



Dear Parents & Carers,

I can't believe it is already July! It definitely doesn't feel like a year ago since we were preparing to say goodbye to our last Year 6's and welcome our new Reception starters, but here we are again!

There has been a fantastic buzz around the learning taking place in school this week with all children demonstrating their readiness for their next class or school. We are all so proud of all they have achieved. Next Wednesday afternoon, all children will be spending time with their new (or old!) teacher in their new class groups to help with transition for September.

Rehearsals for our production of 'Joseph & The Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat' continue to gather pace – please make sure you have returned your ticket request form. Some children may have also brought home a letter asking if you could help with costumes this week – we'd be very grateful.

As always, if we can help in any way please do contact us – either on the playground at the beginning or end of the day or a phone conversation can be arranged through the School Office.

Have a good weekend,
Mr Donaldson

Governors' Corner

It was an absolute pleasure to visit the school on Wednesday 29th June. In my capacity as Link Governor for English, Mr Cope took me on a tour of the very many stimulating and impactful strategies that are happening across the school. The quality of the writing I encountered was consistently impressive. The feedback all teachers were giving to pupils was both helpful and encouraging. The children were all so welcoming! Moreover, it was wonderful to see how absorbed and happy they were in their learning. Thank you to everyone at the school for making my visit so enjoyable.

Patrick Barber
Chair of Governors

Let's Celebrate!

This week our teachers have chosen 'anyone from anywhere!' for their Care – Aspire – Excel award:

	Mr. Cope	Miss Pole	Mr. Donaldson	Mrs Cromey-Hawke	Mrs Dozēy
Above & Beyond (Care – Aspire – Excel)	Emily	Bruce	Kirsty	Seb	Thomas
Tidy Classroom	Partridges				
Team Point Winners (Term)	Middleham				
The Golden Spoon	Rose F				

Diary Dates

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Wednesday 6 th July	Whole School Transition Afternoon	All	See newsletter
Mon 11 th / Tue 12 th July	Y2 – Y6 Rehearsal Days	Y2 – Y6	Parents informed
Wednesday 13 th July	Y2-Y6 Production – 2pm & 6.30pm	Y2 – Y6	Parents informed
Monday 18 th July	Wellbeing Picnic	Pupils	Information to follow
Friday 22 nd July	Leavers Assembly – 2pm	Y6 Parents	Information to follow
Friday 22 nd July	School Closes for Summer Holiday	All	See newsletter

Y6 Transition

Please see below the Year 6 transition dates which we are aware of so far:

Wensleydale School - Monday 4th – Thursday 8th July

Richmond School – Monday 4th – Wednesday 7th July

St Francis Xavier – Monday 11th July

Sun Safety

As the weather (hopefully) gets warmer, please remember to ensure children have sun-hats, sun cream and a water bottle in school – particularly on P.E days.

Ice Lolly Friday

Don't forget that the Pupil Leadership Team are continuing to sell ice lollies on 'Ice Lolly Friday'. Priced only 50p and available at the picnic benches!

Around the Classes...

Robin Class: What a lovely week in Robin Class, the rain hasn't dampened our spirits! Our current Reception children got to meet and play with our new starters on Wednesday. It was wonderful to watch them mix and talk to each other in the setting. It is assessment week so the children have been busy showing us how much progress they have made this term. We have been writing information texts in Literacy and consolidating our place value in Maths. In History we have been looking at old photographs of the village and discussing how it has changed over time and we have made some fabulous seaside collages. Another busy week, well done Robins.

Kingfisher Class: The Kingfishers have had a fantastic week and are getting more and more ready for Key Stage 2. We have enjoyed continuing to plan our persuasive reports about saving the Giant Panda and enjoyed investigating capacity in maths – lots of water and measuring equipment meant we all had a fantastic time. The children's speaking and listening skills continue to develop thanks to our hard work in our production – it is going to be a real treat! Over the coming weeks, the children will begin to spend more time in Partridge Class with Miss. Pole to help their transition into Year 3. I know Miss Pole is already so impressed!

Partridge Class: We have had such a busy week with rehearsals this week! The performance is really starting to come together, and we can't wait to share it with everyone in a couple of weeks' time! In maths, we have spent time recapping some of the key things we have learnt across the year. In writing, we are working on an information text all about the Alps, linking with our geography topic 'Mountains'. We are coming towards the end of our science topic on plants. On Tuesday, we enjoyed dissecting some flowers to learn about the role of all the different parts inside the flower.

Woodpecker Class: A bit of a strange week in the Woodpeckers this week where our numbers seem to have reduced as the week has progressed! Hopefully everyone has a weekend to recover and we see everyone back feeling better next week. This week, the children have been learning about and creating their own podcasts in computing and in geography we have been comparing the Alps against a mountain range in the UK (The Grampians). The rehearsals continue to progress well and a big well done to all of the children for their hard work. Finally, to the year six children on transition next, we hope you have a great time and we can't wait to hear all about it when you return!

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.