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Dear Parents / Carers,

Another week has passed us by and, almost in the blink of an eye, it is daylight when I get to school in the morning! So, that'll be the official start of spring, then!

Comic Relief / 'Red Nose Day'

As I have absolutely no doubt you will be aware, Friday 15th March is the annual 'Comic Relief / Red Nose Day'. As always, we will be acknowledging this with a non-uniform day where we encourage children to wear non-uniform for the fee of one pound which will be donated to the charity. I think, a few years ago, the slogan was 'dress funny for money' although I am equally happy should you decide to 'dress 'flash' for cash' or, indeed, 'cool for school'.... Sorry, I'll stop now! As always, we ask that clothing is appropriate for school and hair is not coloured. Many thanks!

Year Five Visit

Having spoken to many of our year Five children (and staff!), it would seem that they thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the National Railway Museum earlier this week. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend (which is a shame as it is one of my favourites!). Maybe next year...!

Lunchtime Supervisor Position

We are looking to appoint somebody to a position of lunchtime supervisor. The hours for this are 11.45 until 1.05pm. If you are interested in finding out a bit more, contact the school office who will be able to provide some additional details.

Reception and Key Stage One Events

Information has been shared about events to coincide with Mothers' day in Reception and Key Stage One. Just a reminder that the Reception session is at 2pm on Monday 11th March and for Key Stage One it is Wednesday 13th March at 9.00am.

Parent / Teacher Consultations (or Parents' Evenings!).

The Parent Consultation Evenings will be held on Monday 18th and Wednesday 20th March between 3.30 – 6pm. Year 6 and Year 2, Miss Schumm, will be held on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th March as those staff members will be accompanying the Robinwood visit. It will be a 5 minute appointment to meet your child's teacher and discuss any concerns or queries you may have.

To book an appointment simply type:-

belmontprimary.parentseveningsystem.co.uk into your browser and fill in the opening sections including your email address and one child's date of birth. It will automatically link any siblings so you can make convenient appointments to see more than one teacher if necessary.

Parents can begin making appointments from 4.30pm today. Monday 18th is the first option but you can click on 'change' to choose a time on Wednesday instead.

When you have chosen your time you will be sent an email confirmation and the teacher will also be notified.

Earrings and PE

For obvious reasons, we ask children to remove earrings for PE or, even better, not wear them to school on PE days. If for any reason this is not possible, children are required to 'tape over them' to prevent them being caught and causing injury. We do not have tape to provide the children with so, if they do wear earrings, they must bring a suitable, skin safe tape which can be used to cover them. It is

worth emphasising also that staff ARE NOT ALLOWED to remove earrings from children, even if parents / carers grant permission for us to do so.

Mobile Phones in School

Some of you may remember that around three years ago, guidance on the use of mobile phones in school was very strongly discouraged due to the reported effect on 'children's discipline and order'. Just over a week ago, new guidance was provided to schools about their use. I am pleased to say that we had already put plans in place and, as such, if children have to bring mobile phones into school, they are handed in at the office as children come into school and collected at the end of the day. Thus, in school at least, there is no impact on our children's 'discipline and order'! However, we do also have a policy in place that parents and carers do not use their phones on school site (not, however, for the same reasons necessarily!). As such, if inadvertently you do use your phone on school site, you will be politely reminded to put it away until you leave the site. We do have signs up around the school to serve as a reminder. If there is a genuine need to take a call in the case of an emergency, then please feel free to leave the site to do so and, if it means we have to look after the children for an extra minute or two, we will be happy to do so.

And Finally....

It's looking like it might be a bit of a cold one this weekend so, whatever you do and wherever you go, wrap up warm and have a good one!

Yours Sincerely

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