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Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to the end of a slightly shorter week following yesterday's closure due to the election. Once again, the school has been exceptionally busy with a whole range of activities happening, and that is just on a four day week!

#### Open Door

On Tuesday, our Year Five children attended St Nicholas' Church to participate in the Open Door event, involving themselves in a range of various craft activities. I have to say that I am exceptionally impressed with the huge range of comments and praise we received on the conduct, manners, behaviour and engagement shown by the children. This does not surprise me given that we are always proud of the behaviour of our children but, nonetheless, it never fails to give me an enormous sense of pride. Many thanks to our friends at St Nicholas' Church for providing this fabulous opportunity which continues to be a massive highlight of our calendar.

#### Scaling Dam

On Wednesday, the weather decided that it would be kind to our second cohort of Year Six children to visit Scaling Dam to take part in a range of both water and land-based activities under the watchful eye of Mr Wood and his team. Again, not only did the children have a fabulous time but yesterday I received an email from Mr Wood who kindly gave me permission to share some of it with you so below are his words and not mine!:

***I'm just writing to say what a fabulous couple of days we've had with the Y6 children on their visits to SDSWC this week and last week.***

***It has been wonderful to see them all having fun and laughing together. We've all thoroughly enjoyed having them with us; they have been a credit to the school.***

***I'd very much like it if you could pass on my thanks and congratulations to them for their brilliant attitude during these activities and for being a great cohort of young people all year.***

Once again, affirmation of the behaviour and attitude of our children. Well done to them and, once again, many thanks to Mr Wood and his team for providing this fabulous opportunity.

#### Y6 Production

Staying with Year Six, their performances this week to parents, carers and other pupils in the school of 'Mission Implausible' were absolutely awesome! I can say with certainty that I was not the only one impressed by their fine acting, comic timing, confidence, singing ability and stage presence. What a tremendous 'cherry on the cake' of their time in Belmont Primary and well done to all who were involved in the performance and, indeed, the staff for their tireless work in organising props, costumes and, indeed, rehearsals!

#### Transition

Next week is our transition week whereby all children will be spending their time in the classes they have been allocated for September (which you will find out today). This is not something that all schools do but since we piloted this several years ago it has been a great success and certainly has been reported to help alleviate concerns and anxieties during July and August in relation to what the new year might hold. On Monday, we will ensure that staff are on the playground to meet the children who will be going into Key Stage One and Key Stage Two classes. Children going into Reception will meet by the Reception outdoor classroom, just off the Key Stage One playground.

Reception Outdoor Classroom

Many thanks to JT Atkinson's who donated a large bag of bark chippings, some outdoor paint and rollers for our Reception outdoor classroom. An exceptionally generous donation and will be put to good use!!

'Celebration of Work'

Just a reminder that the 'celebration of work' event is on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July in place of the traditional 'parent / teacher conferences', allowing you and your child to look at their work completed over the year and have the time to discuss it with them. If you have not yet had the chance to complete the proforma to indicate what time you will be attending, please could you do so. It just makes it a bit easier for us to have an idea of how many people to expect at what times. Thanks.

Non-Uniform

Many thanks for all of your contributions to the food bank today and on behalf of The Bridge can I please say the most enormous THANK YOU for your kindness and generosity as always. I guess I had better see out my part of the promise I made on the letter last week.....

And Finally...

Wishing you all a pleasant and enjoyable weekend as always!

Yours Sincerely

*C. Gibson*

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