



Dear Parents,

One of the highlights of the week has definitely been our visit on Tuesday from Dave from Skip2bFit. The children (and staff!) always love Dave's visits, the progress in the children's skipping skills is astonishing, and he always leaves very impressed. It has also been lovely to join in with learning across all of the classes this week – next week we are looking forward to looking at children's Maths and English books and seeing all of the progress they have made.

Our Reading Ambassadors enjoyed their first meeting this week and did a brilliant job delivering 'Story Time' to each of the classes. They will continue to promote reading across school with various activities planned as we all continue to strive to be 'Lifelong Readers'. We are certain they are all going to be fantastic in their new roles!

On Monday, we will welcome a visitor into school from Burley Woodhead English Hub who will look at our phonics provision in school – we're always keen to share what we do, and to learn from others, so it should be great experience! This will be followed by our Robin Class visit to Catterick Library to 'visit a library and borrow a book' – one of our H&A 36 experiences!

Have a good weekend,

Mr. Donaldson & Mr. Cope

Payment Reminder

A polite reminder to please ensure payment for extra-curricular clubs is made via Parent Pay. If your child attends Sewing Club, Construction Club or Art Club please make sure you have made the relevant payments. Thank you.

Change Makers

We've been so impressed with lots of 'change-making' activity in school over the last few weeks! Firstly, Emily in Year 2 had the brilliant idea of setting up a 'Wildlife Protection Club' and has a willing band of helpers meeting on a Monday lunchtime to save endangered species. We've also been very impressed with our Team Captains fundraising ideas for the Californian wildfires. How super to see our aims in action!

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>	Indi	Bertie	Kai	Henry S	Holly	Barnaby	William M
	Robin Class <i>(Rec / Y1)</i>		Kingfisher Class <i>(Y2)</i>		Partridge Class <i>(Y4/5)</i>		Woodpecker Class <i>(Y6)</i>
Curriculum Award	Teddy	Aggie	James		Harry		Amelia
Aims Award	Freya	Lucas	Faye		Poppy		Cate
Team Points	Middleham						
Tidy Classroom	Robins Reception						
Golden Spoon	Faye M						
Monarch	Ava						

Online Safety Session

On Monday 10th February, Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Cope will be leading an Online Safety Session for parents between 9.00-9.30. If you would like to pop along to find out more about how to keep your child(ren) safe online you would be very welcome to join us.

Diary Dates

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

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Monday 27 th January	R/Y1 Visit to Catterick Library	R/Y1	Information sent
Wednesday 29 th January	Parent Open Morning – Reception Phonics	REC	Information sent
Thursday 30 th January	Y2/3/4 Residential Meeting – 4.30pm	Y2/3/4	Information sent
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	See newsletter
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, the children have enjoyed doing lots of activities themed around birds for the RSPB bird watch, starting off with sparking their curiosity with our curiosity cube! We have made bird feeders, painted & drawn different types of birds and spotted a range of birds from our inside bird spotting station! The children have continued to enjoy our theme on planets, reading and discussing their favourite planets and their key attributes! In Maths, we have been sorting based on attributes and focusing on composition with our song ‘5 little speckled frogs’ using the sentence stem ‘___ and ___ makes 5 altogether’. Our highlight of the week has to be ‘skip2bfit’ with Dave – the children were fantastic!

Robin Class (Year 1): We have loved being independent in our learning routine with positive attitudes towards each of our tasks. We had a huge task in English – to write a fact file all about ‘The Moon!’ We found some amazing facts and even remembered about Neil Armstrong from a previous History lesson. The Beebots made an appearance during Computing, which was very exciting. In Maths, we have been trying hard counting in 2s and 10s; please encourage the children to have a go at Numbots at home, as we celebrate this on a Friday. Finally, we ended the week with ‘Skip2Bfit’ and the ‘Big Read.’

Kingfisher Class: Kingfisher Class were definitely ‘Happy & Healthy’ on Tuesday during our Skip2bFit and Dave was certainly impressed with both the skipping and attitudes on show! In Maths, we have continued our work with multiplication whilst in English we have continued our class text ‘The Last Garden’, exploring sentence types and adverbials to develop their writing. In Geography, we explored how penguins are able to survive the harsh conditions of Antarctica and in Science, we have continued exploring materials and their properties.

Partridge Class: This week the children have enjoyed writing their Shakespeare inspired plays, exploring characterisation and dialogue. We have also conducted another science experiment, investigating how liquids turn to solids; making predictions and freezing different substances. In Geography, the children discussed why Heimaey in Iceland has a lack of trees!

Woodpecker Class: Year 6 have produced some wonderful writing this week – completing their narrative stories based on ‘The Boy in the Tower’ and practising a range of speech punctuation. In Maths, they have focussed on calculating with decimals and started to investigate percentages. In Geography, we have continued to think about climate change and in PE enjoyed our first dodgeball session (now that the ice has finally melted!). 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.