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Dear Parents / Carers,

Reception's 'Outdoor Classroom'

Our Early Years / Reception team are looking to develop their outdoor area to further enhance the provision which is currently being well utilised and enjoyed. As such, they are asking if anybody is able to donate items such as lengths of drain piping, crates, cable reels, outdoor storage boxes, paint brushes, rollers, a couple of old shopping baskets, pallets, decking boards or anything else which may serve to enhance their outdoor provision. If you think you may be able to help, please drop the school an email or phone call! Many thanks.

End of Key Stage Two Assessments

Throughout the course of the week, our Year Six children have been completing the end of Key Stage Two tests (or SATS as they are otherwise known) in grammar, punctuation and spelling, reading and maths. We are, as always, really impressed with their whole attitude and approach to the week and commend them on this.

We would also like to send a huge thank you to the Brickyard Bakery who supplied breakfasts each day to all of the children involved, not just here at Belmont but across Guisborough, Brotton, Saltburn and New Marske. This was a monumental effort by a team of volunteers led by master baker, Ed.

Non-Uniform Day and Cake Sales

Next week we will be fundraising for Encephalitis International (<https://www.encephalitis.info/>), a charity which is very close to the hearts of us here at Belmont at this time. As already mentioned, next Thursday will be a non-uniform day where we will invite children to attend school in (appropriate!) non-uniform in exchange for a one pound donation.

Further to this, there will also be cake sales being held on Monday 20th May. Children will be able to purchase a cake, donated by the staff, for the price of 50p during breaktimes.

Miss Lister and Miss Keatley

Next Wednesday will be the last day at Belmont for Miss Lister who has been working in Reception (for a second spell!). We would like to thank her enormously for her enthusiasm and work during her time with us and wish her all the very best for the future.

Miss Keatley will be returning from maternity leave after half term and we look forward to welcoming her back!

Changes to Lunch Arrangements

As mentioned a few times in previous correspondences, it is imperative that the school are informed of changes to your child's lunch arrangements. It is not the responsibility of children to inform us if they are changing from school lunch to packed lunch (or vice versa). If children change from school lunch to packed lunch without the school being informed, we will assume a lunch is being taken (as it will have been ordered) and therefore you will be charged for it.

Whilst on the subject of lunches, could we please, once again, remind you to ensure that ParentPay balances are up to date. A large amount of time is still being spent contacting people to remind them about overdue payments which is an additional (and avoidable) administrative task that adds pressure and burden to our staff in the office.

Next Friday...

Remember that the half term will finish next Thursday as Friday 24th is a PD Day with the school therefore being closed to children.

And Finally...

As always, we would like to wish you all a pleasant weekend and, to our Year Six children in particular this week, have a good rest!

Yours Sincerely

C. Gibson

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