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Illness Update

Thank you for your co-operation over the past week with regards to sickness absence. Whilst we still have a number of children and staff ill with flu or the winter vomiting bug, the numbers have begun to decrease over the course of the week.

Public Health England's advice about staying away from school in case of illness and for 48 hours after the last bout of Diarrhoea or Vomiting also applies for upcoming Christmas events unfortunately. If you are ill with the winter vomiting bug at the time of the event or are not 48 hours clear of symptoms of the winter vomiting bug at the time of the event (e.g, Christmas Fair) then we do ask for Public Health's guidance to be followed and for you not to attend the event in order to limit the spread of the bug.

Further information about Norovirus (vomiting bug) can be found at
www.nhs.uk/condition/norovirus

School Website

Following feedback from the parent survey at the end of last year and the parent forum this year, our website has been restructured in order to make it easier to access. As a brief summary;

- The section called Information for Parents now contains all whole school newsletter and class letters as well. There are also other useful pages such as Term Dates and information about Free School Meals.
- A section called School Information and Policies contains staffing information, admissions information, performance data and other statutory information as well as copies of key policies.
- The "Our Curriculum" section combines a lot of information about lessons and learning at Mowbray.
- A new section on safeguarding and behaviour contains all our information and policies in relation to these areas.

We are still adding to the website. If there is anything you feel you would like to see on the site which isn't there, contact Mrs Beattie through the school office.

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Christmas Fair

As you will be aware, our Christmas Fair is on Wednesday 4 December from 1.30pm. Normal collection signing out arrangements will apply from classrooms. Please ensure that if adults other than parents are collecting children that the adult is named on your child's collection arrangements list and that they are aware of your child's password.

Holiday Applications During Term Time

Can I remind everyone that I am unable to grant holidays in term time due to the 2013 amendment to Education (Pupil Registration) Regulations 2006. I can only do so in exceptional circumstances. These circumstances must be described on the application and received at least two weeks before the requested dates. It is a requirement that the evidence of the exceptional circumstances are provided with the application. Evidence provided at a later date cannot be considered.

Wansbeck Foodbank

Staff are collecting for the Wansbeck Food Bank throughout December. If you would like to make a donation towards the collection, please drop your items into the school office, anytime from Monday 2 December to Friday 13 December. Items must be non-perishable, such as tins, jars and packets. Guidance can be found here as to what they can accept: <https://wansbeckvalleyfoodbank.org/how-it-works/>

Yours sincerely

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