



Dear Parents,

A definite highlight for us has been visiting each class over the last couple of days to watch English lessons in action. We were so impressed with the behaviour, attitudes and fantastic learning on show. We are lucky to work with such great teachers and children and it was a pleasure to see such a positive learning atmosphere around school.

Next week we have many visits taking place for Year 1 – Year 6. Most of these link to our geography curriculum and the children will take part in planned fieldwork activities linked to their current topics. On Thursday, our oldest children will also be visiting The Glasshouse in Gateshead where they will have the privilege of watching the Royal Northern Sinfonia Orchestra rehearse – accomplishing another of our ‘H&A 36’.

Finally, it was a pleasure to welcome so many of our Reception parents to our phonics meeting on Thursday. We are incredibly passionate about reading in school and this begins from the very start of Reception through their phonics lessons. We are, as always, hugely appreciative of your support with this as we strive for our children to be ‘Lifelong Readers’.

Mr. Donaldson & Mr. Cope

Year 1 Parents Phonics Event

Year 1 parents are welcome to join us for a Phonics and Reading Meeting on Thursday 9th October at 4pm.

European Day of Languages

The children had a great time on Friday as we celebrated European Day of Languages. Each class were allocated a country, which borders France, dressing in their colours and learning more about their culture. And of course, we had croissants to top off the celebrations!

Visits

Just a reminder that we have several visits taking place next week linked to our Geography and Music curriculum. If you haven't already given consent on Parent Pay, please ensure you do so. Children should wear school uniform for the visit.

Monday – Y6 Yorkshire Dales (AM only)

Tuesday – Y3 Richmond (AM Only)

Tuesday – Y4/5 River Swale (PM Only)

Thursday – Y1/2 Bedale (AM Only)

Thursday – Y4/5/6 – The Glasshouse, Gateshead (All Day)

Let's Celebrate!

See who has been awarded in Celebration Assembly this week!

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| | Mrs. Dozēy | Mrs. Hollocks | Mr. Donaldson | Mrs. Tunmore | Miss Weeks | Mrs. Kawai-Calderhead | Mr. Cope |
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| Care – Aspire – Excel Awards | Thomas | Lacey T | Poppy | Margot | Bernard | Harry | Max |
| | Robin Class (Rec/Y1) | Kingfisher Class (Y1 & Y2) | | Goldfinch Class (Y3) | Partridge Class (Y4 & Y5) | | Woodpecker Class (Y6) |
| Curriculum Award | Daniel | Albie | | Charlotte | Kai | | Charlie R |
| Aims Award | Charlie | Theo | | Jaiden | Faye | | Charlie W |
| Team Points | Bolton | | | | | | |
| Presentation Prize | James S | | | | | | |
| Golden Spoon | Margot A | | | | | | |
| Monarch | Rose | | | | | | |
| Tidy Class | Kingfisher | | | | | | |

Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on Friday 10th October to take individual and sibling photographs.

Diary Dates

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

| When? | What? | Who? | How? |
|-------------------------------------|--|--------|-----------------------|
| Monday 29 th September | Yorkshire Dales Visit (Year 6) | Y6 | Information sent |
| Tuesday 30 th September | Richmond Visit (Year 3) | Y3 | Information sent |
| Tuesday 30 th September | River Swale Visit (Year 4 & 5) | Y4/5 | Information sent |
| Thursday 2 nd October | Bedale Visit (Year 1 & 2) | Y1/2 | Information sent |
| Thursday 2 nd October | Glasshouse Gateshead Visit (Year 4,5 & 6) | Y4/5/6 | Information sent |
| Thursday 9 th October | Phonics Information Event @ 4pm – Y1 Parents | Y1 | Information sent |
| Friday 10 th October | Individual Photographs | All | See newsletter |
| Friday 10 th October | Design Technology Parent Event @ 2.45pm | All | Information sent |
| Wednesday 15 th October | Parents' Evening – 4.00-6.00pm | All | Information to follow |
| Thursday 16 th October | Harvest Festival @ 2.30pm | All | Information to follow |
| Wednesday 22 nd October | Cross Country @ Richmond School (Key Stage 2) | KS2 | Information to follow |
| Friday 24 th October | School Closes for Half Term | All | See newsletter |
| Monday 3 rd November | School Closed – CPD Day | All | See newsletter |
| Tuesday 4 th November | School Opens | All | See newsletter |
| Friday 7 th November | Festival of Remembrance @ Ripon Cathedral | TBC | Information to follow |
| Tuesday 18 th November | Y3/4 NERF Festival @ Richmond School | TBC | Information to follow |
| Wednesday 3 rd December | Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics @ Richmond School | TBC | Information to follow |
| Wednesday 10 th December | Reception & Key Stage 1 Nativity @ 2.00 & 6.00pm | REC-Y2 | Information to follow |
| Tuesday 16 th December | Pantomime @ Darlington Hippodrome | All | Information to follow |
| Wednesday 17 th December | Christingle @ St Patrick's Church – 6.00pm | All | Information to follow |
| Friday 19 th December | School Closes for Christmas Holiday | All | See newsletter |

Around the Classes...

Robin Class: This week, our Drawing Club text has been 'The Day the Crayon's Quit'. We have learnt some new vocabulary including 'quit, persevere, favourite, colour, feelings'. The children's imaginations are soaring to new heights this week thinking of very creative ideas for their own lands for the crayons to go to! Following our huge interest in acrobats, our outdoor area has been transformed into a 'Big Top' Circus tent. We have been practicing our skills, including juggling, balancing and wonderful magic acts! It has been fantastic to watch them being fully immersed in the theme, creating tickets, snacks and ice-cream parlours just to name a few! In Maths, we have been looking at subitising and how we can 'see' amounts without having to count them out.

Kingfisher Class: Another week has whizzed by! In Maths, we have continued to investigate the value of numbers by partitioning them in different ways, as well as comparing them by using vocabulary and symbols. In English, we have continued to write our own stories based on 'Pig the Pug' and have worked really hard to improve our handwriting. We have enjoyed learning more about why the Bible is special to Christians in RE and learnt all about map symbols in Geography. Please do keep reading with your child at home – they need to read five times at home during the week to be entered into the 'Reading Raffle'.

Goldfinch Class: Another fantastic week in the Goldfinch Class! In Science, we have been labelling bones on a skeleton, we loved this task! We have explored the use of solar farms in Geography and we are very excited about our field trip to Richmond next week. We have consolidated our place value knowledge in Maths and moved forward into measure. In English, we have started to write our own version of a cautionary tale and we ended by celebrating European Day of Languages with a German theme.

Partridge Class: Partridges have had a brilliant week, this week! They are really settling into year 4/5 amazingly and are showing how hard-working they are. The children had a great time during our European Day of Languages, learning about Belgium and creating their own chocolates! We have also started our spooky text 'The Lost Happy Endings', the children had some brilliant predications of what may happen in the story. Finally, in Maths, we have been further developing our rounding skills.

Woodpecker Class: Another great week for our Year 6 children who continue to work incredibly hard. In Maths, we have progressed onto multiplication and division, exploring common multiples and common factors. In English, we have been developing our persuasive writing skills, using features such as compound nouns and rhetorical questions. As we prepare for our fieldwork visit to Leyburn next week, we have been exploring how leaflets and brochures can be used to persuade tourists to visit the Yorkshire Dales whilst in R.E. we have been reflecting on forgiveness. Well done to all of the children!

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.