



Dear Parents,

Firstly, a big welcome to Miss Weeks who has joined us in school this week. We can't believe it was February when we initially interviewed Miss Weeks! She has had a super first week and enjoyed getting to know the children, staff and routines. Over the next few weeks, she will be working in all classes, shadowing our teaching team so she is ready and prepared for September. Please do feel free to introduce herself – I'm sure she will be made to feel very welcome and settle in quickly.

We've also welcomed our new Reception children this week as they spent their first morning in school. We were all hugely impressed with how quickly they settled and can't wait for them to return next week for their full day in school on Tuesday. Whilst we have our new children in, the rest of the children will spend the afternoon in their new class with their new teacher. It is always a really positive afternoon which everyone looks forward to. Children will exit through their new classroom doors on Tuesday: Robin Class will use the usual gate; Kingfisher Class will use the cloakroom exit; Partridge Class the fire exit on the playground and Woodpecker Class the front exit.

As we head towards our final three weeks, our thoughts turn to our 'Jungle Book' performances, which are already looking amazing. Staff are working busily behind the scenes preparing the curriculum for September and we must thank them all for their hard work – the summer term is far from a 'quiet time!' In other exciting news, the Reading Ambassadors have been working on a challenge, which will hopefully see us receive some much-coveted 'Blue Peter Badges'. We will keep you up-to-date with their progress!

Have a great weekend,

### '24/24 Fundraiser'

Our children are very excited about 24/24 fundraising challenge, which the Pupil Leadership Team launched on Monday. Why not use the weekend to complete your '24' activities and challenge yourself – whilst raising money for our brilliant school at the same time!

### Governors' Corner

On Monday morning it was lovely to join with parents, grandparents, younger siblings and the rest of the school to watch Robins present their Class Assembly. In glorious sunshine, the children proudly & confidently told us all about what they have been learning and their trip to the seaside. I particularly enjoyed the beautiful singing of 'Funky Bear' and 'Oh, I Do Like To Be Beside the Seaside'. Thank you for a great start to the week!

*Beverly Smeeton - Governor*

### Woodpecker Class Assembly

We're looking forward to welcoming Woodpecker Class parents to our special Class Assembly on Monday at 9am. We will open the gates as soon as possible after registration – please keep an eye on the weather forecast as we will be outside whatever the weather!

### Let's Celebrate!

This week there has been lots of caring, aspiring and excelling! Teaching staff have chosen an 'anyone from anywhere'

	Woodpecker Class (Y5/6)	Partridge Class (Y3/4)	Kingfisher Class (Y2)	Robin Class (R/Y1)
Care – Aspire – Excel	Jude	Charlie W	Rose	Jack
Curriculum Award	Emily-History	Rafe-Maths	Max-Maths	Tilly-Maths
Aims Award	Thomas-Inquisitive	<i>Faye-Creator</i>	<i>Leo-Creator</i>	Aggie-Risk taker
Team Points	Richmond			
Tidy Classroom	Partridge			
Golden Spoon	Charlie R			
King or Queen	William R			

### 'Bring a Bottle' Non-Uniform Day

Don't forget – next Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July will be a non-uniform day in exchange for a bottle of something! We will use these bottles in September on our stand at Hunton Steam Gathering.

The bottle could be wine, beer, shampoo or anything you like! Thank you in advance!

### The Jungle Book

Year 2 – Year 6 are very excited about their performance of 'The Jungle Book' on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July. There are performances at 2pm and 6pm – please return ticket request slips as soon as possible.

We're very grateful for the contributions towards costumes, which have already been sent into school. If you have any questions regarding costumes please don't hesitate to get in touch with school.

### Diary Dates

<u>When?</u>	<u>What?</u>	<u>Who?</u>	<u>How?</u>
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Transition Afternoon	All	Information sent
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Non-Uniform: 'Bring a Bottle'	All	Information sent
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	'The Jungle Book' 2pm and 5pm	Y2-6	Information sent
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year Reports Home	All	See newsletter
<del>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July</del>	<del>Y3/4 Skipping Festival @ Richmond School</del> <b>Cancelled by Richmond School</b>	<del>Y3/4</del>	<del>Information to follow</del>
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Assembly – 2.30pm	Y6	Information to follow
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Term	All	See newsletter

### Around the Classes...

**Robin Class (Reception):** This week, we have begun our transitions into Year 1, spending some time in our Year 1 outdoor provision. We are very excited to develop this area further, with the children ready for September when they spread their wings full time into Year 1! Our non-fiction book of the week 'See Inside Castles' has been developing our knowledge and interest of castles further, what they were like in the past, who would live in them and some of their different features. Our caterpillars are now within their chrysalis stage and transferred into their net home...we are hoping that in the next week or so we may see some butterflies begin to emerge!

**Robin Class (Year 1):** What a lovely week in Robin Class, the sun has been shining and we produced and delivered our very first Robin Class Assembly. The children were all incredible, their confidence blossomed, and we were super risk-takers. We have loved being outdoors in the shady Year 1 garden exploring in the mud kitchen and sharing stories. In maths, we have been continuing our fraction knowledge, understanding halves, quarters, and equal parts. We have thoroughly enjoyed having a poetry focus by reading and performing 'Seaside' by Shirley Hughes. Our history knowledge and vocabulary has come on such a long way, we have been investigating why people visit Richmond today – I am so proud of Year 1.

**Kingfisher Class:** We have had another busy week in Kingfisher Class this week, working really hard inside the classroom and outside during rehearsals. In maths, we have continued to develop our knowledge of shape, looking how we can sort shapes into groups based on their properties, whilst in English we have been considering ideas as we prepare to write our own sequels to 'Grandad's Camper'. The children were incredibly engaged with our History lesson on Monday as we explored what happened with the eruption of Mount Vesuvius and the devastating impact it had on the nearby town of Pompeii; the children have decided they would love a class visit to go see it first-hand. In such a busy time of year, the children continue to work incredibly hard, despite the scorching weather this week, so a big well done to all.

**Partridge Class:** In maths this week, we have been learning all about angles and we have found out about acute, obtuse and right angles. During English, we have started writing our own adventure story about two young explorers discovering an ancient Maya city. The children have really impressed me with their creativity and I have enjoyed reading them. We have also found out about a brutal game the Maya people played called Pok-a-Tok. The children are continuing to work hard during rehearsals of the Jungle Book. We are excited to show you soon!

**Woodpecker Class:** We have had another industrious week in Woodpecker Class. In Maths, we have moved onto a new unit of learning – investigating negative numbers and solving problems. In English, we have focussed on developing our speaking and listening skills by practising for our class assembly next week – this has also helped consolidate lots of our Science learning on 'Evolution and Inheritance' as we investigate famous scientists including Rosalind Franklin, Mary Anning and Charles Darwin. We hope you can join us for our performance on Monday. Many of our Year 6's are spending some time at their secondary schools next week – we hope they enjoy the experience and it helps them feel prepared for their new start in September.

### 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.