



Dear Parents & Carers,

Last Friday, seven of our Key Stage 2 pupils visited Ripon Cathedral to represent our school in the Service Children's Festival of Remembrance with Mrs. Farrell and Mr. Dodington (one of our parent governors). Both adults were incredibly impressed with the wonderful, reflective way these children represented the rest of our school. Well done to them all. Equally, four of our Key Stage 2 pupils travelled to Giggleswick School near Settle yesterday to represent us in the Cross Country Finals with Mrs. Tunmore and Mrs. Donnelly – a huge well done to Ava, Anna, Phoebe and Lucas.

On Monday we all enjoyed the launch of our 'We are Historians' topic with a visit to Castle Bolton. The day focussed on 'Conflict' which is one of our key concepts in History. It was such a memorable day full of workshops and a great way to immerse ourselves in local history – especially as Castle Bolton is one of our house teams.

The children continue to impress us every day- and as we head into the five-week build up towards Christmas, I am sure we have lots more to look forward to.

Have a super weekend.

Children in Need

As you will know from the letter earlier in the week, the Pupil Leadership Team have decided to mark Children in Need next Friday with a 'Make a Hat Day'. All children will make a hat in school, and we will share our creations with a special 'hat-walk' walk in Celebration Assembly. Donations to Children in Need are welcome 😊

Odd Socks Day

On **Monday 14th November** we will be marking the start of 'Friendship Week' and celebrating diversity by marking '**Odd Socks Day**'.

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.

Pupils can join in the fun by wearing a pair of odd socks on the day – the more colourful the better. No donations are needed!

Let's Celebrate!

This week our staff have chosen anyone from anywhere for Care – Aspire – Excel!

	Woodpecker Class	Partridge Class	Kingfisher Class	Robin Class
Above & Beyond <i>(Care – Aspire – Excel)</i>	Pip	Rafe	Theo	Isobel
	Woodpecker Class (Y5/6)	Partridge Class (Y3/4)	Kingfisher Class (Y2)	Robin Class (R/Y1)
Curriculum Award	Matilda (Maths)	Evie M (Spelling)	Poppy (Handwriting)	Leo (Writing)
Aims Award	Nina	Grace (Inquisitive)	Faye (Inquisitive)	Ruby-Mai (Healthy & Happy)
Team Points	Bolton			
Tidy Classroom	Robins			
Golden Spoon	Ronnie			

Diary Dates

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Monday 14 th November	'Odd Socks Day'	All	See newsletter
W/C Monday 14 th Novem.	Road Safety Workshops – North Yorks Police	All	See newsletter
Friday 18 th November	Children in Need	All	Information to follow
Monday 21 st November	'Crucial Crew'	Y6 Only	Information to follow
Thursday 24 th November	Y5/6 Netball Competition	Some Y5/6	Information to follow
Thursday 1 st December	Class Museums – Parents Welcome 2.45pm	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 7 th December	Rec – Y2 Nativity 2.00pm and 6.00pm	Rec – Y2	Information to follow
Friday 9 th December	Christmas Lunch	All	Information to follow
Tuesday 13 th December	Whole School Visit to Darlington Hippodrome Pantomime 'Peter Pan'	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 14 th December	Christingle @ St Patrick's Church 6.00pm	All	Information to follow
Friday 16 th December	H&A Christmas Jumper Day	All	Information to follow
Friday 16 th December	End of Autumn Term	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 2 nd January	Staff Training Day	All	Parents informed
Wednesday 3 rd January	Start of Spring Term	All	Parents informed
2 nd – 3 rd February	Y5/6 London Residential	Y5/6	Parents informed

Governors' Corner

Three members of the governing body joined the children on their visit to castle Bolton on Monday. We were all given information packs with risk assessments and safeguarding procedures were in place. We had a wonderful day joining in the activities with the children around the castle. The children were all well behaved and engaged with the activities as they learned about life in the castle.

Louise Wyatt
-LEA Governor

Around the Classes...

Robin Class: What a privilege to see the Robin class thoroughly enjoy and participate in the whole school visit to Bolton castle, which complimented our new theme; Who lives in a castle like this? so well. A firm favourite this week has been the role play castle and serving up a banquet. With Remembrance Day upon us, we have been exploring what the poppy represents and explored lots of different activities within the provision. The children were exceptional at the two-minute silence.

Kingfisher Class: Our week began with our exciting visit to Bolton Castle, and we have continued to explore castles in our Reading sessions this week. In maths lessons we have continued to develop our understanding of addition, and in English we have thought about how to write our historical stories about Guy Fawkes. In Science the children have worked hard with Mrs Kawai-Calderhead to continue to investigate materials and their properties. Please remember to keep reading with your child as often as possible – it really does make all the difference.

Partridge Class: This week has been fantastic! On Monday, we fully immersed ourselves into the history of Castle Bolton. We got to wear costumes, use quill pens, learn how to use historic weapons, archery and more! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day and lived up to our school motto Care- Aspire- Excel! Alongside this, we used our history lesson this week to learn more about life in Ancient Egypt and discovered ways in which we can explore the past. In science we experimented with different types of rocks, to check their permeability and density. In English we worked hard writing our newspaper reports and in maths we are working on subtracting 3- or 4-digit numbers! It has been such a busy week, have a restful weekend!

Woodpecker Class: The week started with our trip to Bolton Castle, which helped us to further develop our understanding of how conflict has played a big part in history. The children, as always, were incredibly inquisitive and they represented the school brilliantly - their manners and behaviour are a credit to both the school and all of their families. Our learning of conflict within history was also important as we learnt about the story of the Trojan Horse from Ancient Greece - the children had great fun re-enacting the story although they were slightly disappointed that we had to keep our conflict to a minimum! In maths, we have moved onto division and within English we have been experimenting with the use of dialogue within a story - they have produced some excellent work in what has been a very busy week!