



Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you have all enjoyed a wonderful and restful Easter holiday. It has been great to see the children come back to school so full of enthusiasm and with a great learning attitude as we get set for a busy term ahead.

I'm sure you will have received the letter (and heard!) about the exciting launch of our 'H&A 21' which will begin with our whole school seaside visit on Friday 13th May. That's just one of many exciting events – over the next three weeks we also have a cricket competition, a Box2bFit Day, phonics events, swimming lessons and another dance session at Richmond Station – not to mention Year 6 SAT's week which will begin on Monday 9th May.

This week all of the children have thoroughly enjoyed the Design Technology Days which, this term, have focussed on Food and Nutrition. There has been an array of food made throughout the school including fruit kebabs, fruit smoothies, sandwiches and scones. Alongside this the children have extended their knowledge of healthy eating and diet – I wonder what they can remember about the 'Eat Well Plate?!

It has been a very busy and exciting first week back in school and I am sure everyone is ready for the weekend – let's hope for some sunshine!

Mr Donaldson

Box2bFit

We are very excited that Dave from Skip2bFit will be visiting again next **Tuesday 3rd May** for a Box2bFit day.

The children always get such a lot out of Dave's workshops and I am sure that next week's will be no different. Please make sure P.E kits are in school on Tuesday (there is no need for the children to come to school in their P.E kits on this occasion.)

P.E Kits

As the weather gets warmer, we may well wish to make the most of the sunshine with additional P.E sessions. Please make sure your child has their P.E kit in school all week so we can be spontaneous if the sun shines!

Let's Celebrate!

Our wonderful award winners this week are:

	Robin Class (Rec/Y1)	Kingfisher Class (Y2)	Partridge Class (Y3/4)	Woodpecker Class (Y5/6)
Above & Beyond (Care – Aspire – Excel)	Kirsty	Bea	Anna	Ellie
Writer of the Week	Penelope	Olivia	Jude	Samuel
Mathematician of the Week	Max	Rafe	Cate	Riley
Tidy Classroom	Kingfisher			
Team Point Winners (Term)	Middleham			
The Golden Spoon	Rose G			

Diary Dates

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Tuesday 3 rd May	Box2bFit	All	See newsletter
Thursday 5 th May	Y3/4 Cricket Competition	Some Y3/4	Parents informed
Friday 6 th May	Dance Morning @ Richmond	Robin Class	Parents informed
9 th – 12 th May	Year 6 SAT'S Week	Y6	Parents informed
17 th & 19 th May	Parents Evenings	All	Information to follow
Friday 20 th May	Dance Morning @ Richmond	Partridge Class	Information to follow
Wednesday 25 th May	Platinum Jubilee Celebrations	All	Information to follow
Thursday 9 th June	Geography Fieldwork Day	All	Information to follow
Tuesday 21 st June	Sports Afternoon	All	Information to follow

Pumpkins!

It's time to start thinking about getting your pumpkin seeds into pots ready to plant out in May. Nothing beats watching your own pumpkin grow! We look forward to showcasing pumpkins of every size in our annual Pumpkin Parade in the autumn. Until then good luck and happy planting.

Around the Classes...

Robin Class: Welcome back everyone. It has been great to see everybody, lots of smiling faces in Robins and it looks like everybody has grown a little bit. Everyone looked super smart this week and ready to learn. We had an amazing time planning and making our fruit kebabs. They were tasty, delicious, sweet, and tangy, some of the words used by the children. We used the story 'Handa's Surprise' to launch into our DT work and loved learning about this story which is based in Africa. The children have started 'Living by a Lake' in Geography and 'Plants' in Science. The tadpoles have grown legs and are now froglets so it is time to say goodbye, they will be heading home this weekend. There has been so much learning already in Robins, starting we mean to go on. Have a great Bank Holiday weekend!

Kingfisher Class: What a wonderful week! I was so impressed with the techniques and knowledge Year 2 showed during our Design Technology Days. They analysed existing products, tasted, made and evaluated some super smoothies – alongside this they developed many food skills such as cutting, peeling, squeezing...the list goes on! As well as Design Technology they have been reflecting on the visit to Yorkshire Sculpture Park in our English lessons and developing their understanding of subordinating and co-ordinating conjunctions. In Maths, they have continued to explore time and wowed everyone with their understanding of telling the time to five minutes. Throw in Music, P.E, French, Science and Geography and I think you'll agree that they have had a busy week indeed!

Partridge Class: Partridge Class have come to back after half term refreshed, full of energy and ready to learn. A very busy start to the term began with 2 days of DT in which we made healthy, tasty sandwiches. The children have learned how to safely use a sharp knife to prepare food! Over the next couple of weeks, our maths lessons will focus on mass and capacity. We have started learning how to read scales in grams and kilograms and how to add and subtract mass. In English we have been perfecting some skills we have learned in previous weeks including using commas and apostrophes accurately. I am very impressed with the children's outstanding attitudes to learning this week. Have a lovely long weekend!

Woodpecker Class: It has been great to welcome back the children after the Easter break and they have settled back into school incredibly well. We kicked off the week tasting, evaluating and then baking our own scones; they looked delicious and a big thank you to Mrs Whittaker for her help this week! In maths, we have been learning more about time, looking at various timetables and answering questions based on them. In English, our focus has been on tenses, learning how to use the present progressive and past progressive. Today, we explored some mountaineering equipment as a way of launching our new geography topic of 'Mountains' which I am sure the children will enjoy learning more about!

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