



Mowbray School

North Yorkshire County Council



Dear Everyone

Tuesday 15th December 2015

The final week of term has arrived and our Christmas festivities are now in full swing, it is the time to celebrate the birth of Christ and appreciate all the goodness in our lives. I am struck at Christmas time by people's kindness and the importance of Christmas to everyone, it is a time to celebrate what we all have, however I am also mindful that Christmas can be a difficult time, I hope that this Christmas brings moments of joyfulness to you all.

I have been inundated with Christmas cards from children and parents, it is always special receiving such cards and every one of them comes home with me to be shared with my family over Christmas, so thank you to you all for taking the time and thoughtfulness to write them.

We sometimes take for granted the number of people who give their time freely to school during the year and it is important that we acknowledge their contribution to our school. In particular I would like to express my appreciation to Reverend Kathleen Wood from Bedale Methodist Church, who comes into school to take assemblies and special services throughout the year, her presence is always positive and uplifting. The Governors who devote so much of their own time to school, they hold us to account for the work we do and the standards we deliver, they are led by our Chair of Governor's Mr Robert Dunning who oversees the work of the school and Governors with dignity, commitment and great skill, he is aided by the following other Governors, Mrs Miles, Miss Peacock, Mr Siddall, Mrs Pearman, Dr Herbert, Mr Yea, Mrs Staple, Mr Holden and Mr Wilkinson, my thanks to them all.

It is important that we remember that this school does not run in isolation from others, vital services are provided by North Yorkshire County Council and other agencies, they help provide and organise transport, additional care and health care support; our drivers and escorts who bring our children to and from school in safety, their job is not an easy one, conflicts do at times arise and Christmas should be a time to show appreciation and understanding for everyone's contributions to your child's well-being.

The staff who work at this school are quite wonderful and we are so fortunate that they work here. Our job is not an easy one, we are constantly challenged in our work and staff rise to these challenges with dignity and determination. We know that we on occasions get things wrong, as we are after all only human, what makes good people stand out is when they acknowledge their weaknesses and rise up in the face of challenge. The school runs as well as it does, because of the combined contributions of everyone, but I must single out Mrs Pickles for her constant contributions to school.

We hold our annual Carol service on Friday 18th December at St. Gregory's Church in Bedale at 10am, you are all welcome and we close for Christmas at 1pm that same day. May I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Jonathan Tearle, Headteacher

