

## Mowbray School

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It has been a very successful spring term and I have been very pleased that we only have had to close for two days due to the snow! I continue to be very impressed with the attitude and enthusiasm of our pupils and staff, who always try to do the best they can.

Today sees pupils participating in egg hunts, welly wanging competitions and our Easter Bonnet Parade and of course the judging of the decorated egg competition, I hope the weather continues to be fine.

This term the school has won several sporting awards, with the most prestigious being *the 'Disability Sport Yorkshire'*, *School of the Year Award*, this recognises the overall commitment to Sports across our school, our high expectations and is the result of many years of continual development of our provision and most of all the staff's drive to ensure our pupils participate in every sporting opportunity they can. The award very much reflects the tremendous expertise in Physical Education held by many staff, not least the talents of our pupils. Last week's *Sports Relief* activities, of walking, wheeling or running around the running track have raised *£721.00*, in total our pupils in the secondary department covered *1085 miles*, which is a massive average of just over five miles per pupil. This is a very impressive effort by both pupils and staff.

We are currently obtaining plans and quotes to revamp our play areas and to extend the sports hall to include a rebound therapy room; changing rooms & toilets and a potential fitness studio. It is very important that the school continues to enhance its facilities to ensure that we give our pupils the best we can.

After the Easter holidays a Mrs Kaye joins the school and the leadership team, she will be in charge of secondary Maths, this appointment will release Mrs Staple to be able to focus more on her role of running the secondary department and developing our curriculum.

You may have seen reports in the press about the challenges schools are facing with funding, I am pleased to say that we remain in a financially secure position, this is predominantly due to being able to continually increase the numbers of pupils at school and our high number of pupils. The demand by parents to educate their child here, continues to increase and we are virtually full for new academic year starting in September 2018.

I would like to again thank the staff for all they do and to congratulate our pupils for their continual efforts and achievements and wish everyone a very Happy Easter.

As a reminder school opens to pupils on the 17<sup>th</sup> April and to staff on the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

Yours sincerely

Jonathan Tearle, Headteacher