



Dear Parents & Carers,

It was great to see the children refreshed and revitalised after their weekend and ready for another week of learning. This week we have really got into the routines of our curriculum and it has been great to get into classrooms and see some of the fantastic learning taking place.

It was great to see so many of our Reception parents join us on Monday for our Phonics Information Event. I do hope those of you that came found it useful. If you would like to find out more about phonics, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Mrs. Cromey-Hawke (our Phonics Lead) who would be very happy to help.

We have thought lots about how to be 'happy and healthy' this week with the commencement of our lunchtime extra curricular clubs. Children have been able to join staff for activities such as crafts, reading, netball, skipping and playground games. Alongside this, our after-school Sports and Forest School clubs have also begun. Next week, we welcome Dave from Skip2bFit back to school before relaunching our lunchtime skipping activities which is also a key part of our lunchtime offer.

Pupil groups are also continuing to be re-elected this week – both the Pupil Leadership Team and House Captains have met and plans are afoot to launch the new Eco Team next week.

Have an enjoyable weekend,  
Mr Donaldson

### Did you know?

At 11.45am each day we ring the 'Story Bell'? This marks the start of story time which takes place at the same time every day across school.

It is a wonderful time where we celebrate our love of reading and get to hear adults read some of our favourite texts. *We are lifelong readers!*

### School Closure

Just a reminder that school will be closed on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September as we mark the state funeral of Queen Elizabeth

### Skip2bFit

All pupils will have skipping sessions with Dave from Skip2bFit on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September. Please ensure your child has their full outdoor PE kit in school on this day, along with a water bottle. Thank you.

### Let's Celebrate!

This week we are congratulating the following pupils on their excellent behavior and effort!

	Robin Class (R/Y1)	Kingfisher Class (Y2)	Partridge Class (Y3/4)	Woodpecker Class (Y5/6)
<b>Above &amp; Beyond (Care – Aspire – Excel)</b>	Margot	Abigail	Isaac	Georgia
<b>Curriculum Award</b>	Bernard (Science)	Margot (Maths)	Cate (MFL)	George (English)
<b>Aims Award</b>	Isobel	Theo (Inquisitive)	Barnaby (Inquisitive)	Lilly (Inquisitive)
<b>Team Points</b>	Bolton			
<b>Tidy Classroom</b>	Kingfisher			
<b>Golden Spoon</b>	Bernard			

### Diary Dates

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Skip2bFit Day	All	Information to follow
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	European Day of Languages	All	Information to follow
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	'This Is Me' Week	All	Information to follow
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	'Rockstar Day'	All	Information to follow
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Y4/5 Poppy Workshop @ Bedale High	Y4/5	Information to follow
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	KS2 Cross Country	KS2	Information to follow
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	School Photographs	All	Information to follow
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Maths Workshops for Parents – 4.00pm	All	Information to follow
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	New Starter Event	Rec Starters 2023	Information given
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> / Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evenings 4.00-6.00pm	All	Information to follow
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Harvest Festival / Pumpkin Parade	All	Information to follow
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole School Visit to Castle Bolton	All	Information to follow
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	'Odd Socks Day'	All	Information to follow
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need	All	Information to follow
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Class Museums – Parents Welcome 2.45pm	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Rec – Y2 Nativity 2.00pm and 6.00pm	Rec – Y2	Information to follow
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch	All	Information to follow
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Visit to Darlington Hippodrome Pantomime 'Peter Pan'	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle @ St Patrick's Church 6.00pm	All	Information to follow
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Autumn Term	All	Parents informed

#### Around the Classes...

**Robin Class:** What a week! All of Robin Class have worked extremely hard this week, getting to know their routines, and trying extra hard in their phonics and reading lessons. It's been lovely to read their home comments in the diaries. In maths we have started looking closely at place value. The children have loved using concrete resources to 'Teach, Twist and Deepen' their learning, we have been so impressed! Lots of stories have been read this week and the children have spent a lot of time in the cosy book corner too. To end the week, we have been exploring lots of different materials in Science.

**Kingfisher Class:** It has been fantastic to get into the routines of our learning this week, beginning our English and Maths lessons. In Maths we are consolidating our place value skills and in English we have enjoyed sharpening our sentence skills through the book 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'. We had a brilliant time in Bedale on Wednesday, finding out why people visit the town and what the human and physical features are.

**Partridge Class:** We have loved starting our new topics this week! In maths we are focusing on place value and have been using lots of concrete resources to help us. In English we are focusing on character descriptions, where we will be writing all about witches as per the description in our class text 'The Witches'- which we are really enjoying reading! Some of the children even questioned if Miss Pole was in fact a witch- after checking fingernails, eyes and hair for clues, we came to the conclusion that this was in fact... not true, but we are loving our story time every day!

**Woodpecker Class:** This week has seen us get back into more of a 'normal' routine and the children are already producing some excellent work. We have focussed on place value in maths and the children have been incredibly driven, trying to challenge themselves as much as possible. In English, we have been looking at setting descriptions and the children have amazed me with some of their descriptive phrases and use of various skills we have been practicing. I have been so impressed with their work across the curriculum this week and I am sure it will continue – well done Woodpeckers!

#### 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.