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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had an enjoyable week and, as always, it has been a hive of activity in and around school during this period which some like to refer to as 'the wind down'!

#### Athletics

Earlier in the week, our Year Five and Six athletes participated in the athletics competition at Middlesbrough Sports Village, a fantastic venue as no doubt you will know. Of course, everybody competed fantastically, upholding all standards we would expect. There were also a number of successes in several events with many of the team qualifying for the finals which will be held in due course. Well done to them all!

#### Scaling Dam Visit

The weather managed to hold out for Mrs Brown's Year Six class who visited Scaling Dam on Wednesday to try their hand at some sailing. It is quite clear that there are several 'naturals' within the group and I am pleased to say that everybody thoroughly enjoyed their day. Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June sees the turn of Mr Harper's class. We have to say a massive thanks to Mr Wood and the team at Scaling for providing the children with this opportunity as well as their help and support. It is a fabulous experience.

Whist on the subject of Year Six, they received their 'Leavers' Hoodies' this week, very much a rite of passage as you approach the end of your time in primary school! Many thanks to FoB for subsidising these and it was lovely for Mrs Morton to visit to present these to the children.

#### Key Stage One Phonics Screening

Many of our children in Key Stage One have been completing their Phonics Screening Assessment this week and as you would expect, they have very much taken it all in their stride! We do know what the outcome is for each of them but, as many of you will know, I choose not to use such figures as a benchmark for our children as young people (be that right or wrong. Please discuss....!). What I can say is that it is clear that our children are working exceptionally hard on phonics and its application within reading itself and, for me, this is what matters most. As always, we are exceptionally proud of them.

#### Reception Information Session

Many thanks to all who attended the meeting yesterday and I hope it provided some useful information as well as the opportunity to view the setting. As I mentioned at the start of the session, PLEASE contact us if you have any concerns, questions or queries about ANYTHING. It is our aim to make the children's move into Reception as smooth and 'anxiety free' as is possible and we totally understand the need to ensure you have very piece of information needed. And please do not think that there is such a thing as a 'silly question'. If it is on your mind, it is important so let us know!

#### Upcoming Events

Next week we have various events in EYFS and Key Stage One to coincide with Fathers' Day, the Year Five and Six cricket team have a tournament at Guisborough Cricket Club, Mr Harper's class are at Scaling Dam and Year Four have Murton Park visiting to provide some enrichment for their history studies. The following week we have our Sports Days too, so I think it fair to say that it is all happening!

And Finally....

I'm going to struggle with your weekend weather report today as it would seem nobody is able to quite call it. I will play around with the tea leaves this afternoon and if you catch me on the gate, I'll let you know the outcome. But remember, don't shoot the messenger...!

Whatever it decides to do, I hope it won't affect your plans and we wish you a good one!

Yours Sincerely

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