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To all Parents/Carers,

7/6/19

Welcome back everyone, I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable half term. I can't believe we are fast approaching the Summer Holidays, where did that year go! Firstly, can I start by saying Eid Mubarak to all our children and families who celebrated Eid earlier this week. I hope you had a great time with your family and friends!

Can I remind you, when you get the chance, to complete our curriculum survey by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XD39SLY>

We have had quite a few responses so far but we need more to really make a fair and accurate assessment of how the curriculum is viewed by you and your child. Comments, up to now, include:

- *"There is a lot of discussion about mental health which has developed their understanding of these things. They both have an understanding of resilience in terms of failure and in terms of emotional well being."*
- *"The World War 2 topic in year 2 was amazing. Very sensitively handled and really inspired ????, as well as involving the rest of the family."*
- *"Growth mindset is fab. My daughter is already asking about senior school and what it is like. I hope that the zest for learning she has been given at Markeaton will stand her in good stead."*
- *"By keeping her love of learning ignited, even during SATS year."*
- *"I think the curriculum is broad but could include more outdoor learning and not just when the sun is shining."*
- *"If we knew in advance what the topics to be covered were then maybe we would support more; this term I don't think we received the termly topic letter until week 3. If we had it earlier, we would be able to support the children and maybe offer relevant services to the school."*

As you can see, lots to celebrate but also bits and pieces we could improve further. When the results are completely in we will put them on the website. The Parent/Carer Questionnaire will also be sent via email once it is ready.

In other news, our environment theme continued in Reception today with all the children dressing up to celebrate World Ocean's Day. As you've probably seen in the news, plastic waste in the oceans is a huge problem so by highlighting it at such a young age, we hope future generations can do their bit to make the planet cleaner and more sustainable.

Lastly, the Y1 children have their Phonics Check next week. This process is handled in such a way by our Y1 Team that the children are completely unaware that it is a statutory test! Most of them seem to really enjoy reading made-up words!

Have a good weekend,

Mr I. Johnson