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To all Parents/Carers,

1/3/19

Welcome back to another half term at Markeaton! That week away from school absolutely flew by! I hope you all had a restful and relaxing time.



As I mentioned before the holidays, we are now a crisp packet recycling point and you are invited to drop your crisp packets in the collection bin in the main entrance. On Wednesday we had an assembly to officially unveil this exciting new project and already we've had quite a few being handed in. Please click on the link below for more information:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cY2HNsZOsM>

In other news, the Y5 and Y6 children, over the next few weeks, will be taking part in a Pilgrimage Walk to the Cathedral. Miss Herriman's class went earlier in the week (see left) and they were treated to some absolutely glorious weather!! Hopefully it will stay fine for the other classes when they go. And well done to our Y5/6 Football Team who beat Lawn Primary 7-0 last night!

Next Monday our fantastic PTFA will be meeting in the Community Room for their monthly PTFA Meeting at 3:30pm. If you are interested in becoming a part of the PTFA, no matter how much time you can spare, please feel free to come along. We will be hosting a crèche in the Reception classrooms with two members of staff so you can go to the meeting without having to worry about childcare. Over the years our PTFA have raised an incredible amount of money but they do need your support to keep this going! Even if you're not sure how you could help, we invite you to pop along and see where you might be able to lend your support. They have some exciting new ideas for 19/20 including a real focus on what the PTFA will be raising money for. In the last three years, certainly since I have been here, they have either bought or significantly contributed to new Junior Toilets, Tablet Devices, brand new Equality reading books and loads more.

Speaking of raising money, yesterday was the final day of voting at Tesco for our new outdoor gym equipment. It is unlikely we will find out immediately whether we have won or not but as soon as I know how we've got on I'll let you know. Fingers crossed!! Top prize is £4000 which will go a long way! Our plan, should we be successful, is to develop the space near Bromley House but it is the resurfacing of the tarmac which is proving rather expensive!!

And finally, can I please gently remind all parents/carers about the importance of being on time for school. Part of helping a child to feel settled and start the day in the right frame of mind is walking in with their class, hanging their coat up and starting their morning work with everyone else. Plus, after signing in at the entrance, we are finding it increasingly tricky to balance having to walk some of the younger children to class whilst dealing with the day to day office tasks in the morning. Thank you for your understanding and continued cooperation.

Have a great weekend,

Mr I. Johnson