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Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a successful - if rather wet - half term. This week we returned from a very positive ex-student residential in Derbyshire. The focus of this trip is to help develop and maintain peer groups, but it's also a great opportunity to get outdoors, enjoy some fresh air, and appreciate what a wonderful place the UK is.

The DfE has asked schools to share updated e-safety information with families. Some of the material is more mainstream-focused, but there are still useful links and discussion points included. Please do take a look and let us know if you would like any further guidance. You can also find e-safety contacts and information in the safeguarding section of our website.

<https://news.service.education.gov.uk/0024F45BFD22C88D2C96F3612DBC1AD4A25AE0FA2A551E766F4F32DCE0037EC0/52484516D113541C47EF4D721BEA18D9/LE35>

A brief update on the Foxwood secondary build: with a project of this size there are always a few sticking points along the way. Wildlife considerations - particularly badgers and bats - have been a key factor recently. Without going into too much detail, we are still on track to begin this year. You may have noticed the large stockpiles of rubble on site - these will start to be removed from next week onwards, although with thousands of tonnes involved it will take a little time.

I'll be sending out our annual parent survey next term. In the meantime, please remember that you can contact us at any time if you would like to discuss anything. We may not always have an immediate solution, but we will always listen and do our best to help.

Finally, a word about our **Celebration** value. We work hard every day to promote Education, Learning for Life and Independence, but we also want to celebrate successes of all kinds. Please feel free to share your child's achievements with us — we can recognise them in class, in assembly, or on wider school platforms.

Have a lovely break, and we look forward to the beginnings of spring — hopefully with some well-earned sunshine.

Best wishes



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