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# FEDERATION OF MOWDEN SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER July 2019

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**Year 2/6 Children:** We would like to wish our **Year 6** children well as they move onto their secondary schools. They have been a credit to the school and themselves, entering into every aspect of school life with enthusiasm. Also, we wish the **Year 2** children well as they move on to the junior building.

**Friends of Mowden School:** Once again we would like to say a very big Thank You to the Friends for their huge fund raising successes during this academic year. Over £7600.00 was raised through a number of events, including the sale of hamper raffle tickets at our Christmas productions, Christmas Cards, Car Boot, organising and running school discos, supporting the Macmillan coffee morning & bike it breakfast and hosting a fantastic Summer Fun Day. The Friends have paid for a number of pupil resources over the last year including subscription to First News Magazine, outdoor lunchtime equipment and more significantly helping to purchase some brand new laptops. School would like to say a huge thank you for their continued support. If you would like to find out more about the Friends of Mowden School please email [friendsofmowden@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofmowden@gmail.com). The next meeting is Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 6pm in the Small Hall, Junior school.

**Music Events and School Productions:** The choir have had a wonderful year, winning Eurovision and having a number of opportunities to perform at various events. A huge well done to the choir and Miss McCabe. Well done to Year 2 who have just completed their second end of year show and good luck to Year 6 who are in the final preparations for their productions on Thursday. Take a look at some of the photographs on our school website. Thank you for your support at all the events.

**ParentMail:** Remember to check your messages/forms over the summer. Please can we remind Year 2 (new Year 3) families to wait until we return to school in September before making any school meal payments. Further information can be found in our letter sent on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

As we return to school all families will be sent Educational Visit Consent forms along Data Collection Sheets and other important school paperwork. Please can we ask for your prompt completion and return of these documents.

**Year 6 medication in school:** Please could we remind families to collect all medication by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July. Medication must be collected by an adult.

**Food for Thought Donations:** Donations to be passed to Food for Thought can be dropped into school by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

**Parents Survey:** Thank you to those families who have taken the time to return the parent surveys to school. Feedback on the surveys will be sent home in the Autumn term. The Parents' School Meals Week Analysis was sent via ParentMail on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

**Year 6 Goblin Car Racing, Croft Circuit:** A team of 10 Year 6 students and school staff spent Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July racing our school built racing cars at Croft Circuit. Engineers from Cummins spent a number of weeks prior to the race helping us put together the cars ready for race day. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> year that we have taken part in the competition however this year we won an amazing 4 trophies including overall winners and 1<sup>st</sup> prize for the sprint race – well done to all the year 6 children who were involved in the building and racing of the cars.

**NSPCC Appeal:** So far we have received £566.28 to be passed to the NSPCC. Sports days collected £328.00, Flash Mob Dance raised £180.00 and Year 2 Production Raised £54.00. The total balance including donations from Year 6 Production on 18<sup>th</sup> July will be forwarded to NSPCC. The NSPCC have worked closely with school and our children in recent weeks providing some great workshops for the children and resources for school. Thank you for your support.

**Lost Property:** Please collect any lost property before the end of term. Unnamed clothing which remains unclaimed will be either added to the school nearly new stock or donated to a local charity shop.

### **Sports News:**

**School Sports Days:** Thank you for joining us at our school sports days. The children performed superbly and the weather was fantastic. Well done to all the children and participating families

**School PE Jackets & T-shirts:** Please could all school PE Jackets, T-shirts, football shorts, shorts/skirts and sports socks be returned to school before the end of term.

**Sports Events:** Over the last year our children have represented Mowden school in various sporting competitions and events, both in Darlington and the Tees Valley region with some fantastic results.

- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June –Year 4 Cricket Festival – A squad of 10 children visited Darlington RA for great day of Festival Cricket with 14 other schools. The children got to play in some ‘competitive’ fixtures and take part in some fun cricket drills which helped them to improve their skills. The children had a fantastic time, learnt lots about Cricket and had lots of fun. Well done everybody.
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Year 2 Quadkids – A group of 30 Year 2 children attended Quadkids: they were all amazing and did really well. A special mention to Louie who came first overall in the boys and Tia who came first overall in the girls, both winning a Gold Medal

Don’t forget to visit the “Celebrating Mowden, Sports News” page on the school website for match reports and results. Well done to all the children!

**Finally we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support and wish you all a relaxing Summer break**



<b>Dates for Diaries</b>	
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	School closes for children at the end of the school 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 Residential Dearne Valley, Doncaster
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	Reception meeting – How we learn
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	Reception Macmillan Coffee Morning
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2019	Reception 2020 Open day
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	Parents’ Consultation Evening
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Bonfire Lunch
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Flu Immunisation – Whole School
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Year 1 Christmas Show, 10am and 2pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Reception Christmas Show, 10am and 2pm
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 & 4 Christmas Parties
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Year 6 Christingle, 6pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Christmas School Lunch
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Year 3 Christmas Parties
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December & Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2-5 Christmas Show Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2-4pm Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2-4pm & 6-8pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception & Year 6 Christmas Parties
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2 & 5 Christmas Parties
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Christmas Jumper Day
More information about these events will follow in the Autumn term	

**School Meals (JUNIOR SCHOOL ONLY):** School meals are £10.00 per week.

Tuesday 3 September – Friday 27 October (7 Weeks 4 days)	<b>Half-term - £78.00</b>
Tuesday 3 September – Monday 30 September (4 Weeks)	<b>September - £38.00</b>
Tuesday 1 October – Friday 26 October (3 weeks and 4 days)	<b>October - £40.00</b>

**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**

## Federation of Mowden Schools

Holidays 2019/2020	School Closes at the end of the day	School Re-opens at the start of the day
Autumn Term 2019	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September
Autumn Half Term 2019	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November
Christmas Holiday 2019/2020	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January January
Spring Half Term 2020	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February
Easter Holiday 2020	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April
May Day 2020	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May
Summer Half Term 2020	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June
Summer Holiday 2020	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	TBC

School is closed for Staff Training Days on:

2019/2020

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July

1 day to be confirmed