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Dear Parents/Carers

Firstly, thank you to all those who supported Sports Day and Summer Fair on Wednesday. Both events were superbly attended with many positive comments about both events. Thanks also to Mr Davison and his Oak Class helpers for organising Sports Day and to Mrs Baines, Miss Kirkup and the PTA for their arrangement of the Summer Fair which made a total of £1,416.66!

Forest School

Forest School has been a great success this year. Children, parents and teachers have seen the benefit of having regular sessions every week in our unique, outdoor learning environment. The children have been able to access 'hands on' curriculum experiences, broadening their knowledge of the subjects learnt with their class teacher. We are pleased to say that this provision will continue next academic year. Please see below box for information about when your child's sessions will be. As always the weather is very changeable and children will need to come dressed (AM session) or bring clothes to change into (PM session) for all weather conditions! Mrs Ogglesby has a supply of waterproof clothing and wellies if needed (any donations welcome!)

	AM	PM
MONDAY	Maple	Larch
TUESDAY	Mulberry	Elder
WEDNESDAY	Oak	Beech
THURSDAY	Apple & Ash (1½ hour session each)	
FRIDAY	Chestnut	Willow

Last Day of Term – Wednesday 20 July 2016

- The Year 6 Leaver's Assembly will take place at 9am on 20 July. After this assembly concludes at around 10am, Year 6 pupils will leave with parents/carers who attended the assembly with them, ending their time at Mowbray Primary School. Further information regarding the assembly will come out to Year 6 parents shortly.
- For all other year groups – we will be closing for the Summer Holidays at **2pm** on Wednesday 20 July.

Open Afternoon – Thursday 14 July

As you will be aware, we have an open afternoon arranged for Thursday 14 July. This will be an opportunity for you to come into your child's class and for them to show you their workbooks and work they have done this year. The open afternoon will start at 2pm, please enter school via the main entrance.

Guide Dogs – Maple Class Assembly

Maple Class' assembly was focussed on Guide Dogs – a topic they chose. The class were stunned to discover the cost behind training and raising a Guide Dog and that Guide Dogs is a charity and funded as such. Maple Class requested a stall at the Summer Fair to raise money for the Guide Dogs charity and sold donated items and cakes. I am pleased to announce that this stall raised an impressive £117! A fantastic effort Maple Class and thank you to all those who supported the stall.

Big Butterfly Count – 15 July – 7 August 2016

Mrs Ogglesby has asked that the following be included as a possible Summer Holiday activity you may be interested in. Butterflies react very quickly to change in their environment which makes them excellent early warning for other wildlife losses. Counting butterflies helps identify trends in species and contributes to the protection of butterflies from extinction, as well as understand the effect of climate change on wildlife. Simply count butterflies for 15 minutes during bright (preferably sunny) weather during the **big butterfly count**. To get involved and download lots of resources please visit www.bigbutterflycount.org.

Yours sincerely

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