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Dear Parents / Carers,

And, as if by magic, we have reached the end of September!

#### Sporting Events

Once again, there has been a flurry of activity in the sporting arena this week. Firstly, our Year Five and Six football team played host to Highcliffe for their first football match of the season. A fine performance saw Belmont run out 6-1 winners. Yesterday, both of our tag rugby teams also enjoyed considerable success with both 'Belmont 1' and 'Belmont 2' winning their respective leagues. The overall winners were 'Belmont 1' (who, incidentally, were unbeaten in all games) with 'Belmont 2' coming in third. Finally, we have had confirmation that last week's cross country saw six of our children qualifying for the Tees Valley finals. Well done to all involved.

Next week's running club days are as follows:

Monday: Year 6

Tuesday: Year 3

Wednesday: Year 4

Thursday: Year 5

#### Breakfast Club and Lunches

At present, there seems to be a shortfall on income to our Breakfast Club. This is a 'not for profit' offering from the school which is reliant on payments being received in order to ensure staffing and consumable overheads are met. If it continues to operate at a loss due to non-payment, we will have to review whether we have the capacity to offer this service as we are unable to absorb the financial loss as a school.

In relation to school lunches, we have mentioned a few times previously that if your child changes their arrangement eg from school lunch to packed or vice versa, we need to be informed via the school office (not your child's class teacher). If this does not happen, one of the following things may occur:

- If changing from school to packed lunch, you will still be charged for the lunch. This is because, without notification, we naturally assume your child will be taking a school lunch and therefore one will be prepared for them.
- If you do not pay for your child's lunch, it will still be prepared but then possibly wasted. Not a good outcome.
- If your child is moving from packed to school lunch and we are unaware, it may be that insufficient lunches have been prepared.

There is logic in our requests!

Could we also please request that payments are made in the week lunches /breakfast club places are taken? Many thanks.

#### Harvest

Parents and carers of children in Key Stage One will have received notification of the Harvest Assemblies on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> October. To support with this, we will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup>, requesting a donation for our collection to be brought in on the day should your child decide to participate in the non-uniform wearing. We will give details of items which are particularly needed before then. The donations will be given to our friends at The Bridge and the items will be distributed to people in our local community.

#### Parent Forum

I have only received four expressions of interest for the representatives for a Parents' Forum' following last week's information which was shared. I have reattached the letter to this newsletter with a change of deadline date.

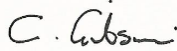
#### Library Competition

Information will be going home about a competition being held in Key Stage Two where we would love KS2 children to celebrate their favourite book by drawing a picture about it. It can be a character, event, scene or anything you like about the book. More information will be on the poster.

#### Charity Events

Just to keep you informed that after the Harvest Festival, we will be holding two more charity events before Christmas. On October 27<sup>th</sup>, we will have a non uniform (and 'Wear a Hat Day') in aid of 'Brain Tumour Research' and just prior to Christmas we will once more be supporting Teesside Hospice with the annual Reindeer Run.

Yours Sincerely,



Mr C Gibson