



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope that you enjoyed a wonderful Christmas break. A big thank you to everyone who shared kind words, cards or gifts with the staff team before the holidays – they were all very much appreciated and not at all expected. Thank you as well for your support during the cold weather – we have had fantastic attendance all week, which is wonderful.

This week, we have welcomed Miss Auger, a Student Teacher, who will be completing her teaching placement in Year 1 with Mrs. Tunmore. We have also welcomed Jaiden into Year 2 and his sister Jessica into Year 1. They have had a great first week and I'm sure will continue to settle quickly.

On Wednesday, we welcomed our first (virtual) visitor of the year when some of the children had an online workshop with a member of the Muslim Learner Services Team who shared lots of information about his faith and answered questions in preparation for our upcoming work in R.E.

We have many exciting events ahead for the upcoming term, including residential trips for Year 2 – Year 6, our annual 'Book Week', Spring Concert, Easter Labyrinth and more! Your child's teacher should have written to you today with their Class Newsletter – if you haven't received this, please let us know (it should come home in book bags tonight!).

Have a wonderful weekend,
Mr. Donaldson & Mr. Cope

Attendance

We are delighted to say that attendance has been brilliant this week – in spite of the weather! Regular attendance is vitally important for all children so hopefully this will continue throughout the term.

Y5/6 London Visit

We look forward to welcoming Year 5/6 parents to our Parent Information Session regarding our residential visit to London on **Tuesday 14th January**. The event will start at 4.30pm. For any parents who cannot make the visit, we will send an electronic copy of the presentation. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. If we could also politely remind you that contributions towards the visit, need to be paid via Parent Pay before the visit.

Let's Celebrate!

See who has been awarded in Celebration Assembly this week!

	Mrs. Dozēy	Mrs. Tunmore	Mr. Cope	Mrs. Hollocks	Miss Weeks	Mrs. Kawai-Calderhead	Mr. Donaldson
Above & Beyond <i>(Care – Aspire – Excel)</i>	Oskar	Edward	Noah	Thomas	Abi	Amelia	Henry W
	Robin Class (Rec / Y1)		Kingfisher Class (Y2)		Partridge Class (Y4/5)		Woodpecker Class (Y6)
Curriculum Award	Siena	Austin	Henry W		Rollo		Thomas
Aims Award	Ava	Jessica	Jaiden		Grace S		Cate
Team Points	Bolton						
Tidy Classroom	Partridges						
Golden Spoon	Kai						
Monarch	Thomas J						

Y1/2 Multi-skills Festival

On Wednesday 15th January, Year 1 and 2 children will be taking part in a Multi-skills Festival at Bedale High School. Children should wear their school PE kit to school all day and will need a packed lunch. If your child requires a school packed lunch, please order this by Monday 13th January at the latest.

Diary Dates

Please keep checking the dates below as some may change at short notice!

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Tuesday 14 th January	Y5/6 Residential Meeting – 4.30pm	Y5/6	Information sent
Wednesday 15 th January	Y1/2 Multi-skills Festival	Y1/2	Information sent
Tuesday 21 st January	Skip2bFit	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 29 th January	Parent Open Morning – Reception Phonics	REC	Information to follow
Thursday 30 th January	Y2/3/4 Residential Meeting – 4.30pm	Y2/3/4	Information to follow
Monday 3 rd February	Y3/4 Dodgeball Competition	Y3/4	Information to follow
Wed 5 th – Thu 6 th February	London Residential	Y5/6	Information sent
Monday 10 th February	Parent Online Safety Workshop – 9.00am	All	Information to follow
Monday 10 th – 12 th February	Wraparound Club ‘Spring Specials’	All	Information to follow
Friday 14 th February	Mid-Year Reports Home	All	See newsletter
Friday 14 th February	School Closes for Spring Half-Term	All	See newsletter
Monday 24 th February	School Opens – Spring 2		See newsletter
Wednesday 26 th February	Spring Concert – 9.00am	All	Information to follow
Mon 3 rd – Tue 4 th March	Y2/3/4 Stargazing Residential	Y2/3/4	Information sent
W/C Monday 10 th March	Book Week	All	Information to follow
Thursday 20 th March	Easter Film Night	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 26 th March	Parents’ Evening	All	Information to follow
Thursday 3 rd April	Easter Labyrinth	All	Information to follow
Friday 4 th April	School Closes for Easter Holiday	All	See newsletter

Around the Classes...

Robin Class (Reception): We have had a great first week back after our Christmas break! We have started out new theme 'Zoom to the Moon' and the children are highly engaged already - ready and eager to learn all about Space! Our story of the week, 'Alien's Love Underpants' has sparked lots of role play including creating a trap for the aliens (in case they try to take our pant drawings we made in class). We noticed something rather particular in our outdoor classroom...and wonder if the aliens have visited our school. Watch this space!

Robin Class (Year 1): It has been wonderful to welcome back the children - the snow and ice have made it even more exciting. The children loved exploring with the Arctic animals in the ice from outdoors with lots of scientific vocabulary used. For 'No Outsiders Day', we read the text 'Elmer', discussing that it's ok to be different. This term, we will explore invasion games in P.E., focusing on balance, stability and landing safely. The children have been fully engaged and enjoyed sharing tales from the school break and I am sure positive attitudes will continue throughout the term!

Kingfisher Class: The Kingfisher Class have had a great first week back and have quickly settled back into their usual routines. We kicked the week off with our 'No Outsiders' lesson, using a story called 'The Odd Egg' to explore themes such as treating others with respect and appreciating differences. In Maths, we have continued our multiplication work whilst in England, we have continued our work based around our text 'Water Protectors'. The children were excited to start their new Science topic all about materials, which will see us investigate various properties throughout the unit. A great first week back, well done!

Partridge Class: What a wonderful week back at school! The children have returned refreshed and as always, enthusiastic about their learning. We have continued our study of The Tempest, writing our own script for a new scene. In Maths we have started learning long multiplication, the children have been amazing! We also had a very exciting Science lesson exploring Solid, Liquids and Gases by melting chocolate and watching it turn back into a solid.

Woodpecker Class: Year 6 have gotten off to a wonderful start! We enjoyed our 'No Outsiders' lesson on Tuesday, focussing on the story 'Julian and the Mermaid' where we explored the idea that love is for everyone. In Maths, we have started our new focus on decimals; whilst in English we have continued to explore the dystopian novel 'The Boy in the Tower'. We've also loved exploring the first few chapters of our new story time text 'Varjak Paw'. We're certainly lifelong readers in Year 6!

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.