



Mowbray Primary School  
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Headteacher: Mr Andrew Miller

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2 February 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Christmas Fundraising

Thank you to everyone to supported our Christmas Events. Your generosity was once again outstanding.

Christmas Baubles = £119  
Christmas Crafts = £367  
Christmas Fair = £1385  
Tea/Coffee/Calendars = £310  
Christmas Jumpers = £139

This gives a total donation to the PTA and School Fund of £2320. £1500 of this money will be used to complete payments for the new library. The remainder will help to support school subsidised school trips.

PTA – Biscuit Week

Biscuit Week starts Monday 5 February and will run all week. Biscuits will be on sale every day for 20p each. Please give money to your child not the school office.

Absences

A reminder that if your child is absent from school you must telephone the office to report the absence and the reason for absence as soon as possible. Absences are monitored by our Education Welfare Officer on a regular basis. Current government statistics class any attendance rate under 90% as a persistent absentee which may result in a referral to the Education Welfare Services. If your child's attendance falls under 93% you will be contacted by school to inform you of this and to offer any support to help improve your child's attendance.

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Description</b>
98.1-100%	Excellent
95.1-98%	Good
93.1-95%	Requires Improvement
91-93%	Unsatisfactory
90%	Persistent Absence

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### Forest School

Mrs Ogglesby has requested donations of any gloves, waterproof trousers or waterproof coats that may be too small now or unwanted. Any donations will be gratefully accepted at the school office.

### Vandalism to School

It's unfortunate that I have to inform you that once again we have been targeted over a weekend by thieves attempting to remove metalwork (pipes, lead etc) from the school roof. Again this has resulted in several hundred pounds of damage. If you see any unusual activity over a weekend or holiday at school, please contact the police directly. If you have any information about the current theft please contact myself or the police.

### School Dinner Money

Please ensure that dinner money is paid and up to date. The school debt collection policy has been in place since last year and is available via the website. If you have unsettled debt you will be asked to provide a packed lunch or collect your child for lunchtime until the debt is settled. School dinner debt can mount quickly for the school and if not settled, costs school potentially hundreds of pounds which could be otherwise spent on educational resources.

### Free School Meals

If you believe your child may be eligible for Free School Meals, please speak to the office. Alternatively, all teachers will have application forms ready to complete during your parents' evening appointments next week. If you are unsure whether you are eligible or not, please complete the form anyway at your appointment and the County Council will check your eligibility.

### New Collections Policy

The new policy for collecting children from school was due to be implemented from Monday. Unfortunately, 50 forms have still not been returned yet. This will delay the policy starting until we return after the half term. Parents who still need to return a form have been notified.

**When we return after half term, any parents who have still not authorised another adult to collect their children by returning the "Collection Arrangement Form" will only have their children returned to them and no other adult.**

### School Money

After half term, the online payment system will not require you to prebook your child's meals. You will be able to add the amount of credit you want at any time and this will be reduced each time your child presents themselves at the till. A further letter about this will come out next week. All enquiries about online payments should go to Mrs Atkinson, School Business Manager.

### School Library

We are pleased to be able to open our new library to families after school from after half term. Initially, we will keep the library open until 4pm on a Monday and Tuesday after school. The library will be staffed by school staff and will provide an opportunity to you to select and return books with your children or to read with your children. To enter the library, please enter and leave via the door between the bike sheds.

Yours sincerely

**Mr A Miller  
Headteacher**

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Wednesday 7 February Thursday 8 February	3.30pm- 6.30pm	Parents' Evenings
Friday 9 February		School Closes for Half Term
Monday 12 – Friday 16 February		Spring Half Term Week
Friday 16 February		Teacher Training Day
Monday 19 February		Pupils return to school
Monday 19 – Friday 23 February		Maths Week
Monday 26 February – Friday 2 March		Reading Week
Thursday 1 March		World Book Day
Tuesday 6 – Friday 9 March	11.30am	Mothers' Day Lunches
Friday 23 March		Sports Relief
Monday 26 March		Coffee Afternoon and Easter Egg Comp
Tuesday 27 March	9.00am	Easter Service – Reception, Years 1 and 2
Wednesday 28 March	9.00am 9.45am	Easter Service – Years 3 and 4 Easter Service – Years 5 and 6
Thursday 29 March		Easter Parties School Closes for Easter Holidays
Friday 30 March – Friday 13 April		Easter Holidays
Monday 16 April		Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 17 April		Pupils return to school