



Dear Parents,

It has been a week full of excitement as lots of our curriculum aims were brought to life. All children had the opportunity to 'be creators' thanks to our Backchat Brass workshops on Monday (a huge thanks to the PTFA for covering the cost of the events through their fundraising) and Woodpecker Class had the chance to 'be inquisitive' whilst completing their fieldwork investigations into national parks on Wednesday.

Change-makers has also been a recurring theme: from today raising money for 'Jeans for Genes' and yesterday through our fundraising for the Moroccan earthquake appeal. We were so proud of Jude who thought of the idea, and was well supported by Annabel and Lucas. We pride ourselves on our personal development offer which encourages children to be change-makers and global citizens and when pupils come up with fundraising ideas themselves in response to global events it really confirms that our enrichment offer is making an impact. A big thank you to them.

I hope you all enjoy a restful weekend. Don't forget if you have, or know of someone who has, a child due to start school in September 2024 our Open Morning is on 14th October. Please call the office to book a place!

Governors' Corner

I am delighted to have taken over the role of Chair of Governors at Hunton and Arrathorne School, it is an amazing school, the children have so many wonderful opportunities. I have a vast experience in the field of education having been a teacher for over 30 years including 16 years as a headteacher of two village schools. Following my retirement from headship I worked as a consultant supporting trainee and early career teachers. Since my retirement I help on the farm – growing pumpkins being my speciality! I enjoy coming into school and I look forward to working with everyone in the school community.

Andrea Peacock

Jeans for Genes Day

Year 2 pupils will be next to take part in their geographical enquiry visit, by visiting Bedale next Wednesday as part of their 'Is Bedale brilliant?' learning about our local town. They are very excited!

Bags 2 School

Please could all Bags2School donations be returned by next Friday – the House Captains are organising this fundraiser and profits will be shared between school and our termly charity, 'The Yorkshire Agricultural Society'

Phonics Information Evening

Don't forget our revised phonics information evening is on Monday evening at 4.30pm for new Reception children. We hope to see you there.

Let's Celebrate!

See who has been awarded in Celebration Assembly this week!

	Woodpecker Class (Y5/6)	Partridge Class (Y3/4)	Kingfisher Class (Y2)	Robin Class (R/Y1)
Above & Beyond <i>(Care – Aspire – Excel)</i>	Sophie L- Excel	Charlie W- Care	Max- Excel	Isobel- Excel
	Woodpecker Class (Y5/6)	Partridge Class (Y3/4)	Kingfisher Class (Y2)	Robin Class (R/Y1)
Curriculum Award	Cate- Music	Evie - English	Tai- Geography/ Science	Emily- Science
Aims Award	Fiona- Lifelong reader	Rosa- Risk taker	Rosa- Lifelong reader	Edward-Inquisitive
Team Points	Middleham			
Tidy Classroom	Robin-Year 1			
Golden Spoon	Grace E			

Diary Dates

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Wednesday 27 th September	Y2 Geography Fieldwork Visit to Bedale	Y2	See newsletter
Friday 29 th September	Bags2School Collection	All	See newsletter
Monday 2 nd October	Online Safety Parent Workshops – 9am and 4pm	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 3 rd October	Skip2bFit Workshops	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 4 th October	KS2 Cross Country @ Richmond School	KS2	Information to follow
Friday 13 th October	School Photographs	All	Information to follow
Saturday 14 th October	Open Morning (Reception 2024)	Rec 24	Information to follow
W/C Monday 16 th October	'This is Me' Week	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 18 th October	Parents Evening – 4pm – 7pm	All	Information to follow
Saturday 20 th October	Reception 2024 Open Morning	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 25 th October	Y5/6 Visit to Eden Camp	Y5/6	Information to follow
Thursday 26 th October	Pumpkin Parade / Harvest Festival at 2.30pm	All	Information to follow
Friday 27 th October	CPD Day – School Closed	All	See newsletter
Friday 10 th November	Remembrance Service @ Ripon Cathedral	KS2-HH	Information to follow
W/C Monday 13 th Novemb	'Friendship Week' / Odd Socks Day	All	See newsletter
Thursday 14th December	Pantomime Visit @ Darlington Hippodrome	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 20 th December	Christingle @ St Patrick's Church, 6pm	All	Information to follow
Friday 22 nd December	Break up for Christmas Holiday	All	See newsletter

Around the Classes...

Robin Class (Reception): This week Reception Robin class have enjoyed our story of the week 'What if we were all the same?' - thinking about what makes us special and different from each other! We have enjoyed painting pictures of ourselves to celebrate being different! We have looked at the story of Jesus calming the storm - understanding about Special stories for Christians. The children have been fascinated exploring minibeasts in our first forest school sessions and an animal hunt understanding the world around them.

Robin Class (Year 1): What another fantastic week! All the Robin class have been working extremely hard this week, delving deep into place value in maths, sorting and counting objects. In English, we have continued to use our class text 'The Colour Monster' to write our own personal fact file. I am so impressed with the children's writing in phonics. We had great fun at the start of the week when we had a very exciting visit from the band, Back Chat Brass; we absolutely loved the musical session.

Kingfisher Class: This week, the Kingfishers have worked incredibly hard to produce a set of instructions, based on our story 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'. In maths, we have continued to develop our understanding of place value whilst in geography, we have explored the physical and human features of Bedale in preparation for our visit next Wednesday. We had a wet afternoon on Tuesday with Forest School but the children still tackled every challenge with great enthusiasm. We have all been really impressed with how the children have settled into Year 2 and I am sure they will continue to achieve great things as the year progresses. Well done to all of the children!

Partridge Class: This week, Partridge Class had an exciting start to the week when we were entertained by Back Chat Brass. We have been working hard in English where we have produced some brilliant descriptive writing to describe the African savannah. In maths, we have continued to work on our place value skills. We have enjoyed using Times Table Rockstars to improve our times table knowledge and enjoyed a Rock Battle Tournament against the different houses. Can you turn your heat map green? We have also enjoyed our new computing topic where we got to use the new laptops. In science, we looked at the different bones in the human body.

Woodpecker Class: The children in woodpeckers kickstarted the week with a visit from Back Chat Brass on Monday. They absolutely loved getting involved and sang, stomped and head banged the session away. The children also had a fantastic time completing Geography field work in Reeth as part of our Geography topic 'Who are Britain's National Parks for?'. Although very wet, the children made the most out of our morning in the Yorkshire Dales asking tourists questions, completing a road traffic survey and identifying the human and physical features Reeth has to offer.

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.