



North Yorkshire County Council

Mowbray School



Dear Parent

Friday 4th March 2016

As I write this letter it is snowing outside, the first significant fall this year and it is a reminder that winter is still with us. I know that virtually every time I write to you I say how busy school is and this term has been no different! We are increasingly using the school website to provide regular information about what is happening in school and the *Latest News and the News, Events & Vacancies* sections of the website display up to date details of current activities, so please check the website as often as you can. <http://www.mowbray.n-yorks.sch.uk/>

The timber framed classroom is virtually complete and Mrs Staple and her class should be moving in next week, we have been waiting for this to be in place for some time. I am delighted with the size, design and quality of the building which will be one of the largest classrooms in school. We have also created a new car park within the school grounds which should alleviate some of the parking issues we are facing.

You may be aware that this past term we have been affected by quite a number of staff being absent from school due to illness, this has been a challenge for both pupils and staff. We have appointed several new staff to school and I am extremely pleased with how those staff have been welcomed into school and how they all are contributing so well to school. My thanks to all the staff for all the additional work they have done this term covering for absent colleagues.

We are expecting the school to be inspected by **OFSTED** any day and this of course brings additional pressures to us all. It is always important that you express your views about school and again ask that you use **Parent View**, to which there is a link on the school website under the section *News, Events & Vacancies* or use the following web address <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Easter is only a few weeks away and we are arranging several Easter activities on Thursday 24th March 2016, these include **egg rolling/chucking competitions; egg decoration competition and Easter bonnet/hat competition**, details will be sent out to you soon, but start thinking about designs for boiled eggs and hats, our children always love these activities!

We will be arranging **Sports Relief** activities for Friday 18th March 2016, we expect all our pupils to participate and help raise money for this charity event, again details will be sent out to you shortly.

Several of our Primary pupils read poetry at the **Wensleydale Festival** in Leyburn this week, they were all excellent, a credit to the school and details of their performance will shortly be on the school website.

Your child's wellbeing is very important to us and if you have any concerns of such a nature, please contact any of the following staff, your child's teacher; our parent liaison officer Sharon O'Rourke; Heads of Departments- Mr Wilford for Secondary pupils and Mrs Oliver for Primary pupils; Mrs Pickles, Deputy Headteacher or myself, we will always try our hardest to help.

With regards

Jonathan Tearle
Headteacher