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To all Parents/Carers,

3/11/17

Welcome back to another term at Markeaton! I hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing break.

This week, like most terms, began with an assembly about Growth Mindset. As we are almost 18 months into our Growth Mindset work, the assemblies aren't necessarily about what Growth Mindset means and the key principles around it. As the children's questionnaires have clearly shown, they have a clear understanding of it and we are quite a bit past that point. What we try to do now is show the children video clips or read inspirational stories and ask them to link what they already know. Before the holidays it was Rosie Revere and this week the children watched a short animation called 'Soar'

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

It tells the story of a young girl and her mission to build a flying machine. Without wanting to reveal too much, it shows how she was able to learn from her mistakes and the jubilation of being successful in the face of adversity. Click on the link above and see what you think. This term's competition is to build a flying machine, with the winning entries receiving our Growth Mindset trophy (currently held by Rafa Travis) and some book tokens. Good luck!

In other news, we will be having a very special guest on Monday to visit the school. Councillor John Whitby, Mayor of Derby City, will be speaking in assembly and having a tour of the school. The children have been asked to think of some questions they might like to ask him too and we are very much looking forward to his visit – look out on the school website for pictures.



A week on Monday (13th November) signals the beginning of Anti-Bullying Week and we will be asking the children to take part in a number of different activities and assemblies. As with most schools, the focus on Anti-Bullying is ongoing and throughout the year but the good thing about this week is that you can really highlight some prevalent issues and the impact they can have. We have chosen to focus on Cyberbullying and E-Safety. I have mentioned this on quite a few occasions but these two themes are very relevant and there are some key messages we would like to deliver. A local Police Officer (with lots of experience of working in Primary Schools) is coming to do an assembly for us and he will talk about children can be safe on the internet and what to do in certain situations. There will also be a booklet handed out to all children at the end of the week so remember to check bookbags.

And finally, next week is Parent/Carer consultations – thank you again for signing up for your appointment and buying into our new online system.

Have a good weekend

Mr I. Johnson