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To all Parents/Carers,

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Definitely one of my favourite tweets of the year, Mr Anwar and Mr Campbell (see left) trying to remove some wellies off a Y6 boy who had just completed his five-mile river trek whilst on residential at Lea Green! This has always been one of the most popular activities and this year seems no different!

At the time of writing, the Year Sixes were not back at school but by all accounts they are having a fantastic time and representing the school in the best possible way! I expect there will be a fair few tired children tonight.

A huge thank you to all the staff who go and make sure the children have lots of fun as a good chunk of the trip is in their own time; particularly the night shift!!



In other news, the week began with a visit from the NSPCC. Up and down the country they have been delivering assemblies and workshops to children giving them advice about how to speak out and stay safe. By clicking on the link below you can find out more about the programme and also resources to use at home.

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/services/speak-out-stay-safe/>

The feedback so far has been very encouraging and all the staff commented on how positive it was to see the content delivered in an age-appropriate way. Safeguarding is the highest priority at Markeaton and these kind of initiatives are incredibly beneficial to all involved. If you have any further queries about safeguarding, then please visit our website:

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

And finally, a warm welcome to all our new parents/carers in Reception. Monday was the first of their 'Link Up' sessions and it was an opportunity for them to come into the classroom with the child(ren) and explore the environment – plus meet the teaching staff. For some of our parents/carers, it was the second, third (or fourth!) time they have been to Link Up but even they could see how much the indoor and outdoor learning spaces have improved over the years. One thing that has remained the same though is that commitment towards making the parents/carers feel at ease with what is a huge transition point in their child's life. Next week is Link Up 2 where I and other members of staff (plus the PTFA and existing parents) will talk a bit more about life at Markeaton.

From Saturday it looks like Summer may finally have arrived so next week please make sure your child has lots of sun cream on, a hat and plenty of water to drink!

Have a nice weekend,

Mr I. Johnson