



Dear Parents & Carers,

This week has been filled with lots of wonderful opportunities for our children including European Day of Languages and reflecting on our individuality during 'This is Me' week. Today, we launched our TTRS and Numbots competitions – hopefully there will be lots of practising this week – extra breaktimes are up for grabs!

On Tuesday, our new School Improvement Advisor – Susan Marshall – visited school for a familiarisation visit and was very impressed with our school, the pupils, the work we have done and our plans for the future. It was a great opportunity to share our wonderful school!

Partridge Class have had a very exciting week, ticking off a couple of our H&A 21 enrichment experiences. They have begun weekly saxophone lessons with the North Yorkshire Music Hubs and, thanks to Miss Pole's connections, have connected with pen-pals in a school on the outskirts of Paris. What great opportunities for our Year 3/4 children. I'm sure we will be hearing lots of further updates as the year goes on.

Have a lovely weekend.

Governors' Corner

We held our first Full Governing Body Meeting of the year this month which is always a very exciting time. Mr. Donaldson shared some of the school's many successes from last year with regards to our statutory assessment results as well as our school priorities for the upcoming academic year. The Governing Body, as always, were hugely impressed by the hard work and efforts of all parties involved in our success last year (staff, parents and, most importantly, the children) and were equally supportive and encouraging for the upcoming year. There is always an element of procedure to complete in the first meeting of the year but this did not dull the optimism that the whole Governing Body shared. All decisions were made with the best interests of the children at heart and we look forward to another exciting, productive and enjoyable year.

Gavin Cope - Staff Governor

Maths Workshops for Parents

The maths workshop arranged for Monday 10th October will be rearranged for later in the term. We are hoping to invite a specialist teacher from the Maths Hubs to lead this session which will be a great opportunity. We will be in touch with a confirmed date nearer the time.

Let's Celebrate!

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

	Mr. Donaldson	Mr. Cope	Miss Pole	Mrs. Dozēy	Mrs. Tunmore
Above & Beyond <i>(Care – Aspire – Excel)</i>	Coco	Leo	Lucas	Ruby-Mai	Livy
	Woodpecker Class <i>(Y5/6)</i>	Partridge Class <i>(Y3/4)</i>	Kingfisher Class <i>(Y2)</i>	Robin Class <i>(R/Y1)</i>	
Curriculum Award	George (RE)	Fearne (Maths)	Poppy (Writing)	Kirsty (RE)	
Aims Award	Oscar (Reader)	Rafe (Reader)	Faye (Creator)	Ottie (Change Maker)	
Team Points	Richmond				
Tidy Classroom	Partridge & Kingfisher				
Golden Spoon	Phoebe				

Diary Dates

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Monday 3 rd October	Y4/5 Poppy Workshop @ Bedale High	Y4/5	Parents informed
Tuesday 4 th October	KS2 Cross Country	KS2	Parents informed
Friday 7 th October	School Photographs	All	Information to follow
Monday 10th October	Maths Workshops – To be arranged	All	Information to follow
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	Information to follow
Friday 21 st October	Harvest Festival / Pumpkin Parade	All	Information to follow
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: What another fantastic week! All the Robin class have been working extremely hard this week, delving deep into place value in maths, ordering numbers forwards and backwards. We are so impressed with the children's writing in phonics, such a difference already. Geography was great fun at the start of the week learning about our village Hunton. To celebrate 'This is Me Week' we have loved singing along to the song and sharing our likes and dislikes and celebrating we are unique.

Kingfisher Class: What a fantastic week of learning! In our maths lessons we have continued to put our place value knowledge to the test by investigating inequalities and ordering numbers. In English, we have continued to use our class text 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' to find out more about information texts. We enjoyed answering our investigative question, 'Why do people visit Bedale?' in geography and finding out more about materials and their uses in Science. A brilliant week, Year 2! Well done!

Partridge Class: We have enjoyed exploring recipes in English this week, using our imperative (bossy) verbs to give each other instructions. In maths we have continued with our work on place value, looking at 100 and 1000 more or less than a given number. In our geography work, we are looking at how our local area has changed over time. We looked at an old map of Hunton and then went on a walk around the village to see what has changed and what has stayed the same.

Woodpecker Class: The Woodpeckers have had another highly productive week where they have most certainly lived up to our ethos of care-aspire-excel. It has been lovely to see them caring for our younger children this week, involving them in playground games and teaching them new songs. In class, we have shifted our focus onto recounts in English and in Maths I was so impressed with their attitudes to Roman Numerals as I know it is one that many can find tricky! In geography we explored geographical vocabulary we could use to describe the contrasting North Yorkshire locations of Whitby and The Yorkshire Dales National Park whilst in Science the children tested materials to help classify them based on their properties. A great week inside and outside of the classroom, well done!

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.