



North Yorkshire County Council

Mowbray School



Dear Parent/Carer

Tuesday 22nd November 2016

It is very obvious now that winter has arrived, the school grounds are currently extremely sodden and with the new classrooms being built, sections of the school grounds are not accessible. The three new classrooms are on track for completion by February half term, weather permitting.

I would like to draw your attention to the 'Keeping Safe' section of **our school website**

<http://www.mowbrayschool.co.uk/virtual-office/keeping-safe> and look at this website http://gowisonline.co.uk/Go_Wise_online, which gives very good advice to parents about keeping your child safe on line. We have recently had reports of some children misusing mobiles and other e-technology from home, if this is happening or you are aware of this please contact me about this for further advice.

Also if you look on the school website you will see the school's key priorities, which are detailed in the document named 'Summary overview of the School Development Plan', this is found in the Policy & Information section, I hope that you find this useful.

Last week we had a tremendous time raising money for **Children in Need**, with pupils baking cakes and biscuits; fancy dress; guess how many sweets are in the jar etc, culminating in 'Mowbray's Got Talent' show, which was quite wonderful. Well done and many thanks to all the staff and pupils for their efforts, we have so far raised over £700.00, which is the highest amount of money we have ever raised.

Increasingly we are using the school's **facebook** page to keep parents, friends and ex-pupils informed about what is going on in school and to share other information which you may find useful, please follow us by searching for Mowbray School on <https://www.facebook.com/mowbrayschool/>

Following the recent information sent to parents, seeking a parent Governor, Mrs Jen Berry (parent of Jake in the Primary department) applied and met the criteria Governors required, I would like to congratulate her and welcome her to the Governing body.

We have been recognised as a national beacon school our work linked with 'Get Set for Community Action' derived from the Olympic movement, this identifies our work as being in the top 50 schools in the country, well done to Mrs Pickles and the school council for leading this.

It has been a very busy term and I am always grateful for the work that the staff do, their efforts, skill and levels of patience are quite remarkable, all the more so when they have had to help cover several staff who have been or are absent for longer periods. We are still waiting to be inspected by OFSTED, who we expected to visit us last year, there is no question that the waiting for them to call us, puts additional pressure on us all.

As we approach the start of our Christmas celebrations, I would like to remind you of some of our future events and important dates;

Training day Friday 25th November – school is closed
Christmas concert Monday & Tuesday 12th/13th December 2016 1.15pm
Christmas Carol service Friday 16th December 10.30am St. Gregory's

Yours sincerely,

Jonathan Tearle, Headteacher