



Dear Parents,

It has been a different week in school as everyone (children and staff!) have shown great flexibility whilst the Year 6 children completed their SATS assessments. We are very proud of them.

We have also enjoyed celebrating 'Careers' Day' today – it was great to see the children dressing up as what they would like to be in the future. In classrooms, they have spent the day learning about a whole range of employability skills ranging from problem solving to communication – we're sure they will be great employees of the future!

The half-term is whizzing by and next week we have lots to look forward to – our 'Art Week'; a visit from Chris Layfield of 'Open Door Art'; our whole school visit to the Himalayan Garden and Sculpture Park; and Year 6 also have a special visit to the theatre in Bradford to watch 'The Boy at the Back of the Class'. Lots to look forward to!

Have a good weekend,

Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Cope

Staffing Update

Sadly, Mrs. Kawai-Calderhead has informed us that she will be leaving us at the end of the summer term to spend more time working for her family business. Mrs. Kawai-Calderhead has been a wonderful colleague and teacher over the past four years and will be very much missed.

We have, however, appointed a brilliant new teacher to join us in September. Mrs. Rachel Wilson has sixteen years teaching experience and has worked in schools across North Yorkshire, Darlington and, most recently, Stockton. She met with a group of pupils as part of her interview and was a firm favourite. We will be finalising class structures and teaching arrangements and will share these after half-term.

Production News...

It's the moment everyone has been waiting for! Today, we announced our next spectacular end of year production....'The Lion King'. The children now have a week to rehearse before casting next week. Although the older children are cast in main roles, all of Key Stage 2 will be involved in the performances on Wednesday 6th July.

We will be sending more details home after half-term.

Whole School Visit – Himalayan Garden

Don't forget that the whole school will be visiting the Himalayan Garden and Sculpture Park near Masham next Wednesday. This will be a great opportunity to explore and see art in real-life and coincides with our art week.

If you haven't already given consent for your child to take part in the visit, please do so via Parent Pay. Children will need to wear school uniform but bring clothing appropriate to the weather (sun-hat or raincoat!), a packed lunch and water bottle. They will depart and return to school to coincide with the timings of the usual school day. Let's hope the sun shines!

Sports Morning

Our Sports Morning is planned for Tuesday 9th June from 10.00-11.30 on the Village Green. We hope you can join us as the children earn points for their team and compete in traditional races. Children can wear their P.E kit to school all day.

Let's Celebrate!

There is no Celebration Assembly this week due to the launch of the Key Stage 2 Production!

Year 6

Year 6 have truly been superstars this week as they completed their SATS assessments. We are very proud of their efforts! Well done!

Year 3 Class Assembly

It was great to see so many Year 3 parents and families joining us for their class assembly on Wednesday. We were so impressed with such confident performances.

Around the Classes...

Robin Class: This week, we have been enjoying our key text 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We have been thinking about plants and planting our own green beans - we will watch and wait to see what happens! We have been re-telling the story in the small world area and linking in some measurement work, looking at height and using vocabulary such as 'tall/er/est, short/er/est'. In handwriting, we have been working really hard to focus on building our fluency in writing using the formation phrases to support us. In Forest School, we read 'Jack and the Jellybean Stalk' where magic beans turned into lollypops - how? We are still wondering...

Kingfisher Class: We have had a super week. On Monday and Tuesday, we enjoyed having Mrs. Dozey whilst Mr. Donaldson helped the Year 6's with SATS. She was very impressed with how much progress we have made! In maths, the Year 2 children have been investigating thirds and three-quarters, whilst the Year 1 children consolidated what they could remember! We have also enjoyed our geography learning – exploring what transport and other features are found in Kampong Ayer.

Goldfinch Class: We started off the week with our final two geography lessons, exploring why the Amazon Rainforest is so wet and humid and why parts of Africa are so dry! We've used a prodigious range of vocabulary throughout the topic! Fractions are coming along nicely in maths, having pizza at the forefront of our mind definitely helps! Well, I think you'll agree we were risk takers and creators in our very own class assembly, thank you for the support, whether you were there in person or helping with lines at home. We completed our class text 'Stig of the Dump,' by Clive King, which we all thoroughly enjoyed especially the cliff-hangers most days! Our 'Careers Day' was exhilarating, seeing all of our emerging inspirations for the future.

Partridge Class: We have had a wonderful week in Partridges this week. In Maths, we have been continuing working very hard with our fractions topic. In PE, we've been happy and healthy practicing our relay skills and working together as a team. We've had lots of computing to do this week - learning about search engines and how we can make sure we are safe online. Well done for a great week Partridges!

Woodpecker Class: A quiet week for the Woodpeckers!! We have to say how amazingly proud of the children we are – their attitudes, resilience and determination have been so impressive and we know that they have all done their best which is all we can ask of them. Aside from our SATs, we have been working through our geography unit, exploring megacities around the world and developing our map work by using 4 and 6-figure grid references. And of course, we were very excited by the announcement for our end-of-year show – we are sure they will be brilliant in whatever role they have. Have a lovely, relaxing weekend, it is very well-deserved.

Diary Dates

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

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Wednesday 20 th May	Whole School Visit – Himalayan Sculpture Garden	All	Information sent
Thursday 21 st May	Year 6 Theatre Visit	Y6	Information sent
Friday 22 nd May	School Closes for Half Term	All	See newsletter
Monday 1 st June	School Opens	All	See newsletter
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 to follow
Thursday 11 th June	Y4/5 Visit to Jorvik Viking Centre	Y4/5	Information to follow
Wednesday 24 th June	Reception Class Assembly	REC	Information sent
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
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.