



Dear Parents and Carers,

The weeks are certainly flying by. I would like to start by thanking parents for helping us ensure that the children are well-prepared for their PE lessons – we have noticed a huge improvement this term which is really fantastic. As we continue to develop of ‘Lifelong Readers’ aim we are beginning to think about arrangements for ‘Book Week’ later in the spring. An important part of becoming a lifelong reader is reading at home – please do remember to sign your child’s reading diary every time they read at home; with five or more reads they can be entered into the ‘Reading Raffle’. There’s also the promise of some extra rewards for children who complete their five reads over the next few weeks!

It was great that so many Year 5/6 parents joined us for the meeting ahead of our visit to London; if you couldn’t make it, you should have received a letter on Tuesday. If you have any questions about arrangements, Mr. Cope or myself would be happy to help.

Finally, please do remember that Mr. Cope and I are available on the playground each morning and afternoon and class teachers are available at the end of each day. Please don’t hesitate to let any member of the team know if there is anything you would like to discuss.

Picture Frame Plea

If you have any spare picture frames you no longer need, we would be very grateful if they could be donated to school.

We need as many as possible to display our art for our exhibition so please do ask family and friends if they have which can be donated.

Thank you.

National Education Union Strike Action

Some of you may be aware of the strike action planned by some members of the National Education Union. Currently it is likely we will be open as usual on these days for all pupils, however this may be subject to change at short notice.

Should changes need to occur, parents will be informed as soon as possible. Thank you for your understanding in this sensitive matter.

Art Exhibition

We are delighted to be hosting an art exhibition at Richmond Station from February 17th – March 1st where art work from all children will be on display. Please do call in during the exhibition to see the ‘work on the wall’. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children and an enhancement to our art curriculum. After all, we are creators!

Let’s Celebrate!

Find out who is celebrating this week!

	Woodpecker Class	Partridge Class	Kingfisher Class	Robin Class – Y1	Robin Class - R
Above & Beyond <i>(Care – Aspire – Excel)</i>	Oscar	Barnaby	Pippa	Evie	Bernard
	Woodpecker Class (Y5/6)	Partridge Class (Y3/4)	Kingfisher Class (Y2)	Robin Class (R/Y1)	
Curriculum Award	Emily Y5 (Maths)	Fearne (French)	Abigail (Computing)	Leo (Science)	
Aims Award	Sophie (Happy & Healthy)	Evie F (Change)	Pippa (Reader)	Isobel (Reader)	
Team Points	Bolton				
Tidy Classroom	Partridges				
Golden Spoon	Jude Lord				

Diary Dates

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Monday 30 th January	Y5/6 Netball Competition	Some Y5/6	Information to follow
2 nd – 3 rd February	Y5/6 London Residential	Y5/6	Parents informed
Friday 10 th February	Mid-Year Reports / Break up for Half Term	All	Reports to follow
Friday 17 th Feb – 1 st March	'Change-Makers' -Art Exhibition @ Richmond Station	All	Information to follow
Monday 20 th February	Return from Half Term	All	See newsletter
Friday 24 th February	Y3/4 Dodgeball Competition	Some Y3/4	Information to follow
W/C Monday 27 th February	Book Week	All	Information to follow
Thursday 23 rd March	Class Photographs	All	See newsletter
Wednesday 29 th March	Whole School Visit to Baltic Centre, Newcastle	All	Information to follow
Thursday 30 th March	Easter Labyrinth	All	Information to follow
Friday 31 st March	Break Up for Easter Holidays	All	See newsletter
Friday 31 st March	Easter Egg Competition	All	Information to follow
Monday 17 th April	Staff Training Day	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 18 th April	Start of Summer Term	All	See newsletter
W/C Tuesday 9 th May	Year 6 SAT's Assessments	Y6	Information to follow

Around the Classes...

Robin Class - Reception: Reception have been delving deeper into the weather this week, we've noticed the temperature has changed, so we need to wrap up warm! We have also noticed ice forming in the outdoor classroom and have especially been enjoying painting on it! Our story of the week 'Aliens Love Underpants' has sparked lots of exciting exploring - designing our very own underpants, retelling the story, creating puppets and counting and ordering, working on our composition of 4 and 5. Harold, our PSHE puppet, returned home from his journey to Africa - which was a highlight of the week (ask your children about it!). We've finished our week enjoying doing a science experiment- seeing how fast our ice decorations can melt- watching and waiting throughout the day observing changes over time. Another busy week and fantastic engaged learning!

Robin Class - Year 1: What a busy week we have had. We started our geometry topic in maths, exploring 2D and 3D shapes, lots of activities sorting and even creating patterns. I wonder if any 2D or 3D shape names can be spotted around the home. Handwriting is emerging well, the focus this week had been writing the days of the week and we are trying our hardest to stay in between the lines. A fantastic ending to our English this week, we completed our very own 'Space Fact File!' We would love to share a space fact.

Kingfisher Class: Kingfisher Class have had a super week developing their money skills further; learning how to give change and solve problems. In English we have really enjoyed writing our information texts about the stars – Year 2 know such a lot about the night sky! A super week in Kingfisher Class with lots of fantastic learning – well done everyone!

Partridge Class: We have had lots of fantastic learning this week! In maths, we have been multiplying 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers, using our place value counters to help us. Our English work has involved writing letters. The children have worked hard to understand the structure of a letter and produced some brilliant examples! We are very invested in our new geography topic, which is all about sustainability. We discussed our school and things we can do to help us be more sustainable. We have certainly been change makers, coming up with some excellent ideas for making our school eco-friendlier!

Woodpecker Class: Woodpeckers have continued their work with fractions this week and have continued to impress with their attitudes as we have compared, ordered and added fractions with different denominators. In English, we have spent most of the week producing our own stories, using a combination of stories we have read and our own experiences, which has led to some brilliant final pieces of writing. Our study into climate change has seen us learn about Australia this week and how rising temperatures have effected the number of heatwaves and bushfires over the past century; children have certainly been 'inquisitive' with their questioning and curiosity around the subject. I am sure by now you are all aware of the planned train strikes which could potentially effect our London plans - we have been had several conversations with the providers and we re hopeful we will still be going ahead, any slight changes to timings etc will be shared as soon as possible!

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.