



Dear Parents & Carers,

This week the children have reflected on friendship during our special 'Friendship Week' celebrations. One of the highlights has been creating a friendship chain with a 'paper link' for each child in school – showing how they are all connected as friends. On Monday, everyone reflected on anti-bullying during assembly and 'Odd Socks Day' and today they were change-makers once again as they fundraised for Children in Need.

We are heading towards a busy four weeks in school in the run-up to Christmas. Please see overleaf for details of timings and dates of events like the Christingle and nativity performances. We will write to you closer to December with final details of all things Christmassy.

Have a super weekend,
Mr. Donaldson

Road Safety

We were very grateful to North Yorkshire Police who visited school on Monday and held workshops with each class on road safety – particularly thinking about crossing the road and walking safely on rural roads. I know the children thought carefully about this during the sessions, and hope they will be able to tell you what they learnt at home.

Children in Need

On behalf of the Pupil Leadership Team, a big thank you for your kind donations towards Children in Need.

They are pleased to announce that they raised £52.00 which will be sent to the appeal and make a difference to children's lives in the UK.

Class Museums

On Thursday 1st December, from 2.45pm until 3.15pm we will be inviting parents into school to view the children's history books during a 'class museum'. Some classes may also have some small presentations to also share with parents and friends.

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>	Niamh	Cate	Poppy	Erin
	Woodpecker Class (Y5/6)	Partridge Class (Y3/4)	Kingfisher Class (Y2)	Robin Class (R/Y1)
Curriculum Award	Darcey (Homework)	Max (PE)	Abi	Isabelle
Aims Award	Jay (inquisitive)	Evie F (Creator)	Margot	Tilly
Team Points	Richmond			
Tidy Classroom	TBC			
Golden Spoon	Emily B			

Diary Dates

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Monday 21 st November	'Crucial Crew'	Y6 Only	Information sent
Thursday 24 th November	Y5/6 Netball Competition	Some Y5/6	Information sent
Thursday 1 st December	Class Museums – Parents Welcome 2.45pm	All	See newsletter
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

On Thursday 10th November, I had the pleasure of joining staff and pupils for the "No Outsiders" assembly. These assemblies celebrate the diversity of the world in which we live and give pupils the opportunity to consider & discuss our differences with sensitivity and empathy. I was very impressed with the mature, thoughtful and caring comments pupils made, which showed that our children are developing not only an understanding of the importance of inclusivity, but also the skills to be good global citizens. Well done everyone.

Beverly Smeeton – Equalities Link Governor

Around the Classes...

Robin Class: What a busy start to the week. 'Friendship Week' began with wearing our odd socks at an opening assembly. This was followed by two police officers visiting us from Catterick Garrison. We talked lots about the Highway Code, so we now know even more about road safety. In maths this week, the Reception children have been continuing with 1, 2, 3 and exploring positional language. And the Year 1 children have been deepening their subtraction knowledge. To end the week, we have engaged in lots of activities and discussions based around Children in Need.

Kingfisher Class:

Partridge Class: This week, we had a fantastic history lesson learning all about Tutankhamen. We got into character as archaeologists as we entered the tombs to discover what was inside! Our science lesson this week took us back to prehistoric times, looking at a variety of fossils and discovering how they were formed. In maths, we are now at the end of work on addition and subtraction. We have solved lots of problems and we are now ready to move onto our new unit of work, multiplication and division. In English, we are writing fantasy stories based on the short clip 'Dream Giver'. We have used our creativity to write some fantastic sentences, which we will be able to put into our final story writing next week!

Woodpecker Class: We have celebrated 'Friendship Week' this week, which has involved discussions around how to be a good friend and how to make sure we are always being kind to our friends. In maths, we have been working on division, converting remainders into decimals and exploring written methods for long division - some really tricky skills which they have really worked hard to improve! In English, we started to explore different purposes for writing a letter and particularly when to use formal and informal language - this will help them as we prepare to write our own letters next week. In History, we have continued to learn more about the story of the Trojan Horse - considering evidence which supports it as a factual story as opposed to a myth and the children had great fun in science as they tested to see which materials would dissolve in water! As always, we have been proud of how they always care-aspirer-excel in school.

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.