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Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been an interesting week with boiling hot temperatures accompanied by flash flooding. Got to love the British Summer.

#### Year Three Visit to Saltburn

By all accounts, it would seem that the perpetually heavy rain did not prevent the Year Three children from enjoying their visit to Saltburn. Of course, a trip to the seaside is always a little bit more fun in the sunshine but based on a few conversations with the children and accompanying adults, a good time was enjoyed.

#### Next Week's Visits

Next week, we hope to see Year Five out on a visit to Haverton Hill on the 28<sup>th</sup>, Year Two to Saltburn, also on the 28<sup>th</sup> and Reception to the World of Play on the 29<sup>th</sup>. However, we are currently in a situation where these visits are in doubt due to the shortfall in voluntary contributions which have been made. For some time now, schools have been required to request 'voluntary donations' for school visits. Where there have been shortfalls previously, we have been in a position to financially support the trip thus preventing the need for cancellation. Unfortunately, this is no longer the case and, as is written on all letters relating to school visit, if sufficient funds are not received, we have no other option than to cancel the visit.

This is a really difficult situation as we know that many people are currently finding things challenging financially and we have to try as best we can to strike some kind of balance. However, the school is also experiencing higher costs but with the same level of funding. We believe that the visits we offer really do provide enrichment for the children and to stop them happening would be the ultimate last resort. It is hoped that over the next couple of days the shortfall of donations is 'made up' so that on Monday, we can make the decision to ensure the trips go ahead as planned.

#### Non-Uniform Day

Many thanks for all of the donations to support next week's Summer Fair. If you have any items you wish to donate, you can still do so through next week.

#### Sports' Day

Many thanks to you all who attended our Sports' Day yesterday. I hope that you enjoyed spectating in the sunshine as much as the children appeared to enjoy participating. Thanks as always to Mr Sweetman (Guy!) for organising the events and also to our Year Six children who helped out at the morning event.

The results have been calculated and are as follows:

#### KEY STAGE 1 / RECEPTION

POSITION	TEAM	SCORE
1	GREEN CHALLENGERS	171
2	YELLOW ADVENTURERS	166
3	BLUE DISCOVERERS	147
4	RED EXPLORERS	146

KEY STAGE 2

POSITION	TEAM	SCORE
1	GREEN CHALLENGERS	235
2	RED EXPLORERS	225
3	YELLOW ADVENTURERS	205
4	BLUE DISCOVERERS	192

Cycles 'n' Scooters

It is fabulous that so many of our children want to use their cycles and their scooters as a preferred mode of transport into school! Could I please remind everybody that EVERY child on a cycle MUST be wearing a helmet and that NOBODY (including younger brothers or sisters who do not yet attend the school) should be riding their scooter or cycle whilst on the school site. Thank you.

I hope, as always, that you all manage to enjoy the weekend.

Yours Sincerely,



Mr C Gibson