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Dear Families,

It has been an unusual week for me, with all children being off school on Bank Holiday Monday and with me being out of school on Tuesday and Wednesday during the Headteacher Interviews. It has felt like a very short week. However, I have kept in touch with both schools, as well as following regular updates through our Facebook page and Class Dojo portal, which, I am sure you are agree, celebrate the absolute best in our Federation.

Headteacher Interviews

You should have received, on Thursday, a letter from our Federation's Chairs of Governors outlining their decision to appoint Mrs Helen Thompson as both schools' substantive Executive Headteacher from September 2021. Whilst I am, on a personal level, disappointed that I cannot stay in our two wonderful schools, I firmly believe that the Federation is very fortunate to have found someone extremely experienced in school leadership, including as a Headteacher, and I know she will take the Heritage Coast Schools to new levels of success.

Over the next term, I will continue in my current Interim role and work closely with Mrs Thompson, in order to make the transition as seamless as possible. I understand that it is unusual to have had 3 different headteachers in a short period of time and I hope that with strong, visible work between myself, Mrs Thompson and our community, that we can continue the progress we have made as schools, as well as experience new successes. Please be reassured that my role will still be to move the schools forward, to provide the very best learning experiences for our children, including making up for any missed opportunities that have occurred over the last year.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me if you have any comments or queries on this arrangement. Thank you for your understanding.

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Both Schools - Potential Year 6 Joint Residential

Thank you to all the parents/carers that completed the survey on a potential Year 6 residential. We will communicate early next week what we are able to provide.

The results and most popular options were as follows:

- 27 families would like a residential visit
- The most popular length of stay was 1/2 nights
- The majority of parents/carers were willing/able to pay up to £150 (although this is dependent on length of visit - we will discuss finance options in due course)
- The majority of families were willing to send their child over a weekend

We will try and accommodate this feedback as much as possible into our proposal.

Celebrating Cultures

On Friday 14th May we will be celebrating different cultures and religions within school. Children are able to come to school in casual clothes for this. We will marking Eid in our classes, learning about this and doing lots of practical work including cooking and craft activities.

Cricket Sessions

Mr Kettle, who delivers cricket sessions to our Y5/Y6 pupils, has asked us to let you know that every Friday from 5-6pm as from Friday 14th May cricket sessions will be held at Whitby Cricket Club. Sessions are £1 per child and are open to children aged between 5-15 years old. There is no need to book, just turn up on the night and the sessions are flexible, children do not need to attend every week.

Captain Sir Tom Moore 100 Challenge

It was great to see so many children and staff members taking part in our Captain Sir Tom Moore 100 Challenge at the end of last week. There were lots of novel ways of taking part in the event, including children completing 100 laps of their field/playground; the icing of 100 biscuits; a 100 flower daisy chain; 100 cartwheels completed and many more! In total, the Federation raised **£280**, including an additional £41.31 from the sales of remaining biscuits which were kindly sold at The New Thorpe Stores. The proceeds of this will be split between The Captain Tom Foundation and the NHS (Fylingdales children voted NHS as their charity to raise funds for). Well done to everyone taking part!

Have a great weekend,



Mr Cooper

Interim Executive Headteacher