



**Mowbray Primary School**  
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Dear Parents/Carers

We have reached the end of another incredibly difficult term. The Harvest Assemblies and Monster's Ball seems a long time ago now but, although we haven't operated with Christmas events as we had initially planned, the school has had a lovely feel about it this week with the children taking part in many Christmas activities.

### Coronavirus

As many of you are aware, we did have a small number of positive Coronavirus cases in school over the past fortnight. I want to thank everyone involved in supporting us in managing the cases. Our procedures meant that the cases were confined largely to two classes and contact tracing confirmed the few cases that appeared in other classes were not linked to school transmission. Public Health have now closed our case as no new cases have appeared within the affected classes. The success of our response has only been possible with the superb support of all parents / carers – thank you.

### Demolition of Old Mowbray First School

As you will know, the roof blew off a section of the old Mowbray First School building during Storm Arwen. When we return in January, work will start (probably towards the end of January) on demolishing the affected section of building. Given the proximity of the building to the yard and Stakeford Lane entrance, I have been informed that there will be disruption to the access to school during the works. As yet I do not know how disruptive this will be but any decisions made will be in the interests of keeping everyone safe – particularly at drop off and pick up times. I will inform everyone of the arrangements in January once more is known.

### Groundworks by Key Stage 2 Door

There are currently two sections of yard that have been dug up by the Key Stage 2 doors. These are exploratory holes to locate the source of the water that is entering the school boiler room. The boilers and heating remain fully operational though. Works will be ongoing over the Christmas holidays to solve the issue. In the meantime, please be careful of the barriered off areas when entering or leaving the site.

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### House Competition Update

Throughout the term, all the children have been earning house points. These are collected each week and the house that wins each week receives 5 minutes extra playtime. Each house's weekly position contributes to House Cup points which are awarded each week as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place = 4 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place = 3 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place = 2 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place = 1 point

These are collected across the year with the winning house taking part in a reward day in July.

After the first term, the points this year stand as follows:

- Bamburgh = 33 points
- Alnwick = 32 points
- Warkworth = 30 points
- Dunstanburgh = 28 points

Well done everyone so far – plenty of points still available as we head into the Spring Term.

### Children Returning to School

Children return to school on Wednesday 5 January 2022.

On behalf of everyone at Mowbray Primary School, we hope you have a Merry Christmas and we will see you all again in 2022.

Yours sincerely



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