

NEWSLETTER
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Mowden Summer Fun Day: Our Summer Fun Day is planned for Saturday 6th 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. can be found on our website and on the Friends' Facebook event page. Don't forget to return sold (and unsold) raffle tickets, stubs and cash to school by Monday 1st July.

ParentMail: Please remember to regularly check your emails/messages on ParentMail for the latest information/letters relevant to your child/children. Since introducing the online communication system school has been able to significantly reduce the amount of paper used in school which has both reduced our paper costs and usage.

Sports Day: The children have started practising for the sports days at both schools. Fingers crossed the good weather continues into July! 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. Both start at 1.30pm.

Transition visits: We hope Year 6 children enjoyed their visits to their new secondary schools. We welcomed our new reception children into school this week and hope they all settle in well when they start with us in September.

Grass Cutting: Please be reminded that grass cutting takes place every other Tuesday within our school grounds. Our school grounds are looked after by contractors who come in to cut the grass, tidy up areas and trim hedges. Please make sure that children are kept safe and supervised while grounds work is taking place at the start or the end of the school.

Parents' School Dinner Week: Thank you to everyone who came along to have a school meal with their children earlier this month and the lovely comments we received during the week. The children loved spending time with families having lunch and playing outside.

Recruitment of School Crossing Patrol: The school crossing team are currently advertising for staff in Darlington. If you would be interested in applying for this position, a job description and application form can be found on the Darlington Borough Council website.

Car Parks (Junior school): To avoid damage to other vehicles and ensure the car parks are safe, please remember to use parking bays when dropping off and collecting children. Please be considerate of other families and do not block people in by waiting or parking outside of the parking bays. No engines running too, please.

(Infant school): Please remember that families should not use the car park at the infant school. There have been a number of occasions when children, particularly at the end of after school club sessions, are in the car park with families when there are a lot of cars coming and going in a very small area.

Bank Holiday May 2020: Families will no doubt have heard the recent announcement on the news that the May Bank Holiday for 2020 has been changed from Monday 4th May to Friday 8th May. This change has been made to coincide with the 75th anniversary of VE Day. School will be open as usual on Monday 4th and closed on Friday 8th May 2020.

Volunteer Readers: School is very fortunate to have a number of parents/grandparents and other volunteers who come into school to listen our children read. If you have an hour or two to spare and would be interested in finding out more about volunteering in school, please contact either of the school offices.

Proms in the Park: Good luck to the choir who for the third year are taking part in Proms in the Park at Darlington South Park on Sunday 30th June from 3pm. We hope the weather forecast is good and they have a lovely afternoon.

Friends of Mowden AGM – Thursday 11th July: The Friends AGM is being held at 6pm on Thursday 11th July at the Model T Pub. The meeting is not just for current members of the Friends but also an opportunity for those of you who may be interested coming along to find out more about what is involved.

School PE Jackets & T-shirts: Please return all school PE Jackets, T-shirts, football shorts, shorts/skirts and sports socks to school before the summer holiday.

School library/reading books: Please return any school books which may be at home to your child's class teacher.

Sun Safety: As the weather forecast looks to be improving in the coming days, please make sure children

have sun screen applied before coming to school and also have named sunhats and water bottles.

Medication in School: Please be reminded 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. Children should not bring cough sweets and non-prescribed medication into school e.g. over the counter eye drops etc. 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.

Nearly New Sale: Thank you for the donations received to support our Nearly New uniform in school. Further donations of good quality/school logo uniform can be dropped off at either office. Please call into either of the offices if you would like to buy uniform or come along to the Summer Fun Day where we will be holding a stall.

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

- Tuesday 21st May - Year 5/6 Hockey, Carmel School - A team of played 3 matches in a mini league, winning 2 out of the three games and scoring a whopping 12 goals. After a few narrowly played games we came 4th out of 12 teams. We had a great afternoon and it gave the children a fantastic opportunity to experience hockey on a real pitch
- Thursday 6th June – Year 5/6 Athletics - A team of 19 children from Year 5 & 6 visited Eastbourne Sports Complex for the Annual Darlington Large Primary Schools Town Sports. The children put in a great overall team performance to finish a superb 2nd place and also winning a number of medals and places on the podium.
- Monday 10th June – Year 5 Cricket - Ten year 5 pupils took part in a quick cricket tournament at Feethams cricket ground. Our pupils played against 5 other schools throughout the day developing our cricket skills and learning some excellent tactics.
- Monday 17th June - Year 5/6 Netball - We would like to congratulate our Year 5/6 netball team on winning all six of their league games playing against other Darlington schools. The team will now go forward and play against the winner and runners up of the other school league to find the overall winner.
- Tuesday 18th June – Y5/6 Football – After navigating their leagues, both the boys and the girls’ teams competed in the ‘Champion of Champions’ at Eastbourne Sports Complex. Whilst we didn’t come away with any trophies, both teams represented the school with pride, with the boys only missing out on a place in the semi-finals on goal difference.
- Wednesday 19th June – Year 5/6 Tees Valley Sports - Four Mowden pupils took part in the Tees Valley Finals for athletics last week at Middlesbrough. They had progressed through the Town Sports heats to compete for Darlington

against other regions in the North East. Although we didn’t expect to win any medals we came away with gold and silver medals, fantastic and well done.

The children are a credit to the school, with every single one of them trying their hardest in all individual and team events. Well done Team Mowden!

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

Over the last few weeks of the summer term we will be taking part in the following sporting events:
Friday 28th June – Year 3/4 Cricket Festival
Thursday 18th July - Year 2 Quadkids - To be confirmed (rearranged due to cancellation of Tuesday 25th June, weather)

Good luck to all teams!

Dates for Diaries

Monday 1 July 2019	Junior School Games Day
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, 1.30pm
Wednesday 3 July 2019	“Picnic” Sandwich Lunch
Thursday 4 July 2019	Junior School Sports Day, 1.30pm PM
Saturday 6 July 2019	Mowden Summer Fun Day, 11am to 2pm
Monday 8 July 2019	Year 3 Music Concert, 10am Year 4 Brass & Yr 5/6 Brass/Cello Concert 2pm
Tuesday 9 July 2019	Reception – Eyesight checks
Tuesday 9 July 2019	Year 1 Trip to Saltburn
Thursday 11 July 2019	Friends Annual Meeting, 6pm Model T
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	Year 6 Leavers Party, The Grange
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
Wednesday 4 to Friday 6 September 2019	Year 6 Trip to Kingswood, Dearne Valley