



Dear Parents & Carers,

What a week! What a half-term! Every single pupil has continued to care, aspire and excel in all that they have done. The week has been rounded off in a really lovely way with all children having the opportunity to 'be creators' as we celebrated our third 'art week' with a theme of colour. It was great to welcome Chris Layfield back into school on Monday to run colour workshops with each class. I wonder if anyone can remember the name and some facts of their focus artist?...

There is much to look forward to when we return to school after half term. You should have received an email / letter earlier in the week about our 'Book Week' celebrations; Dave will be back with a Skip2bFit workshop and Kingfisher Class will visit Charlotte Jacqueline School of Dance on Friday 4th March for the first of our dance workshops.

Please remember that school is closed on Monday 28th February for staff training – we will reopen to pupils on Tuesday 1st March.

Have a lovely half term break.

Mr Donaldson

Governors' Corner

As a governor responsible for SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities), I was invited into school this week to see Mrs Cromey-Hawke. She discussed with me all the work that she and the staff were doing to support children with SEND. I was very impressed with the knowledge and understanding they have of each child's needs and the strategies, they put in place to include them.

Louise Wyatt
Governor

SCHOOL WILL RE-OPEN ON TUESDAY 1ST MARCH

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>	Abigail	Fearne	Phoebe	Bruce
Writer of the Week	Toby	Evie	Rosie	Niamh
Mathematician of the Week	Noah	Rafe	Sophie R	Darcey
Tidy Classroom	Partridge			
Team Point Winners	Bolton & Middleham			
The Golden Spoon	Jay			

Diary Dates

When?	What?	Who?	How?
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 sent
Wednesday 2 nd March	Skip2bFit Day	All	See below
Wednesday 2 nd March	Little Ripon Book Shop Book Fair	All	Information sent
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day	All	Information sent
Friday 4 th March	Y2 Dance Morning @ The Station	Y2	Information sent
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	Information to follow
Tuesday 5 th April	Yorkshire Sculpture Park Visit	All	Information to follow

Skip2bFit

Our latest Skip2bFit Day will take place on Wednesday 2nd March.

Children are welcome to wear their P.E kits to school all day on this day to make sure we have maximum skipping time!

Thank you.

Book Week

Just a quick reminder of some of the exciting events we have planned for book week:

Tuesday 1st March – Book Carousel

Wednesday 2nd March – Book Fair (Little Ripon Book Shop)

Thursday 3rd March – Story Swap

Friday 4th March – ‘The Book Bake Off’

Please speak to Mr. Cope if you have any questions about the above.

Around the Classes...

Robin Class: What an amazing Art Week Robins have had. There has been paint everywhere, and I mean everywhere! For that, I can only apologise, but the children have had the best week learning all about colour, using a wide range of mediums to create shades by mixing black or white with different colours. Looking at the artist Kandinsky, they have used his work to inspire their creations. If you ask your child about Kandinsky they may tell you a fact or two. Well done to our budding artists!

Kingfisher Class: As well as writing our own poetry in English, and investigating division in Maths we have all had a super Art Week! We began by learning some facts about Pablo Picasso and his life; before looking at his portraits of Dora Marr. We were amazed to find out that she was a real person! Inspired by Picasso's use of colour, we began to create our own pieces of work – thinking carefully about how to mix primary colours to create secondary colours and exploring adding white to change the tone of a colour. What a great half term's work!

Partridge Class: Partridge Class have loved getting messy during art week this week! We started off the week with a visit from artist Chris Layfield and then found out more about our artist for the week - Lucy Pittaway. We then explored tinting colours and created some very colourful splash art masterpieces! We used all of the skills we have learned so far to mix colours and choose appropriate painting tools to create our own Lucy Pittaway inspired artwork. Alongside our artwork, we have been working on writing our 'twisted tales' in English and have started exploring fractions in maths. After such a busy week, we are all ready for a well-deserved break! Have a lovely half term.

Woodpecker Class: With half-term approaching, the Woodpeckers have enjoyed art week where once again they have blown me away with their art skills! On Monday, they experimented with mixing colours during their workshop with artist Chris, on Tuesday we learnt more about artist Ben Mosley before replicating some of his work and finally on Friday we have explored how colour can be used to represent mood and emotions. I hope everyone has an enjoyable half-term after working so hard since term began in January and return refreshed and healthy!

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