



Mowbray Primary School
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Dear Parents/Carers

We have reached the end of another term and I'd like to thank everyone for their support which has, once again, been superb.

It has been a busy week with the assemblies, coffee afternoon and end of term discos. The children have thoroughly enjoyed themselves across the whole week. The various PTA fundraising events this week have raised a fantastic £507.10 which will go back into the school funds. Thank you to everyone for contributing.

Dogs on the School site

Several parents have reported dogs being brought onto the school site at pick up and drop off times. Can I remind everyone that no dogs should be brought onto the school site (except registered assistance dogs).

Term Time Holidays

As the summer approaches, I'd like to remind everyone that Headteachers are unable to grant holidays or time off in term time except in exceptional circumstances. If you are requesting term time absences, a request form must be completed (available from the main office or on the website) and be submitted at least two weeks before the requested dates. Exceptional circumstances should be outlined in the request along with any relevant supporting evidence.

Cyber Issues

Staff are dealing with an increasing number of issues relating to WhatsApp messaging, Snapchat and other social media platforms. While these are going on over weekends and evenings with children messaging unkind and, in some cases, abusive messages to each other, the effects of these messages are long lasting and the impact can be severe. In many cases, parents were unaware that messages have been sent or received by their children until school have been in contact. Our curriculum covers e-safety (including messaging) and the laws / safe rules around this. However, if your child is using a mobile device, I would urge you, over the holidays, to have a discussion with them about their usage – what do they use? Have they been sent messages that upset them? Have they sent messages that may upset others? As well as what to do if they feel unsafe or threatened online. If anyone would like any support with this, please contact your child's teacher or Mrs Baines who will be happy to support you.

Happy Easter

I would like to wish you all a lovely Easter and a safe and restful holiday. School returns on Tuesday 18 April 2023.

Yours sincerely

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