



Dear Parents & Carers,

What a great week of learning in school! I have spent a thoroughly enjoyable time in each class this week, seeing learning adventures including vlogging in Year 5/6, some tricky subtraction work in Year 3/4 and Year 2 investigating different nativity scenes from around the world in their R.E lesson. Don't forget to check the back page of the newsletter for information about what your child is learning.

As we head towards December there are many events to hopefully look forward to! Preparations are underway for the nativity 'Oops a Daisy Angel' which will be led by our youngest children and also our Christingle Service in Patrick Brompton which the Key Stage 2 children will lead. We are very much looking forward to sharing these with our families and friends.

Information should also be coming home shortly about our pantomime visit to Darlington Hippodrome, Christmas Lunch and our plans for a Christmas Party. There is lots to look forward to which we will try to always include on the newsletter. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher, a member of staff on the gate or the school office.

Have a super weekend,
Mr Donaldson

The Golden Spoon

For the last two weeks, the children have been very driven to be awarded the infamous 'Golden Spoon'. The golden spoon is chosen by Miss Whittaker for somebody who goes the extra mile at lunchtime. There have been two very worthy winners so far who have shown incredible manners and a caring attitude during our lunchtimes.

Christmas Hampers

Many thanks for the amazing prizes which have been donated for Christmas hampers so far. There is a donation box on the playground. A huge thanks also to the PTFA for their hard work in organising this for us!



Musical Theatre Day

Just a reminder that next Wednesday the Year 4 and 5 children will visit Bedale High School to take part in a Musical Theatre Day. Don't forget your packed lunch!

The Year 3 and 6 children will spend the day with Mr. Cope.

Let's Celebrate!



This week our super support staff have chosen the Care – Aspire – Excel winners!



	Robin Class (Rec/Y1)	Kingfisher Class (Y2)	Partridge Class (Y3/4)	Woodpecker Class (Y5/6)
Above & Beyond <i>(Care – Aspire – Excel)</i>	Margot	Evie	Emily	Nina
Writer of the Week	Bernard	Charlie	Barnaby	Ava
Mathematician of the Week	Abigail	Felicity	Cate	Ned
Tidy Classroom	Woodpecker			
Team Point Winners	Bolton			

Diary Dates

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Tuesday 30 th November	Robinwood Information Evening	Y5/6 Parents	Details sent
Wednesday 1 st December	Musical Theatre Day at Bedale High	Y4/5 Pupils	Details sent
Wednesday 8 th December	Christmas Lunch	All	Details sent
Wednesday 8 th December	'Oops a Daisy Angel'	R/Y1/Y2 Parents	Details sent
Friday 10 th December	Christmas Jumper Day	Everyone	Details to follow
Tuesday 14 th December	Darlington Hippodrome Pantomime	Everyone	Details sent
Wednesday 15 th December	Christingle @ Patrick Brompton 6pm	Everyone	Details to follow
Thursday 16 th December	Christmas Party & Craft Morning	Everyone	Details to follow
Friday 17 th December	Break up for Christmas Holiday	Everyone	N/A
Tuesday 4 th January	Staff Training Day	All	N/A
Wednesday 5 th January	Spring Term Starts	All	N/A

Old Toy Plea!

If you have any old dressing up clothes or toys (not electronic) which your children no longer play with, we would be very grateful if you could send them in to use at break-times.

Thank you 😊

Lifelong Readers

A huge 'well done' to the children who were elected as Reading Ambassadors earlier in the week. We can't wait to see how they share their passion for reading with everyone in our school! Reading was celebrated on Monday in multiple ways – we gathered for our first 'Big Read', the new ambassadors have launched some break-time reading books and even the teachers had a staff meeting on how we can share our love of reading throughout the school!

Around the Classes...

Robin Class: This week Robin class have been learning about amphibians. We have added to our list of animal expert facts. We have begun to think about why Christians perform Nativities as part of our RE learning. And, of course, there has been plenty of singing practice for our nativity. If you have any costumes ready, please send them into school in a named bag.

Kingfisher Class: Kingfisher Class are really enjoying joining their friends in Robin Class for nativity rehearsals – please send in any costumes you have ready. This week we have been thinking about character descriptions in our English lessons and learning how to add 2 lots of 2 digit numbers in maths. The children really enjoyed learning about nativities around the world and were thrilled that Mrs. Webster brought in some special scenes to share with them!

Partridge Class: Following on from our debate last week, we have continued with the theme of deforestation in English. We have all written a persuasive letter to a logging company, expressing our concerns, and trying to persuade them to stop cutting down the trees. In maths, we come to the end of addition and subtraction, extending our problem-solving skills to work out some multi step calculations! In PE we are becoming experts at ultimate frisbee! We have mastered throwing and catching and are moving onto playing a full game of ultimate frisbee.

Woodpecker Class: This week, we have worked on our story writing skills, predicting what would happen next in Who Let the Gods Out before finishing the book to find out. The children have enjoyed the story enormously even if it did leave us on a cliffhanger! In Maths, we have started our work on fractions, deepening our understanding of equivalent fractions, simplifying and converting improper fractions. Everyone has shown a brilliant attitude to what is often a dreaded topic and I couldn't be happier with the work they have produced.

Lunches

Why not try one of delicious school lunches provided by our new meals provider, Taylor Shaw?

The menu is too vast (and tasty!) to include on our newsletter but can be found on the school website:

<http://huntonarrathorne.n-yorks.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Autumn-Menu-HA.pdf>