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Dear Parents / Carers,

Many thanks to all of you who attended our Parent / Carer Information sessions during the course of the week. I hope you found them useful and informative; all of the information shared has been sent across to the website and is located under the relevant classes from the drop down menu on the homepage.

Clubs and Activities

This is quite an unrelenting time at present but we hope to start our clubs and after school activities after half term. Due to a range of issues, we will be unable to operate homework club this year for which we apologise. We will send out information about the clubs we have on offer over the next couple of weeks or so.

Mobile Phones, Cycles and Scooters

I am aware we have a number of families who will be unfamiliar with some of our policies in relation to the above and I apologise for having not shared this information at the start of the year. Firstly, we do not allow the use of mobile telephones on site for a number of reasons. Of course, we fully accept that, on occasion, calls need to be taken. This being the case, please could you do this outside the gate. If it happens to be as you are coming to collect your child, please do not panic! Take your call and then come onto the site. If it means you are a couple of minutes delayed, your child's teacher will look after them for those couple of minutes.

It is lovely to see so many children scooting or cycling to school! Please ensure that scooters and cycles are pushed when on site and cyclists MUST wear a cycle helmet (scooters this is also advisable but not something we enforce). Many thanks and once again, apologies for not sharing this information sooner.

Lunch Arrangements

Just like us adults, children can also change their minds about things and this includes lunches! If it is decided to change from school to packed lunch (or vice-versa), please could you let the office know to allow us to ensure we have the correct numbers taking school lunch each day. This helps us enormously. Many thanks.

On the subject of lunches, your child may have mentioned that 'take-away' cartons have been used this week. Unfortunately, our industrial dishwasher broke beyond repair and to wash and dry trays became unsustainable. However, a new dishwasher has been installed and, for the sake of our carbon footprint if nothing else, we hope that we no longer need to use the containers!

Shakespeare!

A subheading I do not often use but nonetheless, I have been sent some information about an opportunity at Macmillan Academy in Middlesbrough. It is being presented by the Royal Shakespeare Company and promises to be a fantastic production:

Macmillan Academy are delighted to announce that the [Royal Shakespeare Company](#) will be performing *First Encounters with Shakespeare: Twelfth Night* at Macmillan Academy at 7pm on Friday 7th October.

Created for ages 7-13, but a perfect introduction to Shakespeare whatever your age, this edited 90-minute version of *Twelfth Night* is a hilarious story of heartbreak, hoaxes and hidden identities.

Bookings can be made at:

[Macmillan Academy event tickets from TicketSource.](#)

The performance will feature actors from the RSC and students from the school as well. The tickets are only £5 and it should be a super introduction to Shakespeare.

Forthcoming Dates

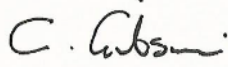
Firstly, as communicated earlier this week, the school will be closed this Monday which has been designated a Bank Holiday.

The school is also closed for staff training on Friday 30th September.

There seems to be quite a lot of information in this week's letter! Apologies!

Wishing you a pleasant weekend,

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. Gibson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a dot over the 'i'.

Mr C Gibson