



Mowbray School

North Yorkshire County Council



Dear Parents and Carers,

March 31st 2017

I thought it would be useful to inform you of various things which are happening at school next week and some staffing changes.

Easter celebrations and activities

We are holding our Easter service in **Bedale Methodist Church** on Burrill Road on Friday 7th April 2017 at 10.30am. Pupils who are timetabled for outdoor education activities will not be going to the service and we will also restrict Primary swimming to just a few pupils, staff will let you know arrangements. Other specific secondary groups may also stay in school, due to the Church's seating capacity, parents are most welcome to join us. Please note the venue on the school website for this service has changed from St. Gregory's Church to Bedale Methodist Church.

Later that same day, we will be holding various Easter activities throughout the day, including;

Easter Bonnet parade – make them at home with your child and bring it into to school on the day.

Decorated egg competition- the theme this year is '**Things that I am good at**'. Children can bring their eggs into school from Monday 3rd April to display in the front foyer of the school. Please make sure they are hard boiled or empty. The judging will take place on Friday morning and prizes given out in our Easter assembly in the afternoon.

Easter egg hunt will take place in the morning for all **Primary** pupils searching for hidden eggs in the school grounds with rewards from the Easter bunny!

The annual **egg rolling and throwing** competition will take place in the afternoon, please send your child with a hard-boiled egg so they can participate in the fun!

Staffing

Mrs Bain, our Early Years teacher, is leaving next week, to spend more time with her young children and working with her husband, she has helped improve our provision and she will be very much missed. We are finalising our plans to cover her until a permanent replacement can be found and interviewing next week for the position. Mrs Gardner, again in Early Years, is leaving to move down to the midlands during the holidays.

Also Carol Norman and Denise Lambert, who are lunch time supervisors are both leaving, they have both worked at school for many years and I would like to thank them for the years of service to the school. Unfortunately Denise Lambert is unwell and we wish her the very best.

Mrs Sturt has been absent for health reasons since October, and is unlikely to be back this academic year. Several staff have been absent due to ill health this academic year and I am extremely appreciative to all staff for the extra work they have put in to help cover these absences, I am extremely sorry to all our parents and families for the disruption this continues to cause.

Over the past few weeks Primary and Secondary pupils have taken part in **The Wensleydale Festival of Music and Speech**, reciting poetry, readings and singing. Reports of today's performance are that our children have been stunning and brought many of the audience to tears with their performances. My thanks and congratulations to them all and to the staff for the work they have done to produce such excellence.

Please note that Friday 7th April 2017 is our last day of term and school closes for children at 3.15pm, we reopen to pupils on Tuesday 25th April 2017. May I wish you all a very Happy Easter.

Yours sincerely,

Jonathan Tearle, Headteacher