



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the final half-term! It was lovely to have some sunny weather over the half-term and, hopefully, you were able to spend some quality time together as families. This week we have said a big 'hello and welcome' to Emilia who has joined us in Year 1 and Lexi who has joined Year 3. We hope they and their families have received a warm welcome and settle in quickly to our school community.

This half-term is always very busy. Next week, we have events taking place on most days – including Sports Morning, Kingfisher Class Assembly and several trips out. Thankfully, things quieten down over the next few weeks before the end of year celebrations including our end of year production and Leavers' Assembly.

Casting has been completed and rehearsals have begun for our production of 'The Lion King'. Although it is early days, it is already clear that the audiences are in for a real treat!

Have a good weekend,
Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Cope

Kingfisher Class Assembly

Kingfisher Class are looking forward to presenting their Class Assembly to family and friends next Wednesday 10th June at 2.45pm. The assembly will take place on the school playground – please do join us if you can.

Sports Morning

Just a reminder that our Sports Morning will take place next Tuesday morning on the village green. Please do come and cheer on your children and their team. Children may come to school in their school PE kit all day on Tuesday 9th June.

Staffing Update

In sad news (but good news for her!) Mrs Donnelly has been successful in getting a new job working for the Local Authority. She will still be with us until the end of the month before she begins her new chapter. Mrs. Donnelly has been a truly versatile, flexible and dedicated member of staff and will be greatly missed.

Let's Celebrate!

See who has been awarded in Celebration Assembly this week!

	Mrs. Dozēy	Mrs. Hollocks	Mr. Donaldson	Mrs. Tunmore	Miss Weeks	Mrs. Kawai-Calderhead	Mr. Cope
Care – Aspire – Excel Awards	Thomas D	Aggie		Lily	Henry S	Charlie W	
	Robin Class (Rec/Y1)	Kingfisher Class (Y1 & Y2)		Goldfinch Class (Y3)	Partridge Class (Y4 & Y5)		Woodpecker Class (Y6)
Curriculum Award	Dougie	Freya		Bill	Bernard		River
Aims Award	Amelia	Ralph		Finn	Betsy		Grace E
Team Points	Middleham						
Presentation Prize	Seb						
Golden Spoon	Bernard						
Monarch of Manners	Cora						
Tidy Classroom	Woodpeckers						

KS1 Fun Run

The Year 1 & 2 'Fun Run' takes place next Friday. Please remember to give consent via Parent Pay if you haven't already. Again, children in Kingfisher Class may wear PE kit to school.

Y4/5 Jorvik Centre

The Year 4/5 visit to the Jorvik Centre takes place next Thursday. Please ensure you have consented via Parent Pay if you haven't already! Thank you.

Around the Classes...

Robin Class: This week, the children have been introduced to their new topic 'Who lives in a castle like this?' They came up with a list of questions they would like to find out about castles - present and past. 'What kind of food did they eat in the castle?' 'What did they make them out of?' In Maths, we have been reviewing our number bonds to 5 (2 numbers that make 5 altogether) using our fingers, resources (such as cubes and counters) and mental maths knowledge! In PE, we have been working on our ball skills - using resources to roll the balls around, stopping and starting with control.

Kingfisher Class: We have had a very busy week. Year 1 children have been working very hard preparing for their Phonics Screening Check – this will take place next week, so please ensure children are in school. In Maths, we have begun a new unit of learning on statistics and have enjoyed exploring tally-charts and tables. We have started rehearsals for our Class Assembly and are excited to link it to our History learning, which we have also started this week – investigating 'Who is the greatest history maker?' It has been lovely to be back in school and we are excited about the final half-term together.

Goldfinch Class: Welcome back for the final half-term in Year 3. We started with our No Outsiders story 'My Name is not Refugee' with the focus of understanding. We showed great enthusiasm in sharing kind gestures and what we knew about different countries. We are continuing with our class novel 'The Demon Headmaster' during story time whilst in Maths, we have continued our fraction unit. We are preparing for our upcoming sports morning by developing our fundamentals in PE. And of course, the 'Lion King' rehearsals have commenced, we are loving the songs so far!

Partridge Class: Partridges have had a wonderful first week back at school. In History, we have started learning about the Vikings, questioning whether they were raiders, traders or a combination of both. We have also enjoyed creating our own 'Lost Thing' in English, which has been based on our new class text and a short film to support them. It has been amazing to see how dedicated the children are to their learning in Maths as we continue to develop our understanding of fractions. Well done to all of the children!

Woodpecker Class: This week, we welcomed back the Year 6 children for their final half-term with us! The main focus for this week, as it will be for the next few weeks, has been on writing; as you know, the children do not sit a SAT test in writing so we are now working hard to build a bank of evidence which showcases each of the skills which have been developed throughout the course of key stage two. We have focussed on fiction writing this week, basing our first piece on an image titled 'No Words, Just Notes' before moving onto the dark and eerie 'Alma' short film. The children have applied themselves brilliantly and it has been a pleasure to read some of the work they have produced so far!

Diary Dates

Please keep checking the dates below as some may change at short notice!

When?	What?	Who?	How?
W/C Monday 1 st June	Y4 Multiplication Check Begins	Y4	Information sent
W/C Monday 8 th June	Y1 Phonics Screening Check Begins	Y1	Information sent
Wednesday 10 th June	Year 1 & 2 Class Assembly	Y1/2	Information sent
Tuesday 9 th June	Sports Morning	All	Information sent
Thursday 11 th June	Y4/5 Visit to Jorvik Viking Centre	Y4/5	Information to follow
Friday 12 th June	KS1 Fun Run	Y1/2	Information to follow
Wednesday 24 th June	Reception Class Assembly	REC	Information sent
Friday 26 th June	Strawberry Fair	Y6	Information to follow
Thursday 2 nd July	Transition Afternoon	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 8 th July	'The Lion King' – 2pm and 6pm	KS2	Information to follow
Friday 10 th July	End of Year Reports	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 14 th July	Richmond Team Visit to Richmond Castle	R'mond	Information to follow
Friday 17 th July	Leavers' Assembly	Y6	Information to follow
Friday 17 th July	End of Term	All	See newsletter
Monday 7 th September	School Opens	All	See newsletter

Safeguarding Reminders

Mr. Sam Donaldson is the Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Mr. Gavin Cope is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Mrs. Louise Wyatt is the Safeguarding Link Governor.

If you have worries or concerns about a pupil, please don't hesitate to speak to one of the people named above, in confidence.