



Dear Parents,

I hope you enjoyed a relaxing and sun-filled half term, making the most of the beautiful weather. We are quickly back into the swing of things in school and welcome Grace to Year 3 and her sister Beatrice to Reception. We're sure they will settle in quickly.

The next few weeks in the lead up to the summer holidays look set to be very busy, with the end of year production, Sports Afternoon, visits and much more lined up. We are so lucky to have such dedicated staff who consistently go above and beyond for the pupils – it is a privilege to lead them.

All classes have enjoyed launching their History learning this week, whilst simultaneously starting to draw their Geography learning for the year to a close. For Partridge Class, this meant a visit to the Roman Fort at Peircebridge which is an excellent way to conduct a historical enquiry investigation.

Have a great weekend  
Mr. Donaldson

### Sponsored Read-a-thon

On behalf of the Reading Ambassadors, a big thank you to everyone who participated in the Read-a-Thon over half-term. Once the final total is calculated, we will let you know how much we made. Don't forget that as well as earning book tokens to school, we are also raising money for a children's book charity. A great way to be Change-makers and Lifelong Readers. A great big thank you to our Reading Ambassadors for organizing the event too.

### SEND Drop-In Session

Is your child on the SEND (Special Educational Needs & Disabilities) register, or do you have concerns about your child?

Mrs. Cromey-Hawke will be holding the next SENDCo drop-in information session next Monday from 9.30-10.00. Please email the Office if you would like to call in and meet her.

### Sun Safety

Please remember sun-hats, water bottles and sunscreen as the sun continues to shine brightly! Thank you for your support.

### Staff Update

Before the half-term, we made our final teaching appointment – Mrs. Helen Hollocks. Mrs. Hollocks is a very experienced teacher who lives locally and has taught in Middlesbrough for fifteen years. We're delighted with her appointment. We will finalise class arrangements and confirm these in a couple of weeks' time.

### Let's Celebrate!

Find out who has been caring, aspiring or excelling this week!

	Mrs. Cromey-Hawke	Mrs. Tunmore	Mr. Donaldson	Miss Pole	Mr. Cope
<b>Above &amp; Beyond</b> <i>(Care – Aspire – Excel)</i>	Max	Niamh	Lilly	Harry	Cate
	Woodpecker Class (Y5/6)	Partridge Class (Y3/4)	Kingfisher Class (Y2)	Robin Class (R/Y1)	
<b>Curriculum Award</b>	Jude- RE	Grace W - History	Holly-Maths	Henry S -History	
<b>Aims Award</b>	Emily Y5- Risk taker	Ronnie- Inquisitive	Faye- Inquisitive	Bernard-Reader	
<b>Team Points</b>	Middleham				
<b>Tidy Classroom</b>	Robins-Year 1				
<b>Golden Spoon</b>	Theo				

### PTFA News

The Countryman's held their monthly quiz on Sunday, with funds donated to the PTFA.

A group of PTFA committee members attended. I asked school children to write a quiz round - I was so impressed with the questions they wrote! The quiz raised £114.50. *Gemma Lord - PTFA*

### Diary Dates

<u>When?</u>	<u>What?</u>	<u>Who?</u>	<u>How?</u>
W/C 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Diversity Week	All	Information to follow
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 Visit to Richmond Castle	Y1	Information sent
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Armed Forces Day	Y2-Y6 Service P's	Information to follow
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Backchat Brass Workshops	All	Information to follow
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> & Tue 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Rehearsal Days at Tunstall Village Hall	Y2-Y6	Information to follow
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Y2-Y6 Performance at Tunstall Village Hall -2pm and 6pm	Y2-Y6	Information to follow
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	'Let's Learn Moor' Day at Grinton Moor	All	Information to follow
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3/4 Saxophone Concert	Y3/4	See newsletter
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Afternoon	All	Information to follow
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Leavers Assembly – 2.30pm	Y6	Information to follow
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Close for Summer Holiday	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Start of Autumn Term	All	See newsletter

### Around the Classes...

**Robin Class:** 'I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll blow your house down!', can you guess which story which have been reading this week? The children have been making houses and acting out the story. Reception have been introduced to their new theme 'Terrific Toys'. They have been discussing and drawing their favourite toys and playing in the Toy Shop. They have been looking at doubles in Maths and had a great time at Forest School. Year 1's have started their new History topic 'Who used to live in Richmond Castle?' and came up with questions to ask at their visit to the Castle. They have been looking at churches and Mosques in RE and have been busy with their phonics ahead of their Phonic Screening Check next week.

**Kingfisher Class:** It has been amazing to be all back together this week. In Maths we have begun to investigate a new area of mathematics – position and direction. This week we have thought carefully about using positional language and how we can describe objects using vocabulary. In English we have enjoyed completing our non-chronological reports about Kampong-Ayer. There has also been great excitement as we have enjoyed joining Key Stage 2 for some production rehearsals and even found time to squeeze in our first History lesson from our new topic 'Who was Sappho and where did she live?' We have lots of questions about Ancient Rome!

**Partridge Class:** What a brilliant first week back! We have been so busy with trips, 'No Outsiders', rehearsals and of course lots of learning! We started the week with our 'No Outsiders' lesson on Monday, which was all about being yourself! We shared some lovely, positive comments to make each other feel confident and happy! We continued with our maths work on statistics, which we began before half term. This week we focused on bar charts and tables, looking at how the data is represented and answering questions based on the data shown. In English we are trying a new style of writing this week, building our skills to work towards writing a sci-fi narrative. On Thursday we started our new history topic with a trip to Piercebridge Roman Fort. We explored the remains and had to find information to complete a quiz about what we saw. A great day was had by all!

**Woodpecker Class:** We welcomed the children back after half term and we have had a great first week back. In maths, we have been measuring angles using degrees which the children have picked up fantastically. In English, we have written a non-chronological report on endangered elephants, (since we are Change Makers and are soon to be adopting an elephant from the WWF). We used our skills of note taking to assist this piece of writing. The children particularly enjoyed starting athletics this term for PE, with a focus on pacing. And they have also begun learning our Olivia songs and lines with enthusiasm!

### 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.