



# Mowbray School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018

Last week's parent's evening was very successful and it was lovely to see everyone and receive such positive feedback from you as to how your child has settled into school. It has, as always, been a very busy term and we have been fortunate to have some very beautiful weather this autumn. On Friday this week it is our **Harvest Festival** which starts at 10am at **St. Gregory's Church in Bedale**, I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the service.

Unfortunately this term we have had several staff absent due to ill health, with four staff being admitted to hospital for emergency treatment, several of these staff are still absent from school. We have also had several staff absent from school due to injuries caused by pupils, unfortunately staff do sometimes get injured by pupils and the pressure these few pupils place on staff is difficult to cope with. I am very grateful to all our staff in how they manage the challenges we at times face. As a result of ill health we currently have five staff absent and I am sorry as these absences do have an impact on our work with pupils and additional work pressures on colleagues.

This year we have worked hard to improve the well-being of both pupils and staff, through various new initiatives which have been put in place by the school, this work has been led by Karen Pickles and Tina Masterman. On the 6<sup>th</sup> November we will be assessed as to whether we meet the standards to receive the national **Well Being Award** presented by the **National Children's Bureau**, we will later this week send out a Survey Monkey questionnaire, which we request you complete, it shouldn't take long to do this and your feedback much appreciated.

We have been approached by two of our parents regarding '**Classlist**' this is an app which is aimed at making parent life easier and helping parents being in contact with other parents, follow this link to find out more <https://classlist.com/> This has been set up by several of our parents, school staff monitor the content and as a school we have decided to approve the use of this, please have a look at it and register with this if you wish and I am quite sure you will find it helpful.

If you have in the past few months attended an Annual Review of your child's Education Health Care Plan, you will have noticed that we are working better with you to draw together, targets for your child to achieve during the course of the year. We will be devising these targets with you, for all pupils and using them in all aspects of your child's learning and development and closely monitoring them over the year.

As a school we are always looking into how we improve communication between home and school, the Primary department are looking to adopt an app called [ClassDojo](#), please follow this link to the website. I have signed up to this and sent my first message, which I hope works! May I also ask that you follow school on [facebook](#) where we share all sorts of information about school and what our pupils have been doing.

Please remember that we close for half-term this Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 3.15pm and school re-opens to pupils on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

Yours sincerely,

Jonathan Tearle, Headteacher