working with the NUFC Foundation to increase our sports and PE offer in school. Each Friday, NUFC Foundation will work in school delivering primarily PE. Each Class will receive 3 x ½ terms of PE across the year covering different physical and games skills (not solely football!).

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You will be informed by your child's class teacher when it is time for your child's class to have PE with NUFC. During a ½ term where your child has NUFC PE, they will need PE Kit on a Friday. NUFC Foundation will also be running an after school club on Friday as well as workshops throughout the year to help develop literacy skills, healthy lifestyles and an understanding of issues such as racism, bullying and sexism.

School Photographs

As you are aware from our Diary Dates, the school photographer will be in school on Thursday 13 September. If you would like family/sibling photographs taken, we ask that you collect your children and bring them to the school hall at 3.15pm.

Yours sincerely

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