



Dear Parents & Carers,

The autumn sunshine has been shining this week and we have had a great week in school. Unfortunately, Mrs. Godlee has been absent from school this week – we have tried to keep things running as smoothly as usual in her absence, but thank you for your patience if it has taken a little longer to answer the door or phone!

The children have continued to aspire to be the best versions of themselves this week – it has been great to get out into classes and see such inspiring learning taking place.

Next week, we will be holding the first 'Art Week' of the term – each class will be focusing on technical elements of art such as shape, line and tone to create a final piece. We hope to be able to share some of these with you during our Harvest Festival. Chris (our 'artist in residence') will also be visiting on Monday to complete an art installation which we are very excited about – all of the children will have an opportunity to see him 'at work'.

Please remember, we are always available should you have any questions or concerns.

Have a lovely weekend.

Attendance & Lateness

Next week we will be undertaking attendance monitoring for the first half-term and shall be contacting families to offer advice and support where children's attendance is at risk of falling below expectations.

We have also been reviewing our procedures for lateness – from half-term pupils who arrive after the gates have closed at 8.55am will be asked to sign their child in via a 'late book' which will allow us to monitor this important aspect of attendance and safeguarding carefully. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Parents Evenings

We are very much looking forward to meeting parents and carers for Parents Evenings next Monday and Wednesday.

If you have returned the slip, you should have now received a time for your appointment. Please do contact us if you have not received this, or have any questions.

Let's Celebrate!

Our wonderful award winners who have gone above and beyond this week are:

	Mrs Kawai-Calderhead	Mrs. Webster	Mrs. Donnelly	Mrs. Flannigan	Miss Laws	Mrs. Farrell
Care – Aspire – Excel	Faye	Emily B	Darcey	Lucas	Toby	Ivo
	Woodpecker Class	Partridge Class	Kingfisher Class		Robin Class	
Curriculum Award	Annie (Geography)	Isabella (Geography)	Pippa (P.E)		Rose F (Maths)	
Aims Award	Lucy (Happy & Healthy)	Sam (Inquisitive)	Margot (Creator)		Leo (Lifelong Reader)	
Team Points	Bolton					
Tidy Classroom	TBC					
Golden Spoon	Emily B					

Forest School Club

There will be no Forest School Club next Friday (21st October) due to the Harvest Festival and Pumpkin Parade.

Diary Dates

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Saturday 15 th October	New Starter Event	Rec Starters 2023	Information given
Monday 17 th / Wednesday 19 th October	Parents Evenings 4.00-6.00pm	All	See letter
Friday 21 st October	Harvest Festival / Pumpkin Parade	All	See letter
Friday 21 st October	Break up for Half Term	All	See newsletter
Monday 31 st October	Return to School	All	See newsletter
Monday 7 th November	Whole School Visit to Castle Bolton	All	Information to follow
Monday 14 th November	'Odd Socks Day'	All	Information to follow
Friday 18 th November	Children in Need	All	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	End of Autumn Term	All	Parents informed

Around the Classes...

Robin Class: To start off the week we had a 'Secret Reader' come and visit us and share a story, which we loved! Another great opportunity was singing along to our song of the week 'Respect' which we noticed linked with our school British Values. At break times the children have been keeping 'happy and healthy' playing games on the yard and having a healthy snack. In maths, the Year 1's have been looking at ordinal numbers and placing themselves in order at any opportunity and the Reception children have been looking at patterns. I wonder if the children spot any patterns over the weekend.

Kingfisher Class: What a busy week we have had! We have enjoyed finding out more about instructions and what makes them successful – we will look forward to writing them next week. In our maths lessons, we have begun to investigate addition and subtraction using the facts we know. The children have enjoyed investigating materials in their science lessons. We loved our 'Secret Reader' visit earlier in the week too!

Partridge Class: Partridge Class have had another exciting week where all children have worked incredibly hard. In maths we have moved onto addition and subtraction, where we have been using base ten to help us add and subtract numbers with up to 3 digits. In English we are looking at mystery stories, and next week we will be writing our own mystery story! In geography, we have been exploring the environment in our local area. We walked around the village to look at the surrounding areas and discussed the cleanliness, safety features and noise levels surrounding the school. We all agreed that Hunton is a very environmentally friendly village which is presented beautifully! We are looking forward to art week next week in our final week of the half term!

Woodpecker Class: This week in English, we have focussed on persuasive writing and how we can use positive vocabulary - the children wrote some great persuasive writing based on our school to promote how wonderful it is! In maths, we have been working on problem solving and using the inverse in addition and subtraction and the children have really impressed me with their ability to understand multi-step problems and then apply their arithmetic skills accurately. In Science we have explored how various metals respond to magnets and in Geography the children applied their understanding of geographical vocabulary to describe the physical and human features of Whitby. Finally, we are very nearly finished our class text 'Room 13' so we look forward to finding out how it ends next week!

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.