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Dear Parents / Carers,

This week we had a really exciting workshop from the 'NED Show' where the children learned about having a positive growth mindset whilst watching some amazing yo-yo tricks! We were introduced to NED whose name stands for '**N**ever Give Up, **E**ncourage Others, and **D**o Your Best.' The workshop was inspiring for children and staff alike and since Tuesday there have been lots of conversation about 'growing your brain' especially while trying to learn some new yo-yo tricks! These have been on sale in the office all week and we've done a roaring trade, it's just a shame we have to hand over the profits to the company to pay for the workshop and not keep them in school! When I've spoken to parents / carers it seems that the large majority of children forgot the important message about getting a yo-yo; they were told in the workshop to ask how they could earn one! So if your child 'forgot' that minor detail you might like to remind them and provide them with a job to do.



Last Friday we held a coffee morning in school which was attended by two members of our governing body who were there to collect parental views about the school over a bacon / veggie sausage sandwich. We advertised this event a number of times by text, newsletter and the school app so were really disappointed when only one parent turned up! We are really keen to find out what parents think about the school – what do we do really well to support your child and help them to learn, but also what could we do better? The survey has now gone on the school app and will also go home in book bags. We would strongly encourage you to complete this either on paper or electronically. There are some positive comments on the app survey but also a few negative comments which we can't follow up as the people have chosen to remain anonymous. This is of course your right, but it also means we can't talk to you about the problem and try and resolve it, if you have a worry please share it in person – we will listen and do our best to help.



Some of the comments on the survey so far relate to a lack of school discos or cinema evenings for children which I can understand, however the difficulty here is in the fact that we don't have an active PTA at Grimes Dyke. We really need a group of parents who want to help organise events such as Christmas and Summer Fairs, Discos, Cinema Evenings, Bingo and many, many more possibilities. I can't rely on the staff in school to organise all of these things in isolation. If we can get some parent volunteers who want to help, I have staff in school who will willingly do the same. I'm sure parents at Grimes Dyke will have some great ideas for fun events for our children some which can help with fundraising or some that will just provide that little bit extra experience outside of the taught curriculum. Please come and talk to us if you want to help organise a PTA group, we'd love it if a gang of parents got together in the playground and decided to start a PTA, we can start small and build up to larger events so why not give it a go? I'm happy to chat to a group of parents together about how we can start – just turn up at the office as a gang! If individuals are interested you can contact us either by calling in at the school office to chat, using my email address to send me a message or by using the school text service to send a message.

Too many children are forgetting to bring their P.E. kit to school this term, it's becoming a bit of a problem. Could you please check that your child has a P.E. kit that can be kept in school (black shorts / white t-shirt)? Children without a kit cannot participate fully in lessons and we don't have endless spare sets.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Hill