



Mowbray Primary School
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15 January 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back after Christmas and New Year. I hope everyone had a lovely holiday.

Safeguarding Review

We have recently reviewed our Safeguarding procedures and will be implementing a new procedure from Monday 5 February 2018.

The procedure is in relation to dropping off and collecting children from school.

The new procedure is attached. It sets out our expectation that parents should collect their children from school. However, we recognise this isn't always possible. We have adapted our policy so parents are required to name up to 6 other adults who would be authorised to collect children from school. The policy also requires a password to be set to be used to help identify other authorised adults should their identity be unfamiliar to us.

A sheet for you to name the authorised adults on is attached. Please complete it and return to school as soon as possible.

Please take time to read the new procedure – if you have any questions in relation to it, please contact Mrs Baldwin or myself.

Mobile Phones

Please be reminded that pupils should not have mobile phones in school. If, in an exceptional circumstance, they require a phone for an after school club arrangement please provide a note explaining this. Your child will be required to hand their phone into the school office for safekeeping during the school day.

SATs

As you will be aware, pupils in Year 2 and 6 must take National Tests (SATs) each year. Year 2 will take tests informally throughout May. Year 6 will take tests formally as follows:

- Monday 14 May = English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling
- Tuesday 15 May = English Reading
- Wednesday 16 May = Mathematics Papers 1 and 2
- Thursday 17 May = Mathematics Paper 3

Your child's teachers will be providing further information on the tests and how you can support your children in the coming weeks.

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Vandalism to School

It's unfortunate that we returned to school after the Christmas Holidays to find we (as well as the Day Centre next door) had had lead stolen from the roof. Once again this has been costly to repair – as has the damage inside school caused by water entering the building.

If you saw anything over the holiday period which may help Police with their investigations, please get in touch.

Reducing Class Sizes

Some of your children may report that Mr Sherrin has been teaching them for some lessons. Mr Sherrin has joined us temporarily and is working with us across school for several days a week to help reduce some of our larger class sizes to allow more focused work with teachers to take place.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Miller
Headteacher

Wednesday 7 February Thursday 8 February	3.30pm- 6.30pm	Parents' Evenings
Friday 9 February		School Closes for Half Term
Monday 12 – Friday 16 February		Spring Half Term Week
Friday 16 February		Teacher Training Day
Monday 19 February		Pupils return to school
Monday 19 – Friday 23 February		Maths Week
Monday 26 February – Friday 2 March		Reading Week
Thursday 1 March		World Book Day
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

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