



Dear Parents & Carers,

We have been lucky enough to send both Woodpecker and Partridge Class (separately!) on their residential visit to Carlton Lodge this week. The Y5/6 children stayed for two nights, and the Y3/4's for one. The children were incredible! Not only did they care, aspire and excel but the amount of tenacity, perseverance, kindness and resilience was fantastic to see. Every single child pushed themselves out of their comfort zones and achieved something to be proud of. Of course, we must say a big thank you to Mr Cope, Mrs Donnelly, Mrs Shanley, Miss Pole, Mrs Wheeler and Mrs Webster who all took time away from their own families to accompany the children at various points during the week. We are lucky to have such a wonderful team who go above and beyond for our pupil's.

We have also welcomed Miss Cutter to school this week. Miss Cutter is in her second year of teacher training with York St John and will be working with us over the next term.

I know the Key Stage 2 children are definitely ready for a weekend! Have a great time.

Mr Donaldson

Governors' Corner

The full governing body met last night for our sixth meeting of the academic year. As we approach the end of the financial year, much of our business covered that area. Additionally, between the Headteacher's Report and various reports of visits to school by governors, we were also able to build a detailed picture of all of the exciting and interesting learning activities that have been taking place since our last meeting.

May I offer a special note of thanks to all staff after a particularly busy week in school. We all know how much residential trips are appreciated by pupils; they are often the memories from school days that last longest. It is a long time since the last residential trip was run by the school and it is lovely to see this enriching aspect of school life returning. Thanks again to staff for creating such special experiences.

Patrick Barber
Chair of Governors

Coffee Morning

The PTFA are hosting the Newton-le-Willows coffee morning next Saturday 19th March, 10am-12pm in the village hall there. All are welcome and anyone who could supply some home baking or small raffle prize it would be very much appreciated!



Let's Celebrate!

	Mrs Cromey-Hawke	Mr Donaldson	Miss Pole	Mr Cope
Above & Beyond <i>(Care – Aspire – Excel)</i>	Leo	Joshua & Ronnie	Sophie R & Pip	Thomas & Ned
Writer of the Week	Noah			
Mathematician of the Week	Bernard			
Tidy Classroom	Partridges			
Team Point Winners	Richmond			
The Golden Spoon	Felicity			

Diary Dates

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Friday 18 th March	Y5/6 Dance Morning @ The Station	Y5/6	Information to follow
Friday 18 th March	Red Nose Day	All	Information to follow
Tuesday 23 rd March	KS2 Sportshall Athletics	Some KS2	Information to follow
Tuesday 5 th April	Yorkshire Sculpture Park Visit	All	Information to follow
Thursday 7 th April	Easter Labyrinth – Parents Invited	All	Information to follow
Friday 8 th April	Easter Egg Competition	All	Information to follow
Friday 8 th April	Break up for Easter Holiday	All	Parents informed
Monday 25 th April	Start of Summer Term	All	Parents informed
9 th – 12 th May	Year 6 SAT'S Week	Y6	Parents informed

Tennis Competition

Eight children visited Bedale High School to take part in a Mini Tennis event this morning. We are still waiting for final results, but a big well done to Jay, Lucas, Phoebe, Bea, Nina, Emily, Bruce and Leo. Mrs. Shanley reported back that she was so impressed with how driven the children were – as well as demonstrating their ability to care, aspire and excel.

Red Nose Day

The Pupil Leadership Team have been working very hard with Mrs. Flannigan to organise events for Red Nose Day on Friday 18th March.

We will celebrate by holding a 'Crazy Hair Day' in school. Pupils are welcome to come to school with crazy hair on the day in exchange for a donation to Comic Relief. Please wear uniform as normal (P.E kits for Woodpecker Class!) Thanks

Around the Classes...

Robin Class: Thank you to the Kingfishers this week. They joined us this week for their learning and have been amazing role models to our younger children following the school rules. We have been busy drawing our Pirate portraits and finding out what our pirate name are. There are some very interesting names including Stinky Von Joe and Creepy Parrot of the Sea! The children have loved sharing their favourite toys and talking about why they are special to them. We have continued to work hard in our Maths and English and even managed an extra session with Mr Layfield this week. We are all ready for a rest!

Kingfisher Class: I have really enjoyed hearing what superstars Kingfisher Class have been whilst they have been on their 'holiday' to Robin Class. They have been super role models for the younger children and also enjoyed revisiting times gone by. In Maths they have started some new learning around statistics – investigating pictograms and tally charts and presenting their own data. In English they have let their creative juices flow to plan, write and edit their own story. I am so proud of all the children have achieved during their different week!

Partridge Class: Wow, what a week! I am incredibly proud of every single member of Partridge class. For many, this was the first-time away from families and I am so proud that all children stayed the night and got involved in every single activity. We started our trip with a few games before moving onto our first activity, problem solving. After this, we had lunch and prepared for an afternoon of high ropes. This included zip wires, rope courses, and a leap of faith! We then enjoyed a delicious lunch before heading out into the dark on a scavenger hunt. We then settled down for bed ready for another fun filled day. Thursday included canoeing and raft building- and for some, jumping into the lake! Thank you, Partridge class, for being amazing and making the trip so enjoyable for all!

Woodpecker Class: What a busy but incredibly exciting week for the Woodpeckers this week with our residential visit to Carlton Lodge. All of the staff who accompanied the children were incredibly proud of how they represented themselves and indeed the school; their determination, teamwork and resilience during the activities were very impressive and the way they supported and encouraged each other was a pleasure to see. Although they have returned very tired, I hope they have all had a fantastic experience. I am sure they are ready for a well-earned rest this weekend! On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank them for making it a brilliant week to be involved in.

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