

NEWSLETTER
November 2019

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Polling Station, Junior School, Thursday 12th

December: Please be aware that the junior school staff room will be used as a polling station for the General election. Both schools will remain open as usual.

ParentMail Communication: Please remember to regularly check your ParentMail for emails, forms and payment items that relate to events and communication relating to your child.

Flu Immunisations (All pupils): The Immunisation team will be in school on Friday 6th December to give flu nasal sprays to children whose families have completed an immunisation consent form. For more information please contact the Immunisation team on 03000032554.

Christmas Productions: Rehearsals have now started and details of how to order tickets are being sent via ParentMail. We would greatly appreciate your support and time helping children learn their lines and parts at home and providing costumes for children to wear as required. To avoid disappointment please complete ticket requests on ParentMail asap.

Christmas School Dinner: Our festive Christmas meal will be held on Tuesday 17th December. This is a popular occasion and children who usually have a packed lunch are welcome to order a Christmas meal. A separate letter has been sent via ParentMail to packed lunch children. **If your child is already on a school meal you will not have been sent any forms to complete.** Orders must be placed no later than Friday 6th December.

Marvellous Me, Updated Version: Information regarding an updated version of Marvellous Me was sent to all families via ParentMail on Friday 22nd November.

After school clubs: Messages will be sent to families in the coming weeks to confirm end dates for after school clubs. Information will be provided about when clubs will restart in the New Year. The organisers of Football, French and Dance will send messages directly with finish dates.

If your child is interested in applying for a school sports club, please contact the school office to find out more about available places.

Children In need: £568.68 was raised for Children in Need on Friday 15th November. Thank you for your generosity.

Consultation on Admissions Policy: Reminder: The consultation of Mowden's proposed admission arrangements for 2021 started on 21st October 2019. A letter was sent via ParentMail to all families in October outlining the changes. **Any comments should be forwarded to admin@mowden.darlington.sch.uk by 12 noon on Monday 2nd December.**

Sports results: Our school competed in a number of sports events recently:

- Tuesday 22nd October, Yr 4 Tag Rugby Festival: A team of 10 girls and 10 boys went to Mowden Park Rugby Club to take part in a Tag Rugby Festival, along with 15 other schools. They took part in series of skill practices run by Secondary Young Leaders, and then got chance to play a few games. They all had a fantastic time and learnt many new skills. Well done
- Tuesday 6th November: Year 6 Sportshall Athletics: A mixed team of 19 children visited Wyvern Academy to take part in an afternoon of competitive Sportshall Athletics. The children competed in both indoor track and field events against 5 other schools. They finished 2nd overall on the day, qualifying for the final taking place in the New Year. Well done all!

In the New Year we will be taking part in a number of events, some of which are listed below:

Wednesday 8th January – Year 6 Sportshall Athletics
Good luck to all teams!

Parking around school: Parking around both schools continues to be a problem. A number of parents and residents have been in touch recently specifically about parking at the junior school. Areas of concern have included double parking outside of the main exit gates on Conyers Avenue, dangerous parking in the cul de sac, Chester Grove and parents being inconsiderate in the junior car park by either blocking people in or not taking up available spaces. Mr King notes that when he is out it never seems quite so bad ...and has told residents to inform the police if necessary.

School clothing: Please make sure that all items of school uniform, as well as coats, PE kit and lunch boxes are clearly labelled. It often happens that lost property cannot be returned to the correct owner as there is no means of identification.

Could we ask that you regularly check name labels on your child's school uniform to make sure that the correct uniform has come home.

Nearly new uniform: Thank you for your donations to our nearly new stock. We still have good quality uniform available to buy in school for a small donation at the infant school office - please call in.

United Reform Church on North Road hold a nearly new uniform shop on the first Saturday in every month from 10am.

Nativity Costumes: We would welcome donations of good quality costumes for children to use at our Christmas Nativity shows. Outfits can be passed to the school offices.

Used Stamps: All donations of used stamps will be forwarded to the Great Air Ambulance. Boxes are available at both schools to collect donated stamps for the Air Ambulance service. Thank you for your support.

Outdoor Coats/PE Kit: As the weather is starting to change, please be reminded that children require suitable kit for outdoor PE. This should include warmer clothing suitable for participating in outdoor sport plus a change of footwear different to their usual school footwear. Children also require waterproof/winter coats in school over the coming weeks for break and lunchtimes. Please make sure your child has a plastic bag in their PE bags for trainers so that kit doesn't get dirty. Thank you.

Dates for diaries:

Wednesday 27 November – Class 12 Assembly
 Tuesday 3 December – Year 1 Trip to Locomotion, Shildon
 Friday 6 December – Flu Immunisation (for those children whose families have completed Immunisation forms)
 Tuesday 10 December – Reception trip to Hullabaloo Theatre
 Wednesday 11 December – Class 21 Assembly
 Tuesday 17 December - Christmas Lunch
 Friday 20 December – Christmas Jumper/Smart Non uniform Day
 Friday 20 December – School closes at the end of the day for Christmas holidays
 Monday 6 January – School closed – Staff Training Day
 Tuesday 7 January – School reopens for children at the start of the day

Christmas Performances		
	Infant School	Junior School
Wednesday 11 th December	Year 1 – 10.00am and 2.00pm	
Friday 13 th December	Reception – 10.00am and 2.00pm	
Monday 16 th December	Year 6 – 6.00pm Christingle and Carols at St Cuthbert's Church	
Wednesday 18 th December	Years 2, 3, 4 & 5 – Mowden Christmas Variety Show, matinee:2pm-4pm: Hummersknott School	
Thursday 19 th December	Years 2, 3, 4 & 5 – Mowden Christmas Variety Show: matinee, 2pm-4pm and evening performance: 6pm -8pm: Hummersknott School	
Tickets will be sent home with children.		
Christmas Party Dates (All afternoons)		
	Infant School	Junior School
Monday 16 th December	Year 1	Year 4
Tuesday 17 th December		Year 3
Thursday 19 th December	Reception	Year 6
Friday 20 th December	Year 2	Year 5
All Children should come to school in uniform and bring a change of clothes for their party. Further details about party food will follow		