



Dear Parents,

...and just like that the first half-term of autumn is over. It really doesn't feel like seven weeks since we returned to school. During that time, the children have made so much progress: we see this daily through wonderful progress in books and super attitudes to learning throughout the school. It is like our Reception children have always been part of the 'H&A Family' – although they are our youngest children, they embody everything about our school vision and we couldn't be prouder of the start they have made. In Key Stage 1, we're so impressed with the progress in writing and number skills, whilst the children in Key Stage 2 are consistently excellent role models in all they do. You should be very proud and we know the teachers are looking forward to sharing their progress at Parents' Evenings.

The Harvest Festival is always a lovely way to end the term and we look forward to celebrating this with you this afternoon. When we return in November, we have lots of visits to look forward to and then – before we know it – we will begin the many special events in the run up to Christmas. Please do keep an eye on the diary dates overleaf – they have now been updated.

Have a great half term break,
Mr. Donaldson & Mr. Cope

Donations

We'd still love any donations of dressing-up or fancy-dress clothes which are no longer wanted or needed for our 'aims sheds'!

Yorkshire Wildlife Park Visit

Just a reminder that Kingfisher and Goldfinch Class will be visiting Yorkshire Wildlife Park on Wednesday 4th November. It is guaranteed to be an exciting day out where the children will deepen their Science learning about animals and their habitats. Please can children arrive in school for 8:30am as the coach will leave promptly at 8:45am. Children will need a waterproof coat and packed-lunch (if you haven't already ordered a school packed lunch). Please also ensure you have given consent via Parent Pay. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Children in Need

Children-in-Need takes place on Friday 17th November. Our Pupil Leadership Team have decided that they would like children to wear their own clothes on this day in exchange for a donation to Children in Need. Please donate directly to Children in Need rather than bringing cash to school.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening letters were sent home yesterday. Please return reply slips no later than Wednesday 4th November. Teachers will then send home a reply slip which will contain your exact appointment time.

Special Educational Needs & Disabilities

Just a reminder Mrs. Cromey-Hawke (our SENDCo) is in school each Thursday. She will be on the school playground on either the morning or the afternoon if your child is on the Special Educational Needs Register, or you have concerns about your child. If you are unable to catch her at these 'drop-in' events, please contact the school office to make an appointment for a convenient time.

Relationships & Sex Education

Our Relationships & Sex Education Policy is available in the 'Curriculum' section of the school website if you would like to find out about it in more detail.

Let's Celebrate!

There is no 'Celebration Assembly' this week due to our Harvest Festival!

Return to School

School will re-open on Monday 2nd November. We look forward to seeing you then.

Diary Dates

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

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Monday 2 nd November	School Opens	All	See newsletter
Wednesday 4 th November	Yorkshire Wildlife Park Visit – KS1	KS1	Information sent
Monday 9 th November	Festival of Remembrance @ Ripon Cathedral	H-H KS2	Information sent
Wednesday 11 th November	Crucial Crew	Y6	Information to follow
Wednesday 11 th November	Parents' Evening	All	Information sent
Friday 13 th November	Children in Need	All	Information to follow
Monday 16 th November	Odd Socks Day / Anti-Bullying Week	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 18 th November	Maths Information Event @ 2.30 – Reception Parents	REC	Information to follow
Thursday 19 th November	Torchlight Treasure Hunt @ 5.00pm	All	Information to follow
Friday 20 th November	Big Read @ 2.30pm	All	Information to follow
Tuesday 1 st December	Y5/6 Visit to Richmond	Y5/6	Information to follow
Tuesday 1 st December	Christmas Club	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 2 nd December	Christmas Fair @ 3.30pm	All	Information to follow
Tuesday 8 th December	Christmas Club	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 9 th December	Reception & KS1 Nativity @ 2.00 and 6.00pm	REC/KS1	Information to follow
Thursday 10 th December	Christmas Film Night	All	Information to follow
Friday 11 th December	Christmas Lunch	All	Information to follow
Tuesday 15 th December	Pantomime @ Darlington Hippodrome	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 16 th December	Christingle @ St Patrick's Church, Patrick Brompton	All	Information to follow
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Party	All	Information to follow
Friday 18 th December	School Closes for Christmas Holiday	All	See newsletter
Monday 4 th January	School Closed – CPD Day	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 5 th January	School Opens	All	See newsletter
Thursday 4 th & Friday 5 th Feb	Y5/6 London Residential	Y5/6	Information sent

Around the Classes...

Robin Class: This week, our text 'Christopher Pumpkin' has followed on nicely with our interest in autumn and pumpkins! We have enjoyed using new vocabulary including distasteful, cheerful and hair-raising! In Maths, we have been looking at comparison, who has 'more than' and 'fewer than'. We have worked so hard to showcase our 'Harvest Festival' performance and hopefully you enjoyed seeing it! We were proud of them doing their first performance as part of the Robin Class. The children have all excelled this half-term, showing amazing drive and persistence. We are so pleased to see how proud they are of themselves and their achievements.

Kingfisher Class: What a super half-term it has been! This week in phonics, we have been enjoying learning some new graphemes – we're so impressed with how fantastically the children have increased their knowledge. In English, we have been learning about the features of information books, whilst in Maths we have enjoyed continuing to consolidate our addition knowledge by exploring composition of 9 and 10. In Art, we have started to use our knowledge of portraits to explore the work of the illustrator Roger Hargreaves – we are going to be creating our own Mr. Men style pictures!

Goldfinch Class: A brilliant week to end the half-term in Goldfinch Class! In Maths, we have continued with our addition and subtraction further developing the skill of 'crossing the ten' whilst in Geography, we ended our unit by using the four compass points to give directions. Some of us got a little lost but we got there in the end! In English, we continued reading 'Dear Earth', considering some of the challenges our planet is facing. And finally, we were so impressed with how clearly and confidently the children performed our 'Harvest Poem' during the Harvest festival – well done to all of them!

Partridge Class: We have reached the final week of term and I am so impressed with the children's wonderful attitudes to learning. We have started addition and subtraction in Maths, where we are extending our mathematical vocabulary through talking like a mathematician. We have also completed our tag rugby unit in P.E. which we really enjoyed. We played preposition I SPY in English whilst in Art, we turned our thumbnail prints into a larger creation. Finally, we were 'risk takers' and 'creators' during the Harvest Festival sharing our 'Harvest Song'. Have a lovely half term break.

Woodpecker Class: Woodpeckers should be super proud of themselves this half-term as they've really stepped up to the challenge of year 5 and 6. They're always excellent role models and make us proud every day! This week, we've started exploring multiples and factors in Maths as well as using our inference skills in English. In Geography, we thought about the positive and negative impacts tourism has on Whitby and finished the week with some fabulous gymnastic sequences! Have a restful week!

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.