

Mowbray Primary School
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Headteacher: Mr Andrew Miller

AM/LH

24 November 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

Slapped Cheek Syndrome

We have had a number of cases of Slapped Cheek Syndrome in school. This is a viral infection common in children which causes a bright red rash on the cheeks and may produce a light pink rash on the chest, stomach, arms and thighs. It is a mild infection that normally clears in 1-3 weeks. Initial signs may include;

- Slightly raised temperature around 38°C
- A runny nose
- A sore throat
- A headache
- An upset stomach
- Feeling generally unwell

The infection is most contagious during this period and is spread in water droplets from coughs and sneezes. By the time the rash appears the condition is no longer contagious. The rash normally fades in a week or two.

Further information about Slapped Cheek Syndrome can be found at https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/slapped-cheek-syndrome/

Smoking On Site

Please be reminded that there is strictly no smoking permitted anywhere on the school site.

YouTube Safety

You may be aware of several news stories recently about children's safety while using YouTube – the most recent being on the BBC News this morning. I have attached a help sheet with some useful tips on keeping your child safe on YouTube to this newsletter. It also contains links to sites with further e-safety information for parents.

Winter Conditions

You should have received a copy of our Gritting Plan earlier this week. If you did not, please contact the school office. Despite gritting on icy/wintery mornings, paths remain slippery. Please stick to gritted areas and exercise caution when walking.

Friday 22 December 2017

Please note that school will close for Christmas Holidays at 2pm. School reopens for children on Tuesday 9 January 2018.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Miller Headteacher

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Wednesday 6 December	1.30pm	Christmas Fair
Friday 8 December		Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 12 – Friday 15 December		Christmas Lunches
Wednesday 13 December	After School	Year 6 Mission Survival Event
Tuesday 19 December	9.15am	Early Years Christmas Performance
	10.00am	Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performance
	1.30pm	Reception Christmas Performance
	2.15pm	Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 20 December	9.00am	Years 3 and 4 Christmas Performance
	10.00am	Years 5 and 6 Christmas Performance
	1.30pm	Years 3 and 4 Christmas Performance
	2.30pm	Years 5 and 6 Christmas Performance
Thursday 21 December		Christmas Craft Afternoon
Friday 22 December		Class parties or Whole School Visit – TBC
	2.00pm	School Closes for Christmas Holidays
Monday 25 December – Friday 5 January		Christmas Holidays
Monday 8 January		Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 9 January		Pupils return to school
Wednesday 7 February	3.30pm-	Parents' Evenings
Thursday 8 February	6.30pm	
Friday 9 February		School Closes for Half Term
Monday 12 – Friday 16 February		Spring Half Term Week