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Dear Parents / Carers,

We know that the end of term is looming when it is time to share the children's school reports with you all. Having read through them all, it is fabulous to see how committed and hard working our children are and how so many of them seem to really enjoy attending school, be it for the social or academic aspects (hopefully both!).

Year Six Performances

Well done to our Year Six children and their performances of 'Dr Doolittle's Monkey Mayhem'. It has actually been performed to audiences on four occasions this week, each one being flawlessly fabulous! Well done to you all and many thanks to the staff involved in its production.

School Trips

There have been more visits out this week! On Tuesday, our Year Five children attended the 'Open Door' activity day at St Nicholas' Church where they have told me they had a fantastic time. I am sure you will not be surprised to learn that we have received numerous wonderfully positive comments about the behaviour and attitude of the children. A credit to us all as always.

On Wednesday, Year Four went on a trip to Whitby which I am reliably informed they thoroughly enjoyed. The weather stayed fine and the ice creams were good! However, not wishing to continue with my complaining following on from last week but that is now three seaside visits and STILL no lemon top!

Transition Week

Just to reiterate the information shared in the letter earlier this week, on Monday the children will be moving into their 'new' classes for the week. They will be met on the appropriate playground by their teachers at the start of the day. If you are unsure where you will be meeting, I will be on the bottom gate so please do come and ask me and I will be happy to help. Year Six will be attending their secondary schools; a huge next step in life's journey!

Parent / Teacher Consultations (Parents' Evenings!)

Remember that these also take place next week (Monday 10th and Wednesday 12th) and, as previously communicated, the online booking system is open if you wish to make an appointment.

Non Uniform Day

Thanks to everybody who supported the cystic fibrosis charity today by donating a pound for the pleasure of wearing non-uniform. Once we have counted all of the money, we will let you know the final total.

Miss Keatley

Miss Keatley will be leaving us at the end of the term to begin her maternity leave. We will be joined in Reception by Miss Lister who will be teaching the class. We obviously wish Miss Keatley all the very best and, as always, we will keep you updated with any news!

Summer Fair

Thank you to everybody who supported the fair last Friday and how good was it that the weather behaved slightly better than we had anticipated!

Below is a message from FoB:

Thank you for your support for our Summer Fair. We hope you enjoyed it. We received many donations towards our tombola, bottle bag and cake stalls and also £236 in cash from the non uniform day. In total we raised £1508 which will be put towards resources for our children. On the day of the Fair we held a Treasure Hunt. All of the completed entries were entered into draw to win a prize. Reuben K was the lucky winner and has received his prize. One of our external vendors (Cuddly Crafts) also held a competition to name a dinosaur. The winner was a young lady called Lilly who named the dinosaur Pearl. Thank you again for your support and we look forward to next year.

Thanks to everybody who helped and, of course, to Friends of Belmont who spent huge amounts of time, energy and I am sure some degree of anxiety to ensure it took place.

Library Books

We are exceptionally fortunate to have a really well-stocked library which is accessible to all of our Key Stage Two children. It is a resource we value enormously and based on how many children we see in there each day, it is clear they do too.

However, we are experiencing an increasing problem which we really need your help with. Many of the books being borrowed are not being returned and obviously this then leads to a depletion of the reading material we have on offer. Could I please make a huge request and ask that you could have a really good search over the next few days to see if there are any of our library books hiding at home and, if so, could you please send them in? It doesn't matter how long you have had them for, be it weeks or even years!! No judgements will be made; we just want to get our stocks back up to where they need to be! Many thanks in advance!

Great North Air Ambulance

As many of you will remember, last year we held a sponsored run in aid of the GNAA, a charity which I (and many others) have a very strong personal connection to. In September I will be participating in the Great North Run to support this charity. I have spoken to some of you about this as we have been chatting at the gate so if you feel you would like to donate, the link is:
<https://greatnorthrun2023.enthuse.com/pf/chris-gibson-844f2/post/3140494>
Many thanks in advance.

And Finally....

I am really looking forward to next week as the children experience meeting their next class teacher and spending a week in their company! I hope you have a lovely weekend. Only two weeks to go.....

Yours Sincerely,



Mr C Gibson