



Dear Parents,

We have had a super time celebrating our 'Art Week'. There have been some brilliant art and design lessons taking place across school – from investigating macrophotography in Year 6, to collage work in Reception. Year 1 and 2 had a great morning working with Chris Layfield (from Open Door Art) who has visited our school on many occasions; this time he has created a new doodle map as our old one was looking a bit weather-beaten! Of course, the highlight was our visit to the Himalayan Garden on Wednesday. It was great to hear how much it was enjoyed.

When we return to school, we will be in the final half term of the academic year. As our Year 6 children prepare for their transition to secondary school, Mrs Dozėy will be visiting our fifteen new Reception children in their preschool settings; this is the start of their phased transition over the coming months and we can't wait to welcome them.

The second half of the summer term is always very busy with events. Please do keep an eye on the diary dates overleaf to ensure you are fully up-to-date.

Have a great half-term break. School reopens on Monday 1st June.

Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Cope

End-of-year Production

On Thursday morning, children in Key Stage 2 had the opportunity to audition for The Lion King, which will be our end-of-year production. We were so impressed with every single child who auditioned – they truly embody our curriculum aims of being 'risk-takers' and 'creators'. It was lovely to see the children encouraging one another throughout and we are excited to get started with rehearsals after half term. As always, there was a lot of competition for some of the roles but hopefully everyone will be happy with their part!

Year 6 Theatre Visit

Year 6 had a great afternoon on Wednesday, watching a professional performance of 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' at Bradford Alhambra. This was a lovely post SATS treat, but also enabled them to see one of their earlier 'story time' texts brought to life. It is a wonderful book if you haven't read it – just make sure you have tissues handy!

Let's Celebrate!

See who has been awarded in Celebration Assembly this week!

	Mrs. Dozėy	Mrs. Hollocks	Mr. Donaldson	Mrs. Tunmore	Miss Weeks	Mrs. Kawai-Calderhead	Mr. Cope
Care – Aspire – Excel Awards	Heath	Siena	Tilly	Evie	Theodore	Grace S	Esmee
	Robin Class (Rec/Y1)	Kingfisher Class (Y1 & Y2)	Goldfinch Class (Y3)	Partridge Class (Y4 & Y5)	Woodpecker Class (Y6)		
Curriculum Award	Margot	Arthur	Emily	Max	Charlie R		
Aims Award	Letty	William R	James	Faye	Harry		
Team Points	Richmond						
Presentation Prize	Arthur						
Golden Spoon	Charlie P						
Monarch of Manners	Albie						
Tidy Classroom	Woodpeckers						

Extra-Curricular Clubs

We have a range of extra-curricular clubs beginning again after half term. Please remember to make the payment via Parent Pay to secure your child's place.

Class Assemblies

Kingfisher Class will lead assembly on Wednesday 10th June and Robin Class on Wednesday 24th June – both at 2.45pm. We hope parents and friends are able to join us on the playground.

Around the Classes...

Robin Class: We had a wonderful whole school visit on Wednesday to the Himalayan Gardens and Sculpture Park. What a fantastic trip we had looking at the amazing sculptures and gardens in full bloom! Towards the end of the week, we wrote postcards based on our visit to Saltburn-by-the-Sea and we are so impressed with how the children's writing is progressing. We have had a wonderful end to our half term and we hope you all have a lovely break!

Kingfisher Class: It has been another hard-working week in Kingfisher Class. In our art lessons, we have focussed on maps – using a range of media, including collage, to create our own 3D maps and really investigating form. We have been very busy practising our phonics and spelling skills in both Year 1 and 2. In Maths, we have continued to investigate fractions – thinking carefully about three quarters. Mrs. Kennedy has also been very impressed with our athletic prowess in our PE lessons. Well done Kingfisher Class – have a well-earned half-term break!

Goldfinch Class: The final week of the half term, it has flown over! We like to say time flies when we are having fun! And what a fun week it has been. We loved exploring art week, learning about our artist William Morris. We have created beautiful floral artwork and delved into Egyptian artwork with our final piece being a scroll, made from our version of papyrus paper. Our whole school trip to the Himalayan Gardens was a wonderful experience for us to compliment art week and we have also been extremely happy & healthy during our athletics and fitness lessons. Have a wonderful break.

Partridge Class: Partridges have had a very exciting week all centred around being creators. Our art week has focused around fabric and nature, with the theme of the rainforest. We have created lots of different forms of art including mood boards, using pastel work and a batik. On Wednesday, we had a gorgeous walk around the Himalayan Sculpture Garden, taking in the sculptures and lovely flowers. I hope you have a restful half-term break and hopefully enjoy some sunny weather!

Woodpecker Class: After the pressure of SATs last week, we have had a much more relaxed week this week! The children were brilliant role models during our whole-school visit to the Himalayan Sculpture Park and then we had a brilliant time visiting Bradford on Thursday to see the production of 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' as a special 'well done' for all of the hard-work leading up to and throughout the SATs. In school, we have enjoyed our art unit focussing on photography, where we have studied some of the work of David Bailey before developing our own photography skills with me macro-photography using various fruits. Have a lovely half term break Woodpeckers before you return for your final half term of primary school!

Diary Dates

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

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Monday 1 st June	School Opens	All	See newsletter
W/C Monday 1 st June	Y4 Multiplication Check Begins	Y4	Information sent
W/C Monday 8 th June	Y1 Phonics Screening Check Begins	Y1	Information sent
Wednesday 10 th June	Year 1 & 2 Class Assembly	Y1/2	Information sent
Tuesday 9 th June	Sports Morning	All	Information sent
Thursday 11 th June	Y4/5 Visit to Jorvik Viking Centre	Y4/5	Information to follow
Friday 12 th June	KS1 Fun Run	Y1/2	Information to follow
Wednesday 24 th June	Reception Class Assembly	REC	Information sent
Friday 26 th June	Strawberry Fair	Y6	Information to follow
Thursday 2 nd July	Transition Afternoon	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 8 th July	'The Lion King' – 2pm and 6pm	KS2	Information to follow
Friday 10 th July	End of Year Reports	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 14 th July	Richmond Team Visit to Richmond Castle	R'mond	Information to follow
Friday 17 th July	Leavers' Assembly	Y6	Information to follow
Friday 17 th July	End of Term	All	See newsletter
Monday 7 th September	School Opens	All	See newsletter

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.