



Dear Parents,

It has been another great week in school, made even better by the snow and ice melting and us being able to get outside for normal break and lunchtimes. In the classrooms, there have been lots of learning opportunities going on and, as always, it has been a pleasure to visit classrooms and see the learning in action! Our Year 1 & 2 children had a great afternoon at Bedale High School on Wednesday, taking part in a Multi-skills Festival. It was fantastic to hear about their brilliant sporting attitudes and successes!

We also welcomed many of our Year 5 and 6 parents into school on Tuesday evening for a meeting about the upcoming London residential; all of the information should now have been sent to you but if you have any further questions, please do get in touch.

Finally, it has been a pleasure to welcome several of our governors into school this week to share some of the teaching and learning across the curriculum. The children always greatly impress any visitors we have in school and this week has been no different! Well done to all and have a nice weekend.

Mr. Donaldson & Mr. Cope

Library Visit

Parents of Reception and Year 1 children should have received a letter about the visit to Catterick Library, which will take place on Monday 27th January. Attached will also be a letter enabling children to borrow a book, which should be returned before the visit.

Reception Phonics

Reception parents are welcome to join Mrs. Doz y to watch a model Phonics lesson on Wednesday 29th January between 9.00-9.30. It will be a great opportunity for parents to see a phonics lesson delivered 'live' to help their children with early reading at home.

Y2/3/4 Stargazing Visit

Mrs. Hollocks and Miss Armstrong have now visited Northumberland ahead of the Y2/3/4 visit. Parents of Year 2, 4 and 5 children attending the Stargazing residential in Northumberland are welcome to join us for an information evening on Thursday 30th January at 4.30pm. Staff will share further information about the visit. Any information shared will be also sent home afterwards.

Let's Celebrate!

See who has been awarded in Celebration Assembly this week!

	Mrs. Doz�y	Mrs. Tunmore	Mr. Cope	Mrs. Hollocks	Miss Weeks	Mrs. Kawai-Calderhead	Mr. Donaldson
<i>Above & Beyond (Care – Aspire – Excel)</i>	Daniel	William M	Mary	Tilly	Faye	Max	Evie
	Robin Class (Rec / Y1)		Kingfisher Class (Y2)		Partridge Class (Y4/5)		Woodpecker Class (Y6)
Curriculum Award	Amelia-Rose	Ralph	Tai		Bea		Ronnie
Aims Award	Albie	Bertie	Beatrice		Charlie W		Isaac
Team Points	Richmond						
Tidy Classroom	TBC						
Golden Spoon	Aggie						
Monarch	Henry S						

Skip2bFit

We are so excited to welcome back 'Skip2bFit Dave' on Tuesday 21st January for our next skipping session. Skip2bFit has had a huge impact on our school, and alongside teaching skipping skills also encourages the children to be open-minded and develop their growth mindset. All children will need to bring their PE kits in school on Tuesday for their session!

Diary Dates

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

When?	What?	Who?	How?
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): This week, we have enjoyed our Drawing Club text 'Whatever Next', creating our own new planets for Baby Bear and Owl to explore. We have been learning about the first man who landed on the moon, Neil Armstrong, made our own astronauts and created space pictures of the planets using chalks and large-scale paper. In Maths, we have been ordering numbers using our Numberblocks characters and continuing our subitising skills. Each week, the children are becoming more inspired by our theme 'Zoom to the Moon' and feeding their learning and taught vocabulary into their play!

Robin Class (Year 1): Finally, the snow disappeared, and we got off to a super start, embracing the outdoors for some of our learning this week. Geography has seen us begin our new topic 'How does the weather affect our lives?' which suited well as we studied the weather daily and measured the temperature. We have been continuing our 'Sidney, Stella and the Moon' journey, learning all about features in books, and creating a glossary. We have worked hard to learn lots of new alternate graphemes in phonics and putting this into our writing - awesome! And we were all 'happy and healthy' and 'risk takers' during the multi-skills sport visit.

Kingfisher Class: In Maths this week, we have continued to develop our multiplication skills by making arrays and investigating formal written methods for multiplication whilst in English, we completed our final piece of writing based on 'Water Protectors', writing an informative piece about the River Swale and how we can help to protect it. In Geography, we started our new unit exploring extreme weather environments, focussing on Antarctica to begin whilst in Computing the children have been writing algorithms using Bee-bots. Another great week – well done to all of the children.

Partridge Class: This week, Partridges have worked extremely hard. In Maths, we have been practising our long multiplication; the children demonstrated brilliant resilience and determination! In English, the children have been practicing their Shakespearean writing by creating their own iambic pentameter. In Computing, we began our new topic of programming, the children enjoyed moving their turtle and creating different shapes through different instructions. Well done Partridges.

Woodpecker Class: Year 6 have continued to impress this week. In Maths, we have investigated decimals by calculating and it has been great to see their confidence develop. We also loved beginning our Geography topic which focusses on climate change and links closely with our 'change-makers' aim. In Science, we have enjoyed researching the planets in the solar system, whilst creating setting descriptions linked to our text 'The Boy in the Tower' in English.

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.