



Dear Parents,

The big event this week was the Cross Country on Wednesday – all children showed great determination to complete the course and we were lucky enough to have some children who qualified in the ‘top 6’ for their category – we will update you with any information about next rounds once we have it!

We’ve also worked hard on our curriculum aim of being a ‘lifelong reader’ this week. Later today, the children will read to their ‘assembly partner’ in our first ‘Big Read’ of this academic year, and yesterday we celebrated National Poetry Day. We’re working hard on exposing the children to poets and poetry and this was a great opportunity to explore more of our favourite poems; the children were joined by a different teacher for story time and everyone involved had a fantastic time!

One of the most enjoyable parts of our role is being able to go around each class in the school to see some of the wonderful learning taking place; this week, Mrs Hollocks and Miss Weeks also had a ‘learning walk’ around each class and they were equally impressed as we always are by the work-ethic and enthusiasm of the children. Their behaviour and attitudes – both in the class and when out representing the school – are a credit to them and we are very proud!

Mr. Donaldson & Mr. Cope

Parents’ Evening

Parents’ Evening appointments have been sent home this week. If you haven’t received the reply slip, please do let us know. Teachers are looking forward to meeting with you on Wednesday and sharing information about how your child has settled into their new group and the progress made since September.

‘Odd Socks Day’

We’ll mark ‘Friendship Day’ on Monday with ‘Odd Socks Day’. Your child is welcome to wear odd socks on the day to help us remember that we are all different, but all equal!

School Photographs

Individual photographs will be taken by our school photographer next Friday, 11th October. Make sure you practice your best smile for the day! If you would like younger siblings to attend, please let Mrs. Godlee know.

Artist Visit

We’re looking forward to welcoming Chris Layfield back into school next Wednesday for our latest art workshops with each class! We’ll put the work on our Facebook page afterwards!

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>	Ava	Eric	Margot D	Faye	Grace S	Cate	Albie
	Robin Class (Rec / Y1)		Kingfisher Class (Y2)		Partridge Class (Y4/5)		Woodpecker Class (Y6)
Curriculum Award	Amelia	Bertie	Ivo	Abi	Fiona		
Aims Award	Theo	Jack	Rose	River	Evie		
Team Points	Bolton						
Tidy Classroom	Woodpeckers						
Golden Spoon	Reception						
Monarch	Ralph						

Diary Dates

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

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Wednesday 9 th October	Parents Evening	All	Information sent
Friday 11 th October	School Photographs (Individual)	All	Information to follow
Monday 21 st October	Halloween Film Night	All	Information to follow
Thursday 24 th October	Harvest Festival & Pumpkin Parade – 2.30pm	All	Information to follow
Friday 25 th October	School Closes for Half-Term	All	See newsletter
Monday 4 th November	School Closed – CPD Day	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 5 th November	School Opens – Autumn 2	All	See newsletter
Wednesday 6 th November	Service of Remembrance – Ripon Cathedral	KS2 HH	Information to follow
Wednesday 13 th November	Maths Parent Information Evening – 4.00pm	All	Information to follow
Monday 18 th November	'Big Read' with Parents – 9.00am	All	Information to follow
Monday 9 th December	Christmas Film Night	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 11 th December	'Sleeping Beauty' @ Darlington Hippodrome	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 18 th December	Christingle @ St Patrick's Church – 6pm	All	Information to follow
Friday 20 th December	School Closes for Christmas Holiday	All	See newsletter
Monday 6 th January	School Closed – CPD Day	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 7 th January	School Opens – Spring 1	All	See newsletter
Wed 5 th – Thu 6 th February	London Residential	Y5/6	Information sent

Around the Classes...

Robin Class (Reception): This week we have started our Drawing Club adventure with our first book 'The Colour Monster'! The children have been using a range of exciting vocabulary such as discombobulated, enraged, shimmering and tranquillity with accompanying actions! Each day we focus on drawing a different element (character/setting/adventure days) and have magical codes which change our picture! Every child has shown curiosity and awe delving into the world of imagination where we have had the most magical time enjoying mark making and writing with meaning in a fun and engaging way! In other news we have enjoyed pirate dancing, learning the 'Harvest Apples' poem, creating our own leaf creations with the 'Leaf Man' book and beginning to explore Autumn treasures in our outdoor environment. Another busy week of learning!

Robin Class (Year 1): A 'happy and healthy' week for the Robin class. We all thoroughly engaged in our PE lessons, exploring speeds and actions through a pirate inspired dance and during our fundamental lesson, we were changing direction and dodging. It was wonderful to see all the Robins participating with a huge smile on their face. We've been outdoors in Maths, collecting numbered pebbles and making rockets to blast off! We can now count backwards from any number within 10. We have been reading as a geographer and exploring the world map and globe, finding the United Kingdom and our school. To celebrate National Poetry Day, Mr Cope came to share a poem with us. And we ended the week with the Big Read, sharing books with our assembly partners. Well done for this week Robins!

Kingfisher Class: On Wednesday, Year 3 children had a fantastic day at cross country at Richmond Secondary School. The children represented school really well and were 'happy and healthy.' Back in school, Year 1s joined the Year 2s to do some great partner work to solve some maths problems. The children worked really well together to find all the possibilities. We have begun our new unit of 'addition and subtraction' and have been looking at number bonds and fact families. Today, we discovered a backpack in the classroom that had been left by an explorer. This linked to our new book 'Dear Earth' which we will be working on for the next few weeks in English. In French, we learnt how to say 'What is your name?' and 'My name is...!' Another great week, well done Kingfishers.

Partridge Class: What an amazing week. We are all so proud of the children for being risk takers and taking part in cross country this week. It was wonderful to see their determination to do us (and themselves) proud! We have been busy this week researching the life of Harriet Tubman in English. In Maths, we have been exploring rounding and negative numbers as well as beginning our new topic of Addition and Subtraction. Finally, in Science we answered the question 'What is special about our local area?' by creating a visitor guide about the wonderful habitats that we have here in Hunton!

Woodpecker Class: We have continued to work hard in Year 6. In Maths, we have continued to enjoy our learning about the four operations by investigating 'special numbers' such as primes, factors and squares. We worked hard on using our multiplication skills to support and extend our learning. In English, we have learnt about the silent film genre and written our own reviews for the film, 'Hugo' which is inspired by our 'Literacy Tree' text. We've enjoyed investigating how leaflets persuade tourists to visit the Yorkshire Dales in Geography and continuing to be happy and healthy in our PE lessons in Dance and TAG Rugby. Well done, Year 6!

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.