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Dear Parents / Carers,

There has been a huge amount of activity around school this week with a huge amount of enrichment activities taking place both on and off site!

#### EYFS Visit From Kirkleatham Owl Centre

The children in Nursery and Reception have been learning all about Nocturnal animals and, as part of their topic, they had a visit from Craig from the owl centre at Kirkleatham. He brought with him some animals that the children had been learning about; including Elmo the barn owl, Alien the python, Violet the tarantula and Hotdog the hedgehog. The children loved learning all about the different animals and even had the opportunity to stroke them - although not everyone was keen on Alien (and I know I certainly wasn't.... no offence intended, Alien!).

#### Year Four Visit

Our Year 4 children are currently studying the book 'The Great Chocoplot'. As part of their 'experience day' they walked to the traditional sweetshop on Chaloner Street – Sweet Temptation of Guisborough. Here they took in the sights, noises and smells of the sweetshop, in order to help them with their independent writing. We cannot wait to read them! A huge thank you to Sweet Temptation for allowing 50 children to descend on them! They were all very excited to sample the sweet cones that they received! It would seem that mine got lost somewhere between there and my office!

#### Year Five Visit to the NRM, York

To support their learning about the railways, Year Five visited the National Railway Museum in York. They were able to see first hand a range of fantastic exhibits relating to the railways (and I have to say, it is one of my personal favourite museums). Speaking to the children, it would seem they thoroughly enjoyed the trip and returned to school with a vast knowledge and understanding of the topic which they can now apply to their work.

#### Valentine Disco

It was fabulous to see so many children enjoy their disco on Wednesday. A huge thank you has to go in the first instance to Friends of Belmont who organised the two events. Also, to the staff, parents, friends and family members who assisted, without whom the discos could not take place.

#### School Closure

In case you missed the letter which was sent out earlier this week, there will be a 'forced closure' of the school on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May to accommodate the local elections. We have no control over this and have been told that the predicted turnout means that simply using our Nursery (as we would normally do) will be insufficient. Year Six children will, however, be expected to attend school in the morning with further detail on this to follow.

#### Next Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February

Firstly, this is the day we break up for the half term. Furthermore, as mentioned last week, it is a non uniform day where children can donate a pound (which will support diabetes) to take part. We encourage the wearing of something blue or a 'rockstar' theme as it is also our maths day where Times Tables Rockstars will be high on the agenda for many of the children! Remember, no hair colouring please!

Wishing you a pleasant weekend,

Yours Sincerely,

Mr C Gibson