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To all Parents/Carers, 9/13/18

It seems like as soon as this half term has begun it is almost coming to an end, what with closures due to snow, a Y4 Residential to Condover and a rescheduled book day keeping us busy for one reason or another.

Firstly though, I would like to say a huge thank you for your understanding during the closure of school last week. It is never an easy decision to make but I think you'll agree that school and the surrounding areas were far from safe and it was the right thing to do. I am sure the children didn't object to a day or two on their sledges though!

We also hope that you felt well informed throughout the initial announcement on the Thursday morning and the subsequent text updates. Despite a delay in the messages going through the network I think all other communications got to you with few problems. Just as a reminder, if you're ever unsure if school is open please check our own website (including Twitter) the Derby Telegraph website or listen to BBC Radio Derby/Capital FM.

In other news, school being closed meant the cancellation of World Book Day but in case you haven't heard it has been put in the diary for next Monday (12/3/18). I know how much work has gone into the costumes and how much the children were looking forward to it so don't forget! We'll have our assembly and a number of different activities throughout the day and the Scholastic Book Fair, which also had to be cancelled, will be coming the week after – look out for it underneath the area next to the bike shelter from Monday to Thursday.



And finally, the Y3s and Y4s had two very special guests on Wednesday who came into school to talk about the Vikings. The children were making jewellery, grinding flour and much more; not to mention dressing up in traditional Viking battlegear!

Then the Y4s went to Condover and had an amazing residential! Thank you to all the children for representing Markeaton in such a positive way and thank you to Mrs Clayton, Miss Hughes, Mrs Wilbur and Mrs Balfour for organising it all. It was lots of fun!

Next up is PGL for the Y6s in the Summer Term!

Have a good weekend,

Mr I. Johnson

PS here is the link for our Sponsored Snowdon Climb:

https://www.sponsorme.co.uk/ianjohnson/markeaton-midnight-snowdon-challenge.aspx