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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope that you all managed to have an enjoyable break and a pleasant Christmas. 2025 certainly started in a rather chilly fashion but hopefully we will be past that now! On that note, many thanks to our site manager Mr Magor for ensuring all of the site has been well prepared to prevent any issues with the ice. Some very early starts for him through the week...

Welcome

Obviously, we would like to welcome you all back for the start of a new term (and a new calendar year). However, we extend a particular welcome to the children and families who have joined us this term. We hope that this week has enabled you to feel settled but should any issues arise then please do not hesitate to contact us and we shall do all we can to support.

The Reindeer Run

Many thanks to all of those people who have already 'got ahead of the game' and handed in sponsor money. Could we please ask that this is all brought into school by next Friday 17th January as Teesside Hospice will be coming to collect it. Many thanks to you all as always.

Guisborough Active Travel Route

We have been asked to share the following information (and the wording has been taken exactly as shared with us!):

Guisborough Active Travel Route

Hello to staff, parents, and guardians at Belmont Primary School, Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council here. We want your feedback about the Guisborough Active Travel Route, which is proposed to go through Guisborough and towards Nunthorpe.

To help us do this, we will hold a public consultation beginning on Wednesday, 8 January 2025 and finishing on Wednesday, 29 January 2025. You can get involved by attending one of your in-person consultation events:

- **11 January 2025, at Guisborough Walkway Visitor Centre (10am-2pm)**
- **15 January 2025, at Guisborough Library (12pm-6:30pm)**

You can check out our progress to date on our dedicated website: <https://redcarcleveland.uk/engagementhq.com/guisborough-active-travel-route>

During the consultation period you will be able to provide feedback directly via the website and access all consultation materials.

As a Council, we are determined to deliver an accessible route that works for the wider Guisborough community. We look forward to hearing from you in January."

Year Six End of Key Stage Tests

As mentioned before the break, this Monday 13th January, we will be holding a meeting to share information with parents and carers of our Year Six children in relation to the end of Key Stage Two tests (or SATs if you prefer!). This will be in the KS2 hall at 4pm. We look forward to seeing you.

Free School Meals

As you will be aware, children in Reception, Year One and Year Two are all fully entitled to receive a free school lunch through the 'Universal Free Infant School Meals' programme. However, this is entirely different to free school meals which may also be an entitlement based on a parent or carer's own personal circumstances. This does not, as the name might suggest, simply entitle the child / children of the applicant to receive a school lunch but also to reduce costs for other activities which are offered by the school eg school trips, the Year Five residential and so on). Of course, many people, for a range of reasons, are reluctant to apply for this. However, it is worth bearing in mind that applications are made online and there are no forms to hand in at school (unlike 'the olden days'). If you feel that you may qualify (including those with children in Reception, Year One and Year Two), PLEASE do apply by following the link below. If you DO qualify then it is something you are entitled to and it can help alleviate some pressures.

<https://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals>

Diary Dates

We have updated the calendar with a couple of new entries on it. Of course, this will develop as the weeks pass us by!

And Finally...

Here's hoping that the coming week will provide us with the opportunity to defrost!
Wishing you all a pleasant weekend.

Yours Sincerely

C. Gibson

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