



Dear Parents & Carers,

Happy New Year! 2023 has got off to a fantastic start this week with topic launches and Design Technology Days – see below for more information. It has been great to hear about the children’s adventures over the holidays and spend time in classrooms this week seeing how the children are immersing themselves in their learning.

2023 looks set to be a great year with many events designed to enrich and develop each child – we are particularly excited about ‘Book Week’ and our Art Exhibition at The Station, Richmond which will directly link to our curriculum aims of being ‘Lifelong Readers’ and ‘Creators’. The Year 5/6 visit to London in February is definitely getting closer and we are in the early stages of planning some whole-school activities for later in the term to really bring learning to life.

As always, if we can be of any help Mr. Cope and I are happy to chat on the playground each morning and evening. Alternatively, class teachers can be contacted via Mrs. Godlee in the School Office.

Have a lovely weekend - Mr. Doanldson

Design Technology – Tremendous Textiles

Our Design Technology Days have been wonderful this week. Many thanks to the parents / grandparents who volunteered to come into school to support the children with their textile work.

We love ‘DT Days’ in school as the progression pupils make from Reception – Year 6 is jaw-dropping. From developing fine motor skills with weaving in Reception, to using patterns, adding embellishments and learning about seam allowances in Year 5/6 it is amazing to see how children’s knowledge will develop as they get older!

Stargazing Evening

We are very much looking forward to our ‘Stargazing Evening’ on Monday – another ‘H&A 21’ event. Children should return from 5.00pm and do not need to wear school uniform – please ensure they are wrapped up warm as the large majority of the events will take place outside.

We really hope that many children can join us for this exciting event. If the weather is cloudy or wet we will look to arrange an alternative date before the end of half-term. Please keep an eye out for updates on Monday.

Y5/6 London Meeting

The Parent Information evening for our London residential is due to take place virtually on Monday 16th January. Meeting details were sent out in a letter last year – if you have misplaced these, get in touch!

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>	Matilda	Sam	Noah	Ruby-Mai	Ottie
	Woodpecker Class (Y5/6)	Partridge Class (Y3/4)	Kingfisher Class (Y2)	Robin Class (R/Y1)	
Curriculum Award	Pip (DT)	Barnaby (DT)	Abi (DT)	Isabelle (DT)	
Aims Award	Anna (change) Coco (change)	Izzy (Risk Taker)	Poppy (Risk taker)	Emily (Creator)	
Team Points	Middleham				
Tidy Classroom	Woodpecker				
Golden Spoon	TBC				

Diary Dates

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Tuesday 3 rd January	Staff Training Day	All	Parents informed
Wednesday 4 th January	Start of Spring Term	All	Parents informed
Monday 8 th January	Whole School Stargazing (TBC)	All	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
W/C Monday 27 th February	Book Week	All	Information to follow
Thursday 23 rd March	Class Photographs	All	See newsletter
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

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Alongside our lunchtime extra-curricular clubs, which this term include Handbells, Reading, KS1 Craft, KS2 Craft and Skipping, there are also a range of daily after-school clubs available. This half-term these include:

Monday	Netball Club	Y4 – Y6	Mrs Farrell
Tuesday	KS1 Sports Club	Rec – Y2	Mr Bousfield
Wednesday	KS2 Sports Club	Y3 – Y6	Mr Layfield
Thursday	Cross Stitch Club	Y5 – Y6	Mrs Webster
Friday	KS1 Board Games Club	Y1 – Y2	Miss Laws

Around the Classes...

Robin Class-Reception: What a brilliant first week back we've had! We have loved having our independent time as a reception class and joining back with the year 1's in the afternoons/on a Friday. We've started by launching our new weather topic in Geography. We've also been on lots of adventures into space and created our own outdoor role play school. We designed and created a beautiful reception class star mobile and had a surprise visitor landing from out of space in class!!

Robin Class – Year 1- I'm must say how impressed I am with all the children in Year 1 and how well they have settled straight into their new classroom. We've had a wonderful first week back, sharing together this terms No Outsiders story about Elmer the elephant. The children shared their caring views and made an Elmer model for the class. We ended the week participating in a Design and Technology task, planning, making and evaluating stars for a hanging mobile. The children loved making their creations.

Kingfisher Class: It has been a fantastic start to the new year; our learning has got off to a flying start with our 'No Outsiders' lesson on 'The Odd Egg'; our geography launch and our Design Technology days. The children have really impressed us with their tenacious attitudes towards sewing and threading needles and designed, made and evaluated some great final products which we will be showcasing during our art exhibition at Richmond Station in February. Well done everyone!

Partridge Class: What a fantastic first week back! We have had a lot to squeeze into a short week this week, including No Outsiders, topic launch and DT days. The children have really impressed me with their sewing skills, challenging themselves to learn different types of stitches- our final products look great!

Woodpecker Class: It has been great to welcome back the Woodpecker Class after the Christmas break and we have had a very exciting first week back. We kicked off our Geography topic about Climate Change by collecting recyclable materials and trying to create a useful product out of them; I was incredibly impressed with their creativity and the products they managed to produce. Thursday and Friday saw our termly DT days where the children were using their sewing skills to produce baby mobiles. Mrs Webster was so impressed with not only their sewing skills but also their attitudes towards the task. A great week back and I am sure these positive attitudes will continue throughout the term!

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.