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To all Parents/Carers,

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Welcome back! Those seven weeks certainly flew by! I hope you had a fantastic Summer and you were able to enjoy some of the good weather we did have. I managed to get to Cornwall for a week but unfortunately the wind and rain seemed to follow me!

Firstly, now that we have had all the Parent/Carer Questionnaires in, we can finalise our analysis of the results. Thank you again for taking the time to complete them as there is certainly plenty to celebrate. It's early days at the moment but one theme that has been reoccurring is Parents/Carers wanting to know more about what their child is learning at school. We have taken this feedback on board and now we have the following ways in which you can either come into school or read about what is happening. Some of these we have been doing already and some are what we have added:

- Each class will host 2 x Parent/Carer Pop Ins throughout the course of the year. These will be hosted after school and they will be an opportunity to come in and see what your child has been learning. They may be in the hall or in the classroom – depending on how much of the children's learning there is to showcase! These will be advertised on the school website and via parentmail.
- Each year group has compiled an 'Everything you need to know about Year...' booklet. These are handy little A5 booklets which you can put on the fridge door and they tell you everything there is to know about your child's year group (going out next week). A curriculum newsletter will also be sent home which explains exactly what your child is learning and which topic they will be looking at. We wouldn't normally send home paper copies but we feel they are useful to have around the home.
- Twitter. There is a main Twitter feed on the homepage of the website (<http://www.markeaton.derby.sch.uk/>). In addition to this, each year group has their own Twitter Feed – for example, Year Five's Twitter feed can be found by clicking on the link below (also see right). You do not have to be a Twitter member to read them and these 'tweets' are a fantastic way to see what has been going on in the classroom.

<http://www.markeaton.derby.sch.uk/Year-5>

- Parent/Carer consultations. These happen twice a year in the Autumn and Spring term.
- Long term plans. Long term plans are on the website and can be found in the year group's page (same link as above). These give a useful overview of the year.
- And last but not least, if there is anything you want to know about the curriculum then feel free to ring school or make an appointment with your child's class teacher.



I am running out of space now so I hope your child or children has/have had a great first week back. Just a quick reminder that our Parent/Carer workshops run by Bridge the Gap are starting in November (www.jwbridgethegap.com). If you are interested, then contact the office. Places are going fast!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr I. Johnson