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Dear Parents / Carers,

We have now completed the first full week back and I think it fair to say that everybody is fully back into 'school mode'.

Cross Country Trials

Our Key Stage Two children fully engaged their engines on Tuesday to participate in the above event. It is not an easy circuit around the field and there is a long uphill stretch that you don't notice until you're running it! Well done to everybody who took part and those of you who qualified for the next round will be informed with the details of it.

Learning Beyond the Classroom

We are really keen to make the most of our surrounding area when it comes to learning and the curriculum which is why this year we are trying to place an emphasis on learning which happens outside of the classroom environment. Less than a week in, Year Four kicked this off nicely with their walk up into the woods to support their geography topic. The weather could not have been kinder and it was a pretty wearing three-or-so mile yomp to get fabulous views across the local area and to complete some sketching of it. I'm pretty sure there would have been some tired legs at the end of it (I know mine were!).

Photographs

Just to reiterate the message in last week's letter that on Friday 18th September (next week) we have invited our school photographers in. If you have more than one child at the school, please do let us know your preferences in relation to whether you would like individual photographs or ones with all of your children together by 2pm today (Friday 11th September) as we need to communicate this to the photographers and organise the plan for the day (which is not always as straightforward as you might think!).

Curriculum Meetings

Many thanks to those of you who were able to attend our information sessions this week and we hope that you found them useful, not least as it gave you the opportunity to 'put faces to names' of staff members. The key information is being sent out with pretty much all you ned to know. And if there is something you are unsure about, give us a call!

Behaviour

You will have received a letter about our approach to behaviour in school. Firstly, to clarify, we do not feel that the school is rife with bad behaviour! Our children are kind, thoughtful, polite and respectful. You know this and we know this. However, like us, children are people. People make errors of judgement and inappropriate choices and it is our job to support when this happens. But sometimes, we may need your help. This helps to ensure consistency in our approach with a clearly structured framework. Of course, our first priority is to ensure that appropriate choices are recognised (hence the 'Dojo points system' which has been introduced). Our second is to ensure that in the event of inappropriate actions or poorly judged choices, we respond in a way that is non-judgemental as we know that occasional lapses of behaviour DO NOT define a person. As already mentioned, we are all human. I am pretty sure we will, as always, have your support in this.

And Finally…..

I think that will do for now. I wish you all a pleasant weekend and I am aware one or two of you are having a gentle trot from Newcastle to South Shields on Sunday. Of course, we wish you well, with the biggest challenge being getting out of the city afterwards! Of course, you will want to know the conditions so this week, the focus is on Newcastle where on Sunday, it will be a little bit warmer than you may like it, peaking at 19 degrees around 2pm (but I'm sure you'll be finished by then!). Those of you sticking around, it's the same here and a bit of light precipitation on Saturday. Best night for the barbeque is tonight!

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend.

Yours Sincerely

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