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To all Parents/Carers,

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Another busy week at Markeaton, with particular highlights being our Harvest Festival celebrations (see middle and right) and Markeaton being awarded the Platinum Award for PE and Sport – the first in the city!

Whilst on the subject of sport, our recent questionnaires showed once again that there is a desire for more extra-curricular clubs after school. Even though we increased the number of clubs offered to the children last year there is clearly some work we need to do regarding who knows what is happening and when. Certainly from my own perspective, I have had conversations with Parents/Carers about said clubs and they have not always known what is available. Again, the website is the fountain of all knowledge so please click on the link below to find out what is on offer and how to book a place:

<http://www.markeaton.derby.sch.uk/Clubs>

In other news, I just wanted to draw your attention to two exciting projects we are taking part in this year. The first one is ScienceMark. A bit like Artsmark, this is an award which will extend our provision for Science and help us to celebrate what we do really well and where we could possibly improve. The second one, which I have mentioned previously, is the Emotionally Healthy Schools Project – facilitated by Leeds University. Again, it will help us to further enhance our provision for supporting the children's mental health and give us access to other avenues of support. There is already so much that we do in this area but we want this to be a continued focus for the school. Indeed, it is World Mental Health Day on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019 and we will be celebrating this important day by asking the children for a £1 donation and to dress in yellow. All monies raised will go towards 'YoungMinds'. For more details click on the link below:

[https://youngminds.org.uk/get-involved/how-to-fundraise/helloyellow/?gclid=EAlaIqobChMI1Pzcmcbf5AIVTsreCh1giQ1bEAAYASAAEgLkY\\_D\\_BwE](https://youngminds.org.uk/get-involved/how-to-fundraise/helloyellow/?gclid=EAlaIqobChMI1Pzcmcbf5AIVTsreCh1giQ1bEAAYASAAEgLkY_D_BwE)

Have a lovely weekend and see you on Monday!