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Happy New Year and Welcome back. I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday.

### Christmas Activities

Once again, thank you all for your support over the Christmas period. It was great to see so many parents, friends and relatives in school for the various events. There was over 1000 attendances at Christmas Performances, the Fair, Craft Afternoon and for Christmas Dinners! Thank you to the PTA for their support in organising the Fair and Craft Afternoon refreshments/stalls.

In total the school fundraising at the various events raised:

Christmas Jumper Day	£195.30
Refreshments at performances + Class Calendars	£375.10

In addition, the PTA raised:

Christmas Fair	£1343.00
Christmas Craft Afternoon	£342.00

These funds will continue to go towards helping to fund school trips, discos and additional activities in school (e.g. the travelling pantomime).

### Cycling and Scooting in School

The PTA have successfully applied for a grant of £8,000 to pay for the installation of bike sheds and scooter racks at school. This is a fantastic achievement and will greatly improve our school facilities. We expect the storage to be in place in late January.

### Breakfast Club

A reminder that Breakfast Club should be booked and paid for in advance as we have a number limit due to staffing ratios. On a few occasions before Christmas, numbers attending breakfast club were very high from 'drop ins' on the day. This almost resulted in some people being turned away. To avoid disappointment, please try and book in advance if you know you will need breakfast clubs.

### Water

When we surveyed the children, cool, fresh drinking water points were requested. I have had several plumbed in water points installed. If you would like your child to have access please provide them with a sealable water bottle with their name on it. We have a small stock of water bottles on sale at the school office for £1 if anyone wishes to purchase one.

### Lunch Rota

Mrs Baldwin met with the Parent's Forum just before the holidays. One issue raised was that the Year 5 and 6 children always go last sitting for lunch. In response, Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will now be on a weekly rota for the Key Stage 2 sitting to ensure fairness.

### Forest School

The School Governors have voted to invest some of the School Building Fund (money ring fenced by the Council for building or grounds works only) in Forest School given the huge success that Forest School is becoming at Mowbray. As such, a new outdoor classroom will be constructed close to our Forest School site. This will enable children to extend their learning further as well as providing a sheltered area close to Forest School. We expect the classroom to be built during January.

### Socks and Trousers

If anyone is having a clear out after the holidays, Forest School is in desperate need of socks (odd socks accepted!) and trousers. Any contributions will be gratefully received.

Yours sincerely

**Mr A Miller**  
**Headteacher**

<b>Tuesday 24 January</b>	<b>Class Photographs</b>
Friday 27 January	Chinese New Year
Monday 13 – Friday 17 February	Maths week
Friday 17 February	Break up for half term
Monday 20 – Friday 24 February	Half term holiday
Monday 27 February	Pupils return to school
Monday 27 February – Friday 3 March	Book Fair
Wednesday 1 and Thursday 2 March	Parents' evenings
Friday 3 March	World Book Day
Friday 24 March	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 28 March <b>Wednesday 29 March</b> <b>Thursday 30 March</b>	Mothers' Day lunches
Wednesday 5 April	Easter Egg competition / Egg hunt for nursery & Reception
Thursday 6 April	Easter disco
Friday 7 April	Easter Service / Break up for half term
Monday 10 – Friday 21 April	Easter holidays