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To all Parents/Carers,

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A mega busy week this week, especially for our Y4s who spent two glorious days in Condover for their residential!! It's fair to say, after a jam-packed schedule, there were a few tired children on the coach on the way back. As usual the children really tried their best, were really well behaved and had loads of fun. A big thank you to all the staff who went and helped to make it a memorable trip (some of whom might have fallen asleep on the way back too!).

In other news, I just wanted to revisit the Parentmail that was sent out last week regarding 'Momo' – something you may or may not have picked up on in the news. As it now stands there is enough evidence to suggest, according to experts, that the whole 'Momo' thing was a hoax; despite the shocking image that went with it. As a school it is always a difficult decision to make regarding these types of situations as we don't want to create a culture of fear and panic regarding different websites, apps and games etc. What we want to help create is a toolkit for children to call upon should they feel threatened by something they have viewed online. Click on the link below to find out more:

<https://www.bbc.com/ownit/its-personal/when-you-see-something-scary-online>

This may include reporting a website, telling an adult or changing the settings on their device to name a few. In addition to providing the children with this toolkit, we will also try to keep parents/carers as informed as possible. In the case of 'Momo', we decided that attaching the link to the BBC News Article was the best thing to do as it was informative and also talked about the possibility of it being a hoax. By doing this, we hope parents/carers had as much information as possible and were able to act accordingly. Certainly within the last 12 months it seems that there is something new all the time to worry about online so by providing children with this toolkit we are equipping them with the necessary skills to stay safe online now and in the future. As always, please visit the website for more information and guidance:

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

And finally, thank you to you all for dressing up your children in storybook costumes for World Book Day! It was a fantastic day and everyone really enjoyed it. We also made quite a bit of money from the book fair which will all be reinvested in new books very soon.

It started with a whole school assembly in the morning and then in the afternoon, the children were invited into each other's classrooms - where they listened to stories and had some more fun with their friends. Here are some Y3 children in the library sharing some stories (see right).

Have a great weekend,

Mr I. Johnson

