



Mowbray School

North Yorkshire County Council



Dear Parent/Carer

Thursday 24th March 2016

It is lovely to see that Spring is gradually arriving, with the school grounds showing signs of life once again and as a further reminder, I am fortunate to be able to walk down to the farm to see some of our new lambs running around the fields.

Easter is of course the time when we celebrate rebirth and for Christian's one of the most significant celebrations of the year. Our Easter service this morning by Reverend Kathleen has been as special as ever and all our pupils are to be congratulated for their involvement. Easter celebrations have been very exciting and a record number of decorated eggs have arrived in school. We have had egg hunts for the primary pupils; egg rolling and egg throwing competitions and the Easter bonnet parade.

This morning we have also had children & staff running the Sport Relief mile, the enthusiasm effort and spirit of everyone was very moving, this has raised £427.00, . I'm quite sure that photographs of the event will be published on the school website.

Last Friday we were presented with the President's Trophy for our Primary pupil's musical performance at The Wensleydale Festival of Music and Speech, all those who performed are to be congratulated. This is the first time we have ever won anything at this festival and the audience were moved to tears by the children's talents and performance.

This term the school has been hit by a flu and sickness bug, which has affected a high number of staff and pupils and we today have several staff still absent through illness. The resilience and dedication of staff always amazes me and I am extremely grateful for their dedication, tolerance and work ethic, I cannot thank them enough for all they give. Since September we have been awaiting an OFSTED inspection and this clearly brings additional pressures to everyone, I would like to thank our Chair of Governor's, Mr Robert Dunning, for the hours of his time which he freely gives to school and the work of all of the Governors.

Just over a week ago students moved into the new classroom, which they have named 'The Lodge', reflective of its appearance and design! I am delighted with the new classroom and the pupils very much enjoy their new facilities. I am pleased to also announce, we now have planning permission to build three additional classrooms, new toilets and three small teaching rooms, I hope they will be complete for the start of the next academic year. The recent improvements and expansion of our facilities is reflective of our determination to provide an excellent environment for all.

We constantly try to keep parents up to date about keeping children safe and I would ask you to look at this section on the school website <http://mowbrayschool.co.uk/> which gives guidance on keeping children safe, including information about safe use of technology.

Let us at this moment in time also give our thoughts and prayers to all those who have died, been hurt and who are grieving in Brussels, following this week's atrocities. May we all be grateful for the peace in our lives and may I wish everyone a very Happy Easter and I look forward to the children returning to school on Tuesday 12th April 2016.

Yours sincerely,

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