



North Yorkshire County Council

# Mowbray School



Dear Parent/Carer

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017

As we approach the final part of the school year things in school become busier and busier, so I thought it would be helpful if I outlined some of the many things happening.

Yesterday's **secondary Sports day** at Catterick Garrison was another resounding success, with pupils sporting efforts and achievements on display for all to see. Unfortunately I was unable to attend due to a meeting which I had to attend, I have seen the many excellent photographs of the event. This year also marks Miss Nichol's final year running the secondary sports day, as she leaves her current post with us at the end of this term, my many thanks to her for how she has helped transform PE provision at the school.

This is also an opportune time to inform you of other teachers who leave this term, they are; Mrs Edwards; Mrs Hayes; Mrs Burke; Miss Foulerton; and Mr Young, we wish them all well for the future.

Mrs Gillian Lyon, our school nurse, retires at the end of this term, she has worked tirelessly with staff, pupils and families for many years and will be much missed, I wish her good health and happiness for her retirement.

This year only a few of our **Year 11 pupils** have taken the option to leave early, as the official National Year 11 leaving day was last Friday, as a result of this we will hold our **Year 11 leavers assembly on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 2.30pm in the school hall**, this will be for secondary pupils only and parents of our Year 11 pupils are invited to join in with this celebration of their achievement's at Mowbray School.

We hold our **Primary Sports day on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 1pm** here in school, as always parents are invited to watch and participate, it is usually a lovely occasion, so please put the date in your diaries.

Currently our Primary pupils are in the middle of their activity week and I am very grateful for the staff for organising the activities. **Next week ( 10<sup>th</sup> July to 14<sup>th</sup> July) is our secondary activity week**, due to the high number of pupils we now have who attend school, we have had to hold two separate weeks, which makes school extra busy!

You should have received a letter about a **summer holiday club running from 7<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> August 2017** in school, I am very grateful to Mrs O'Rourke for organising this and for the staff who have committed to running it. As we did last year, the school subsidises the holiday club significantly with a contribution of over £5000.00 to reduce the cost to parents, the activities have to be heavily staffed and therefore the costs are high, I am very grateful to the Governors for approving the release of this money.

School is also running an additional **residential trip to Bendrigg Trust, Kendal led Mr Paul Chapman**, which starts 24<sup>th</sup> July and ends 28<sup>th</sup> July 2017 in the school holidays, this means during the course of the year the school has offered over five residential trips, this is quite an achievement and my thanks to staff for such commitment.

As a school we have seen our pupil numbers increase rapidly over the past few years, with the school currently having 205 pupils and in September we start the year with 201 pupils. The high demand for

places continues to increase and indicates the importance of special schools in meeting the needs of children, young people and their families. In the past two years we have built six new classrooms and employed additional staff to ensure that we are able to meet the demand for places and all of these new facilities we have funded from our own budget, not from additional funding given from the Local Authority. It also saddens me that we are now having to say no to potential pupils and their families, as our capacity to offer more places is so limited by space.

I would strongly recommend parents to follow school on our [facebook](https://www.facebook.com/mowbrayschool/) page <https://www.facebook.com/mowbrayschool/> we post photographs and information about what is happening in school on a regular basis through this and there are some excellent photos of the secondary sports day at the moment.

If any parents have any concerns about their child's education and well being, then do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely,



Jonathan Tearle, Headteacher

### **Important dates**

Secondary activity week	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July to Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2017
Primary Summer concert	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July at 1pm 2017
Year 11 leavers assembly	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July at 2.30pm 2017
Primary sports afternoon	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2017 from 1pm
Residential trip to Bendrigg Trust, Kendal	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July to 28 <sup>th</sup> July 2017
School closes for summer holidays:	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 1pm
Summer holiday club:	7 <sup>th</sup> to 18 <sup>th</sup> August 2017
School opens for autumn term:	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2017