



Dear Parents,

What an end to the week! A big thank you to all of the staff who travelled into school today. Because of the snow, we have moved our planned British Values day to Monday. Children are welcome to dress in red, white and blue then. The children who have been in school, have enjoyed using the snow as a stimulus for their learning; science experiments and tea-parties- and had lots of fun with their friends

This half-term is really flying by – it’s hard to believe we are already half way through and have a lot to cram in before Easter. Final arrangements for Easter events including our Easter Labyrinth and return of the egg decorating competition will be sent home shortly. Hopefully we have seen the last of the snow!

As always, if you have any questions or we can help in any way please do get in touch.

Mr. Donaldson

Spring Concert

We hope to see many of you at our Spring Concert on Wednesday morning. The concert will begin shortly after 9am – please remember that it may not be possible for the audience to be seated. We anticipate it will last for around twenty minutes!

Bags2School

We collected an amazing amount of Bags2School. Once the total is calculated we will be donating to ‘Shelter’ our termly charity chosen by our Team Captains.

Red Nose Day

On Friday 17th March, we will be celebrating **Red Nose Day**. Children are welcome to come to school in their own clothes on this day in exchange for a donation to Comic Relief. This can be brought into school, or donated to online.

Children in each class will be taking part in a ‘Joke-a-thon’ with the winning joke from each class shared in Celebration Assembly!

Governors’ Corner

I really enjoyed joining parents in Robin Class to watch Mrs. Cromey-Hawke teach phonics to our Reception pupils. The knowledge and skills shown by the children was really impressive & everyone was so enthusiastic. There were lots of aspiring & excelling to celebrate and pupils have made an excellent start on their journey to being Lifelong Readers.

Well done, everyone!

Beverly Smeeton - EYFS Link Governor

Let’s Celebrate!

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

	Robin Class -Rec	Robin Class – Y1	Kingfisher Class - Y2	Partridge Class – Y3/4	Woodpecker Class – Y5/6
Above & Beyond (Care – Aspire – Excel)	Celebration Assembly will return next week!				
Curriculum Award					
Aims Award					
Team Points					
Tidy Classroom					
Golden Spoon					

Diary Dates

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Wednesday 15 th March	Spring Concert	All	Information sent
Friday 17 th March	Red Nose Day	All	See newsletter
Saturday 18 th March	PTFA Coffee Morning – Newton Le Willows	All	Information sent
Mon 20 th / Wed 22 nd March	Parents Evenings	All	Information sent
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

Coffee Morning

We do hope you can join the PTFA at their Coffee Morning on Saturday 18th March at Newton-Le-Willows Village Hall from 10.00-12.00. Any donations of raffle prizes, bakes or help would be gratefully received. Please speak to a member of the PTFA for more information.

Class Photographs

Our school photographer will return to school on Thursday 23rd March for class photographs (you may remember they were 'rained off' in the autumn term). Once completed, we will send home proofs for those of you who wish to order their class photographs for the year. If you have any questions, please speak to Mrs. Godlee

Around the Classes...

Robin Class – Reception: This week our book of the week has been 'Grandad's Island'. The children have been creating their own dens in our provision using lots of large loose parts just like on the island and thinking about what world they would go to if they went through a magical door. We have also enjoyed role play in our vets, tricky word treasure hunts, making cakes and using our cutlery to help develop our cutting skills. We have been very busy writing letters to Olivia the owl who wrote to us to tell us about her missing egg - we have been very inquisitive and noticed lots of clues which suggest it might be the one that ended up in our tree!

Robin Class - Year 1: Another fantastic week in the Robin classroom, it is wonderful to watch the love of learning happening all around us. In our outdoor provision, the children have explored various toys from the 1960's to support our history topic. A real favourite was the quoits game. We have been inquisitive and extremely caring towards our new spring bulbs planted in our pots. Story of the week 'Dear Dinosaur' has continued, and we even wrote our very own letter to the T-Rex, we added in lots of interesting questions. We are hoping for a reply! We have been awesome at recapping the sequence of the story. Finally, we have been singing our little socks off in singing assembly this week, practicing songs for the Spring concert.

Kingfisher Class: It has been a very busy week in Kingfisher Class. We started the week with some new English learning, thinking about recounts and using some of the exciting experiences we have had in school recently to inspire our learning. We are looking forward to continuing these next week. In Maths we have continued to investigate shape – finding out more about patterns, symmetry and 3D shapes. In History, we have thought carefully about why messages sent during the war were written in code – before writing our own messages!

Partridge Class: We have been very lucky to be joined this week by Miss Moran, who is a student teacher, and will be with us for the next few months. Miss Moran was very impressed with everyone's attitudes to learning and is very excited to start teaching more lessons with Partridge Class in the coming weeks! In maths this week we have been learning all about equivalent fractions and fractions of an amount. Our writing focus for the next 2 weeks is non-chronological reports, and we have been working hard to use parenthesis in our writing to make it exciting! We have continued our learning on the Stone Age, looking at the discovery of Skara Brae and how this helped historians to learn about the past.

Woodpecker Class: This week, the children have completed their formal letter writing and did a great job, complaining about a visit to a 5-star hotel in Dubai. Their vocabulary and sentence structure were great and they worked incredibly hard on their final piece. In maths, we have shifted our focus more onto percentages, another topic which can be difficult to grasp, and the children have continued to impress me with their attitudes and their work. It has been lovely to hear the children speak so enthusiastically about the dance lessons they have been having in P.E. and they seem to be thoroughly enjoying them. In History, we have explored how punishments developed from 1500 to 1750, with more emphasis being placed on humiliating criminals! Another great week, well done to everyone!

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.