



Dear Parents & Carers,

What another super week in school! Lots of staff have had the opportunity to pop into other classrooms and see some of the great work the children have been completing and we have been very impressed with all of the knowledge they are willing to share.

On Tuesday, Mr Cope and I had the pleasure of travelling all the way to Cheshire to visit an outstanding school there – we were really excited by some of the things we do and it was great to come away with ideas about how we can make our school an even better place.

Next week, we will be completing our next 'Art Week' as well as celebrating the Platinum Jubilee (details below) alongside all of our learning.

It has been wonderful to see so many of you at Parents Evenings this week – if you haven't had chance to make an appointment, please do call the School Office and we will ensure that we arrange a convenient time to catch up.

Have a good weekend,

Mr Donaldson

### Platinum Jubilee

We will celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in school next Wednesday (25<sup>th</sup> May). During the morning, all children will be designing and painting their own commemorative plate (keep a look out for them on the way home!) We will then celebrate by having a 'Street Party Lunch' together on the playground. In the afternoon our fantastic Pupil Groups such as the Pupil Leadership Team and 'Hunton Heroes' have been busy creating fair-style activities and games for the children to take part in!

There is no need to bring in any money, and uniform should be worn as normal!

### Let's Celebrate!

Our wonderful award winners this week are:

	Robin Class (Rec/Y1)	Kingfisher Class (Y2)	Partridge Class (Y3/4)	Woodpecker Class (Y5/6)
Above & Beyond (Care – Aspire – Excel)	Bernard	Fearne	Annabel	Riley
Writer of the Week	Max	Rafe	Georgia	Ava
Mathematician of the Week	Abigail	Olivia	Pip	Darcey
Tidy Classroom	Kingfisher			
Team Point Winners (Term)	442			
The Golden Spoon	Abigail			

### Diary Dates

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Platinum Jubilee Celebrations	All	See newsletter
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	School Closes for Half Term	All	Parents informed
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	School Opens	All	Parents informed
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Geography Fieldwork Day	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Y4/5 Choir Day @ Bedale High	Y4/5	Information to follow
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Sports Afternoon	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Y4/5 Clay Day @ Bedale High	Y4/5	Information to follow
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Y2-6 Production – 2pm & 6.30pm	Y2-6	Information to follow
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Leavers Assembly @2pm	Y6	Information to follow

### School Closed

Just a reminder that school is closed on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May.

#### Around the Classes...

**Robin Class:** What a marvellous week with wonderful weather. The children have been enjoying learning outside especially in Science, investigating plants in the Nectar Cafe and building their new mini greenhouse. It has been exciting seeing our seeds and beans grow. In Maths we have continued with our array work and learning our doubles, something you could do at home. We are very impressed with the children's reading skills and we thank you for your support at home. Mr Cope came to see our handwriting skills and to say he was impressed is an understatement! It was lovely to see many of you at parents evening this week, I look forward to seeing the rest of you next week. Here's hoping to a lovely sunny weekend.

**Kingfisher Class:** What a busy week we have had! This week we have started to complete our special assessments in reading and I have been blown away with the positive attitudes of the children – they were so determined to showcase what they have learnt, there was a loud 'YES!' at the prospect of another assessment! We enjoyed our visit from Powerdown Pete which really linked well with our 'Change Makers' aim and gave us lots of food for thought. We have continued to practise our writing at length skills, as well as continuing to investigate measure in maths – learning to read scales on thermometers and using standard and non-standard units to measure the mass of objects.

**Partridge Class:** Partridge Class have impressed me with their determination to solve money problems in maths this week. We started by identifying all the coins and working out the total value of coins and notes, then moved onto ordering coins. In English, we are focusing on adventure stories. We have looked at using conjunctions to expand our sentences and used pictures to inspire us to write some interesting story openers. On Thursday we were visited by Powerdown Pete, who told us all about how we use- and waste- water, and what we can do to help! We ended the week with a visit to The Station in Richmond, to take part in dance workshops. The children really enjoyed their morning and the dance leader was very impressed with how hard everyone tried!

**Woodpecker Class:** In English this week, the children have been complaining a lot! We have been looking at formal letter writing with a particular focus on letters of complaints and they have produced some great work. In Maths, we have shifted our focus onto shape and angles which has involved lots of practical work using protractors. We have made predictions and learnt more about how animals can adapt to their environments in Science, learning about animals who can close their nostrils and others who can drink up to 12 gallons in one go! We ended the week by watching 'Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat' so children can begin to think about what part they would like to try for in our end of year performance with auditions next week!

#### Safeguarding Reminders

If you are concerned about the safety or welfare of a child, it is important to remember that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, however the below information may be useful:

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Mr. Samuel Donaldson, the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL) is Mr. Gavin Cope. The named governor for Safeguarding is Mrs. Louise Wyatt.

Further information, including policies, can be found on our website