



Dear Parents,

It has been great to see all of the children returning this week so full of energy and ready to go! We have had a great week in school. The Year 5/6 children loved their two-night residential at Newby Wiske Hall near Northallerton – they conquered fears, smiled (a lot!) and really were able to shine as risk-takers. We are very proud of all of them – and a big thank you to the staff (Miss House, Mrs Donnelly, Mrs Kennedy, Mrs Webster and Mrs Hollocks) who gave up their own time to attend. We are so lucky to be able to offer these opportunities to our children.

Back in school, the rest of the children have continued to learn with great attitudes. The Year 2, 3 and 4 children have spent time together this week and it has been great to see the Year 4 leading by example as the oldest children in school. I have also had the pleasure of teaching Robin Class on Tuesday morning and was so impressed with their positive attitudes!

As we head towards Easter the school calendar is very busy! This week letters have been sent home regarding Book Week and the Easter Events we have to look forward to. The Book Week letter came home earlier this week and we will send a detailed breakdown of the other Easter events home with the children on Monday – please do take time to have a read.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Mr. Donaldson

Spring Concert

Last year many of you joined us on a cold spring morning for our **'Spring Concert'** where the children shared many songs from Singing Assembly with you. We are pleased to announce that on **Wednesday 13th March – at 9am** – we will once again hold our Spring Concert. Please do stay and join us after you have dropped off! The event will take place outside (so you may need to wrap up warm!)

Governors' Corner

I visited school on Tuesday to discuss Safeguarding with Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Cope. I was pleased and reassured to see that Safeguarding procedures in school are robustly maintained. Any matters that arise are dealt with promptly and followed through to the conclusion. The safety of children and staff is a priority in school.

Class Photographs

Class photographs are scheduled for Friday 15th March!

Let's Celebrate!

	Woodpecker Class (Y5/6)	Partridge Class (Y3/4)	Kingfisher Class (Y2)	Robin Class (R/Y1)
Care – Aspire – Excel	Thomas -Excelling	Rollo-Excelling	Max-Excelling	Emmy-Excelling
Curriculum Award	Ronnie-Science	Theo-Maths	Margot-Art	Beatrice-Music
Aims Award	Lucy-Risk Taker	Charlie R- Risk Taker	Henry S- Inquisitive	Evie - Inquisitive
Team Points	Bolton			
Tidy Classroom	Woodpecker			
Golden Spoon	Arthur			
Crown	Faye M			

Diary Dates

When?	What?	Who?	How?
W/C 4 th March	'Book Week'	All	Information sent
Thursday 7 th March	Y3/4 Visit to Bewerley Park	Y3/4	Information sent
Friday 8 th March	Big Read	All	Information sent
Monday 11 th March	Easter Film Night	All	Information to follow
Tuesday 12 th March	Y5/6 Bikeability	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 13 th March	Spring Concert	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 13 th March	Parents Evening – 4.00pm – 6.00pm	All	Information to follow
Thursday 14 th March	KS2 History Visit - York	KS2	Information to follow
Friday 15 th March	Class Photographs	All	See newsletter
Friday 15 th March	Comic Relief	All	Information to follow
Monday 18 th March	Easter Craft Night	All	Information to follow
Thursday 21 st March	Easter Labyrinth	All	Information to follow
Friday 22 nd March	Egg Decorating Competition / End of Term	All	Information to follow
Monday 8 th April	School Closed – CPD Day	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 9 th April	School Opens – Summer Term	All	See newsletter

Around the Classes...

Robin Class (Reception): We have had a wonderful first week back into Spring 2 and our 'Terrific Toys' topic! We've enjoyed our story of the week 'The Three Little Pigs' where this has inspired lots of creative building and constructions, role-play and re-enacting of the story. We also enjoyed reading an alternative to the traditional tale, 'The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig' and creating our own versions of our stories to act out! Amazing work! We've also been testing out different materials to make houses for the three little pigs working out which materials would be the best to use using trial and error and cause and effect. Some great teamwork!

Robin Class (Year 1): It's wonderful to see all the children settling back into class, after what we hope was a restful half term! On Monday we started the week with our 'No Outsiders' text, 'Max the Champion', where we considered how everyone can join in sports. We then launched our new history topic, about Toys; I was incredibly impressed with their knowledge, which they loved to share. We began a new text in English – 'Dear Dinosaur' the children have really impressed me with their sentence skills. We have consolidated our maths topic place value within 20 and can now confidently use a number line.

Kingfisher Class: The Kingfishers have settled back really well after the half-term break and have had a great first week. We kicked the week off with our No Outsiders lesson, based on a story called 'Blown Away'. In English, we have focused on a text called 'The Mystery Forest' for our reading and writing and the children have produced some brilliant descriptive writing, using their imaginations very creatively! In Maths, we have started our multiplication unit, focusing on recognising and making equal and unequal groups to begin and the children have picked this up really well. In the afternoons, the children have been studying some of the artwork by Friedensreich Hundertwasser before having a go at replicating some of the work themselves.

Partridge Class: It has been an exciting week in Partridge Class as we joined our friends in Year 2 at the beginning of the week for some collaborative learning. We enjoyed completing our 'Art Week' journey by investigating still-life drawing. We've also worked on researching and investigating key artists and developing our speaking and listening work by sharing our learning with the rest of the class. We have enjoyed beginning our new History learning and were stunned to find that our Anglo Saxon village had been invaded by the Vikings in Year 2 on Thursday – they stole our precious ornaments and even took Miss Armstrong hostage! The Year 4 children thoroughly enjoyed the responsibilities of being the oldest children in school at the beginning of the week and were super role models for the younger children!

Woodpecker Class: What a memorable week in Woodpecker Class! The children have excelled as risk takers during their three days at Newby Wiske and have come back exhausted but full of wonderful memories! We are all so proud of all they have achieved with activities including The Giant Swing, abseiling, climbing, survivor challenges and a Silent Disco. Their behaviour and attitudes were wonderful throughout the week. Back in school, they have enjoyed beginning their Science learning on Friction and completing a belated 'No Outsiders Day' using the text 'My Princess Boy'. A great week all round!

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.