

NEWSLETTER  
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**Admission Consultation Period 25<sup>th</sup> March to 8<sup>th</sup> May:**

Thank you to those families who sent questions and comments to school during our recent consultation period. We will update you once we know more about the proposed plans to our pupil admission numbers.

**Parents' School Dinner Week:** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June: Please remember to request meal orders on ParentMail by Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June. More information can be found within the forms section within ParentMail.

**Children Mobile Phones:** Please can we remind families that children should not carry mobile phones with them or keep them in their school bags during the school day. If children bring phones to school these must be handed into the office for safe keeping at the start of the day and collected when school finishes. School cannot be responsible for the cost of damage to items.

**Mowden Summer Fun Day:** Our Summer Fun Day is planned for Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July between 11am and 2pm. We hope you are free to come along and enjoy the day. Further information about the day, raffle prizes, cake stalls etc. will be sent out to families in the coming weeks. If you would like to find out more about helping at the event, please come along to the meeting at 6pm on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May in the small hall at the junior school.

**Car Boot Sale:** Thank you to the Friends for organizing the recent car boot sale held on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May. Almost £400 was raised from ticket sales, coffee/tea and pitches bought. All money will be used to buy resources for children.

**Staff News:** We would like to welcome back Mrs McKenna Hall from maternity leave and Miss Woodier who joins school to work as a maternity class teacher at both the Infant and Junior schools.

**Polling Station, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May:** Please be aware that the junior school staff room will be used as a polling station for the European election. Both schools will remain open as usual.

**After school clubs:** There are a number of after school clubs run by school staff and volunteers. If you would like to find out more information about what is available for your child's year group please visit the school website (Learning/Extra Curricular) or contact either of the school offices.

**Internet Safety:** Please take a look at our Staying Safe Online Page within the Parents section to find out the latest guidance we have been provided for families and children.

**Snacks and Packed Lunches:** In school there are a number of children with nut allergies. Please be mindful of this when preparing your child's lunch and snack. We like to encourage children to eat healthily and ask that nuts, sweets and chocolates are not included in your child's packed lunch.

**No Smoking within the school grounds:** Smoking is strictly prohibited within the fence boundaries of our school. This also applies to electronic cigarettes i.e. vape devices.

**Year 2 & 6 SATs:** Well done to Year 6 children who have worked hard over the last few weeks preparing for and completing their tests. Much less formal, but good luck to Year 2 children next week.

**Sports Day:** The Infants Sports Day will be held during the afternoon of Tuesday 2nd July. The Juniors Sports Day will take place on the afternoon of Thursday 4th July. Letters will be sent home separately providing further details about both events. We are hoping for fine weather on both days.

**Staff Training Day:** Reminder, School will be closed for children on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June for a staff training day

**Own Clothes Day, Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June:** Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June to sport two local charities: infant school – Durham Wildlife Trust & junior school – If U Care Share. More information has been sent in a separate letter to families via ParentMail.

**School library/reading books:** As we move through the summer term we will be completing an end of year check of books in school. Please can we ask that any school books which may be at home are returned to your child's class teacher.

**Sports results:** Our school played in a number of sports competitions recently:

- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April - Inclusive Schools Table Top & Target Games: Two of our junior school pupils represented Mowden School at the table top games. The girls took part in lots of

events, including boccia, netball, cricket and hockey. They really enjoyed the netball and made some good shots to score lots of goals. We got a certificate presented to us at the end.

- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April– Year 3 Netball Festival: a squad of 10 girls visited Polam for great day of Festival Netball with 11 other schools. The girls got to play in some ‘competitive’ fixtures and take part in some fun Netball Drills which helped them to improve their skills. The girls had a fantastic time, learnt lots about netball and had lots of fun. Well done girls.
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May - Year 4 Quadkids: Two teams of 14 children visited Eastbourne for great afternoon of Quadkids Athletics. The children got to try their hand at the 400m run, the Howler Throw, the Standing Long Jump, and the 50m sprint. The children had a brilliant time, enjoying both the competitive and fun element of Athletics. Well done Everybody.

Don’t forget to take a look at our Celebrating Mowden page on the school website for more information about the events.

Over the summer term we will be taking part in a number of sporting events, some of which are listed below:

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Year 5/6 Hockey

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5/6 Athletics

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5 Cricket

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Year 2 Quadkids

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Year 3/4 Cricket Festival

Good luck to all teams!

**Your Voucher Book:** Families are still able to purchase discount voucher books from school via ParentMail. Sample books are available to look at in both offices. Please call in if you would like more information.

**Nearly New Sale:** Our next Nearly New sale has been rearranged for Thursday 16th May. We are hoping this week’s good weather continues so that we can hold the stall on the Infant school playground from 3pm. Thank you for the donations received so far. Further donations of good quality/school logo uniform can be dropped off at either office before the sale. Thank you for your support.

**Book Fair Bus, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April:** Thank you for supporting our recent Book Fair Bus. With the commission earned we have been able to buy some new books for the school library.

**The Big Pedal & Bike It Breakfast:** Well done to the children who took part in the recent Big Pedal event. It was lovely to see lots of children and families at the Bike It Breakfast on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April. We would like to thank the Co-op at Mowden who donated fruit to the breakfast and the Friends who provided and served breakfast for everyone.

**Inflatable Colour Run Challenge, St Teresa’s Hospice:**

On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July St Teresa’s Hospice are holding the first ever **Inflatable Colour Run Challenge** in aid of the Hospice. “It promises to be the **biggest, loudest** and most **colourful** charity event in Darlington” and will take place at Longfield Academy. To register and find out more information please go to <https://www.support.darlingtonhospice.org.uk/pages/inflatable-colour-run-challenge>

**Sun Safety:** As the weather seems to be finally improving, please can we remind families to make sure children have sun screen applied before coming to school and also have named sunhats and water bottles.

**Medication in School:** Please can we remind parents that only prescribed medication that needs to be taken 4 times a day can be administered by staff in school. In school we are able to administer one of the four doses of medication. This is usually the dose to be taken at lunchtime. A Medication form must be completed and handed to the school office. Medication needs to be brought to and from the school office by an adult. Please make sure that replacement asthma inhalers and epipens are handed in to the school office and not sent in with children. If you have any questions regarding medication please contact either the Infant or Junior School offices.

**School Meals (JUNIOR SCHOOL ONLY):** School meals are £10.00 per week; please make payment by the start of a week.

Monday 3 June – Friday 19 July - £68.00

Monday 3 June – Friday 28 June £38.00 (3 weeks and 4 day)

Monday 1 July – Friday 19 July £30.00 (3 weeks)

Payment can be made by ParentMail or paypoint.

**Please give a minimum of one week’s notice for changes to meal arrangements. We request that your child remain on either packed meals or school lunches for a minimum period of half a term**

| <b>Dates for Diaries</b>  |   |
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| Monday 13 May to Thursday 16 May 2019   | Year 6 SATs   |
| Thursday 16 May   | Seaside Lunch Meal  |
| Monday 20 May to Friday 24 May 2019   | Year 2 SATs   |
| Tuesday 21 May  | Year 1 Hummersknott Allotment Trip  |
| Wednesday 22 May  | Class 17 Assembly   |
| Thursday 23 May   | Polling Station, Junior school – school remains open  |
| Friday 24 May 2019  | Junior school, class and sports photographs   |
| Friday 24 May 2019  | School closes for children  |
| Monday 3 June 2019  | School reopens for children   |
| Monday 3 June 2019  | Own Clothes Day to support local charities  |
| Monday 3 June, Tuesday 4 June & Wednesday 5 June  | Year 5 Trip to Broken Scarr; Class 16 – 3 <sup>rd</sup> June; Class 17 – 4 <sup>th</sup> June and Class 18 – 5 <sup>th</sup> June |
| Monday 3 June 2019  | Ward Surgery, 6.30pm Junior school  |
| Thursday 6 June 2019  | New Reception Parent Presentation Evening, Infant School 5.30pm   |
| Friday 7 June 2019  | School closed for children, staff training day  |
| Monday 10 June to Friday 14 June 2019   | Year 1 Phonics Screening  |
| Tuesday 11 June 2019  | Reception Trip to Hall Hill Farm  |
| Wednesday 12 June 2019  | Year 2 Trip to Hardwick Park  |
| Wednesday 12 June 2019  | Class 15 Assembly   |
| Thursday 13 June 2019   | Year 5 Spirits of the Sea, Theatre Hullabaloo   |
| Thursday 13 & Friday 14 June 2019   | Year 4 Durham Oriental Museum   |
| Monday 17 June to Friday 21 June 2019   | Parents School Meal Week  |
| Wednesday 19 June 2019  | Class 18 Assembly   |
| Tuesday 25 June 2019  | Reception – Eyesight checks   |
| Wednesday 26 June - Thursday 27 June 2019   | Transition ('moving up') days - Children working with their new class teachers  |
| Wednesday 26 June – Thursday 27 June 2019   | New Reception Parent/Teacher Appointments   |
| Wednesday 26 June-Friday 28 June 2019   | Year 6 Transition Visits to Hummersknott Academy  |
| Thursday 27 June – Friday 28 June 2018  | Year 6 Transition Visits to Wyvern, Hurworth & Carmel School  |
| Thursday 27 June 2019   | Meeting for new Year 3 September 2019 Parents, Junior School 5.30pm   |
| Friday 28 June 2019   | Infant School Games Day, more information to follow   |
| Monday 1 July 2019  | Junior School Games Day, more information to follow   |
| Monday 1 July 2019  | Ward Surgery, 6.30pm  |
| Tuesday 2 July 2019   | Year 3 Trip to Beamish  |
| Tuesday 2 July 2019   | Infant School Sports Day, PM  |
| Wednesday 3 July 2019   | "Picnic" Sandwich Lunch, more details to follow   |
| Thursday 4 July 2019  | Junior School Sports Day, PM  |
| Saturday 6 July 2019  | Mowden Summer Fair 11am to 2pm  |
| Monday 8 July 2019  | Year 3 Music Concert, 10am<br>Year 4 Brass & Yr 5/6 Brass/Cello Concert 2pm   |
| Monday 15 & Tuesday 16 July 2019  | Year 2 End of Year Production, 2pm, details to follow   |
| Thursday 18 July 2019   | Year 6 End of Year Production, 1.45pm & 5.30pm, details to follow   |
| Friday 19 July 2019   | Year 6 Leavers Assembly, 2pm  |
| Friday 19 July 2019   | School closes at the end of the day   |
| Monday 2 September 2019   | School closed for children, Staff Training Day  |
| Tuesday 3 September 2019  | School reopens for children   |
| N.B. We will keep you updated with details of any further events/trips as they are arranged |   |