



Dear Parents & Carers,

Another fantastic week in school! It is definitely starting to feel like spring is on its way, with lighter mornings and evenings and we can all look forward to half-term in a few weeks' time.

There has been some fantastic learning across the school this week – both myself, Mr Cope and Mrs Cromey-Hawke have been lucky enough to spend time in all classes looking at some of the fantastic learning happening. The children are definitely showing their determination to care, aspire and excel in all they do.

The Key Stage 2 parents also attended the information evening for Carlton Lodge on Wednesday – which hopefully gave lots of useful information. We will be sending final details home before half-term to ensure everyone has the information they require to help them prepare properly.

We have lots to look forward to before half-term including our next art week which will focus on colour and painting, and Safer Internet Day next Tuesday.

Have a great weekend,
Mr Donaldson

Skip2bFit

We are really excited to have Dave from Skip2bFit return to school on Wednesday 2nd March. The children have really enjoyed the work they have done with Dave over the last year; as well as improving their skipping ability they have also built their growth mindset and resilience skills. We can't wait to show him how our daily practice at lunchtime has helped further improve our wonderful skills!

World Book Week

World Book Day falls on Thursday 3rd March (the week after half-term). We are planning lots of book related activities for that week and Mr. Cope will be writing to everyone next week with further information about the events we have planned.

On Wednesday 2nd March, Little Ripon Book Shop will be holding a book sale after school. We would love you to come and choose a book to read at home!

Let's Celebrate!

	Robin Class (R/Y1)	Kingfisher Class (Y2)	Partridge Class (Y3/4)	Woodpecker Class (Y5/6)
Above & Beyond <i>(Care – Aspire – Excel)</i>	Rose G	Felicity	Cate	Emily
Writer of the Week	Rose F	Fearne	Emily	Ned
Mathematician of the Week	Jude	Charlie	Jay	Joshua
Tidy Classroom	TBC			
Team Point Winners	Castle Bolton			
The Golden Spoon	Lilly			

Diary Dates

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Wednesday 16 th February	Y6 Assessment Meeting	Y6 Parents	Parents informed
Friday 18 th February	Half-Term Holiday	All	N/A
Monday 28 th February	Staff Training Day	All	Parents informed
Tuesday 1 st March	Return after Half-Term	All	N/A
Tuesday 1 st March	Book Week	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 2 nd March	Box2bFit Day	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 2 nd March	Little Ripon Book Shop Book Fair	All	Information to follow
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day	All	Information to follow
Friday 4 th March	Y2 Dance Morning @ The Station	Y2	Information to follow
7 th – 9 th March	Y5/6 Carlton Lodge Visit	Y5/6	Parents informed
9 th -10 th March	Y3/4 Carlton Lodge Visit	Y3/4	Parents informed
Friday 18 th March	Y5/6 Dance Morning @ The Station	Y5/6	Parents informed
Tuesday 5 th April	Yorkshire Sculpture Park Visit	All	Information to follow

Around the Classes...

Robin Class: We are having a great time in Robins. We have been scientists this week and tried to make rockets. We failed but continued to persevere and we launched one yesterday! Further work to be done next week in this area. In computing Reception have enjoyed giving the Bee bots algorithms to make them move and Year ones have been inserting images into documents. We have found out who Henry VIII is in History and know some facts about him.

Kingfisher Class: What a wonderful week! The children have worked very hard in all areas of the curriculum. They have instantly become experts in finding arrays in maths and have even found them around school! In our English lessons they have written very persuasive information texts using expanded noun phrases and coordinating conjunctions. They also have worked very hard to develop their understanding of how to program software in their Computing lessons. Well done Kingfishers!

Partridge Class: In Maths, Partridge Class have reached the end of their unit of work on multiplication and division. All children have worked hard throughout and are now able to apply their knowledge to solve multiplication and division problems! In English we have finished writing our stories, based on our class text 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane'. All the children have used fantastic descriptive sentences in their writing and their final stories were fantastic! In our history topic, we have explored how crime and punishment changed during the 1500's and the introduction of witch craft and highway men!

Woodpecker Class: In English this week, we have been exploring balanced discussions. The example we used focussed on whether children should be allowed to eat chocolate for breakfast or not. There were arguments for both sides but the conclusion was that the negatives outweigh the benefits so if any of the children have said Mr. Cope says we can have chocolate for breakfast, please don't believe them (as I know that was their plan!). In maths, we have been converting decimals and fractions to help order them; this can be extremely tricky but I am really pleased with their attitudes. We have continued to learn about how 'Crime and Punishment' has changed in history and in science we investigated how the intensity of exercise can affect our heart rate (which involved a lot of heavy breathing).

Online Safety

Do you know what your child is doing online? Do they only access age appropriate apps and games?

Please use the links below to access more information and brush-up your knowledge about Internet safety.

The Online Safety section of our website is full of useful links, information and reminders www.huntonarrathorne.n-yorks.sch.uk/onlinesafety

Safeguarding Reminders

If you are concerned about the safety or welfare of a child, it is important to remember that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, however the below information may be useful:

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Mr. Samuel Donaldson, the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL) is Mr. Gavin Cope. The named governor for Safeguarding is Mrs. Louise Wyatt.

Further information, including policies, can be found on our website