



Mowbray Primary School
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Dear Parents/Carers

Weduc

As you are aware, we currently use Weduc as our online portal. Part of this service involves being able to process payments to school for things such as dinner money, wraparound care, school visits etc. We have been notified by Weduc that their payments partner (who process all payments on Weduc's behalf) will cease trading on 14 March 2025. This means that Weduc would be unable to process any payments to school from that date. Weduc have found a new partner to take on this role so from a parental perspective there should be a seamless transition with no break up in service.

However, the new provider Weduc have contracted with are increasing operating costs to school. We will have to pay an increased fee to have parent payments processed as well as incurring increased operating costs. We won't be passing these costs on to parents/carers but we are starting to look at options for moving to another portal and replacing Weduc. We will shortly be sending out a questionnaire about Weduc and what you would like to see from any new portal we move to as we appreciate many changes that Weduc have made are not popular with parents/carers or indeed our Admin staff.

Library Changes

We are looking at increasing our provision of reading across school. To help with this we have expanded our Early Readers section by moving its location to outside the hall and have created additional working areas in the current library and new library area. By moving the early reading section to near the hall, it is closer to our Reception and Nursery classes and can also be used by Toddlers on a Tuesday morning.

Mary Poppins

Year 6 recently enjoyed a visit to Bedlington Academy to watch their performance of Mary Poppins. Children and staff really enjoyed the visit and it was lovely to see so many ex-pupils of Mowbray performing!

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Inhalers in School

If your child brings an inhaler into school, please ensure that it is named or has their initials on as a minimum. Most inhalers look the same and where several are used in a classroom it is useful to have them named.

Beech Class Visit to Beamish

Our Beech Class children enjoyed a day recently exploring Beamish Museum. The children had a fantastic day with activities linked in to their classroom learning really being brought to life.

After School and the School Grounds

As you've seen, the new yard contains new equipment purchased by the PTA. While we love the children using it before and after school, please ensure that children are supervised while using it. Some of the new equipment has unfortunately already been damaged through being inappropriately climbed on after school.

Similarly, we love that the children access the Forest School area and bike track after school. Please ensure that children are supervised though and that any work or projects left out in the Forest School area (such as dens etc) are left in place as classes work with these throughout the week.

Attendance and Lateness

The Education Welfare service monitors our attendance and lateness regularly and visits school to check on register information. Attendance at school is important as research shows it is extremely hard for children to catch up on large amounts of lost learning. Please ensure your children are in school by 8.45am each day. Doors open for drop off at 8.30am and breakfast club is available from 7.30am (bookable through Weduc). We understand though that not everything goes to plan and sometimes families can struggle to get to school. If this is the case, Mrs Baines is available to discuss what support we can offer. She is available on 07595613842 or jane.baines@mowbrayprimary.northumberland.sch.uk

Half Term Activities

The Family Hubs have circulated activity flyers for several programmes running over half term. We have attached these to this email.

Yours sincerely

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