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Dear Parents / Carers,

What a fabulous week it has been, enabling the children to be outside enjoying the sunshine!

#### Breaktime Snacks

It can be a long time from breakfast time until lunchtime! With this in mind, we do encourage children to bring a snack into school for the morning break. Unlike some other schools, we try very hard not to be over prescriptive with what children decide to bring and we know that there are some snacks available to purchase which are branded as 'fruit based' but do not offer, perhaps, the same type of health benefit as fruit itself! This is now one of the reasons we try to avoid being overly prescriptive! However, we do not allow children to bring in chocolate based snacks nor crisps and we do appear to be seeing an oddly more prevalent influx of these items. Do also remember, children in Reception and Key Stage One are offered a portion of fruit / vegetable as part of the 'Fruit for Schools' scheme. We would ask that you support us by not sending children to school with chocolate or crisps (unless, of course, it is part of their after-school club snack!). And, of course, remember that we are a 'nut-free' school.

#### School Absence Penalty Notices

I have been asked to share with you the updated guidance which you will find attached. You will note that this has been produced by the local authority in accordance with the new National Framework for Penalty Notices which came into force during August this year. Obviously, like all schools, we are required to adhere to this and this is closely monitored by our Attendance Welfare Officer.

#### Out of School Events

Earlier this week, we met as a staff to discuss what we can offer the children in terms of after school activities given that, for various reasons, we had to suspend planned discos last year. More detailed information will be published VERY soon but, to allow you to have a couple of dates for your diary, we will be holding 'film nights' and discos this term. Unlike previously, they will be held straight after school. The first events will be 'film nights' with Reception and Key Stage One having theirs on 1<sup>st</sup> October and Key Stage 2 on the 9<sup>th</sup> October. The discos will be after half term, with R and KS1 on the 19<sup>th</sup> November and KS2 on the 26<sup>th</sup> November. The way payments are made will be changing but everything will be made clear on the letters being sent out early next week.

#### Cross Country

The Redcar and Cleveland cross country finals were held yesterday and what fabulous conditions they were for such an event. Our representatives ran terrific races and from our team there are four competitors who have qualified for the Tees Valley Finals and two in reserve. Absolutely brilliant effort from everybody!

#### Curriculum Meetings

Other than Nursery, all of the curriculum meetings have now been held. You will be receiving the letters for each year group today but for other information (eg class timetables, curriculum maps and the presentation 'Powerpoints') go to the website where everything has now been uploaded. There are a couple of areas where information can be found and, to help avoid you searching, these are the main 'gateway' links:

<https://belmont-primary.org.uk/school-curriculum/> (scroll to the bottom half of the page for the meeting info and curriculum info).

You can also go to the home page <https://belmont-primary.org.uk/> and go to classes with the drop down menu providing the appropriate options.

### Clubs and Extra-Curricular Opportunities

Below is an overview of what we will be offering over the coming weeks. Information about the after school clubs will be shared by the staff who will be facilitating these but they are unlikely to commence until after the week beginning 30<sup>th</sup> September due to a number of staff commitments. Keep an eye on the information coming through....

### Extra Curricular 24 25

	lunchtime	After school
Mon	Running KS2 School Council Wellbeing Club KS1	KS2 Dance KS1 hall
Tues	Running KS2 Ukulele KS2 Singing KS2 Gardening	Y1 / 2 Multiskills KS1 hall Football Y5/ 6 KS2 Homework
Weds	Running KS2	KS1 art KS2 art
Thurs	Running KS2 Chess KS2	
Fri	Wellbeing Club KS2 Gardening KS2	Netball Y5 / 6 Football (girls) Y5 / 6

### Bookworms (R and Y1 TBC)

Running Club will begin next week and the rota can be found below. This links with the lunch rota so when children are last up to lunch, that is when their running day will be. Children will need to bring in suitable footwear to change into for running club.

LUNCH ROTA	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4
Week beginning	30.09.24 04.11.24 02.12.24	07.10.24 11.11.24 09.12.24	14.10.24 18.11.24 16.12.24	23.09.24 21.10.24 25.11.24
MON	Y6	Y3	Y4	Y5
TUES	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
WEDS	Y4	Y5	Y6	Y3
THURS	Y5	Y6	Y3	Y4

### And Finally....

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend as always and hoping that whatever you do and wherever you go, the weather holds for another couple of days...!

Yours Sincerely

*C. Gibson*

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