



Dear Parents & Carers,

What a wonderful week! It has been so fantastic to see all of the children again – our new starters have settled in brilliantly and there is a lovely atmosphere in school with all children working hard. Our school looks fabulous thanks to the hard work of our staff over the summer holidays. The children are lucky to have such dedicated teachers.

Learning this week has got off to a great start with a special virtual visit from BBC weather presenter Ben Rich to launch our geography fieldwork day as well as our Design Technology Days where mechanisms have been the running theme through each class. I have seen some fantastic samples of work. Today, we thought about the life of Queen Elizabeth II – observing a two-minute silence and reflecting on her life in class. We will continue to reflect over the coming weeks.

This week's newsletter is packed full of important dates for the coming term overleaf. Hopefully this will help you plan ahead!

We say a big hello and welcome to several new staff members who have joined us this week: Mrs. Tunmore, Mrs. Farrell, Miss Laws and Mrs. Kawai-Calderhead – as well as Miss McDonnell who will be completing her teacher training with us. I know they have all been made to feel very welcome.

Have a good weekend – I know all the staff are ready for a rest, I am sure the children are too!  
Mr Donaldson

### Hello & Welcome!

As well as the new members of staff, we also welcome lots of new children across our school – Emily, Octavia, Margot, Faye, Evie, Erin, Cora, Ivo, Isobel, James, Tilly and Isabelle into Reception; Ruby-Mai into Year 1; Pippa into Year 2; Sam in Year 4 and Lucy in Year 5. They have all had a great week and we are very proud of them!

### New Awards

As we start the new school year, we have changed some of our Friday awards. Rather than an 'English' and 'Maths' award we will be celebrating the whole curriculum with our 'Curriculum Award' and for our 'Aims Award' teachers will pick pupils who have been lifelong readers, happy and healthy, creators, inquisitive, change-makers or risk-takers! The award winners will be celebrated below!

### Let's Celebrate!

This week we are congratulating the following pupils on their excellent behavior and effort!

	Robin Class (R/Y1)	Kingfisher Class (Y2)	Partridge Class (Y3/4)	Woodpecker Class (Y5/6)
<i>Above &amp; Beyond (Care – Aspire – Excel)</i>	James	Pippa	Amelia	Darcey
<b>Curriculum Award</b>	Rose G (D& T)	Faye (D& T)	Charlie (D& T)	Lucy (Geography)
<b>Aims Award</b>	Faye (Happy & Healthy)	Noah (Change makers)	Annabel (Creator)	Riley (Change makers)
<b>Team Point Winners</b>	Bolton			
<b>The Golden Spoon</b>	Pippa			
<b>Tidy Classroom</b>	Robin Class			

### Diary Dates

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception Phonics Parents Meeting	Rec Parents	Parents informed
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Skip2bFit Day	All	Information to follow
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	European Day of Languages	All	Information to follow
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	'This Is Me' Week	All	Information to follow
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	'Rockstar Day'	All	Information to follow
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Y4/5 Poppy Workshop @ Bedale High	Y4/5	Information to follow
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	KS2 Cross Country	KS2	Information to follow
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	School Photographs	All	Information to follow
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Maths Workshops for Parents – 4.00pm	All	Information to follow
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	New Starter Event	Rec Starters 2023	Information given
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> / Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evenings 4.00-6.00pm	All	Information to follow
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Harvest Festival / Pumpkin Parade	All	Information to follow
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole School Visit to Castle Bolton	All	Information to follow
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	'Odd Socks Day'	All	Information to follow
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need	All	Information to follow
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Class Museums – Parents Welcome 2.45pm	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Rec – Y2 Nativity 2.00pm and 6.00pm	Rec – Y2	Information to follow
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch	All	Information to follow
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Visit to Darlington Hippodrome Pantomime 'Peter Pan'	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle @ St Patrick's Church 6.00pm	All	Information to follow
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Autumn Term	All	Parents informed

### Around the Classes...

#### **Robin Class:**

Wow, what an amazing week for the Robin class. The Reception children have amazed us settling in, with the Year 1's stepping up and helping out. We have looked at 'The Colour Monster', drew self-portraits and the Year 1's have participated in the Geography Fieldwork Day, exploring around the whole school and even the Nectar Cafe. To end the week, we participated in a DT event, exploring and designing books with flaps.

#### **Kingfisher Class:**

What a super first week we have had! It has been a pleasure getting to know the Year 2 children a little better. After reading 'The Big Book of Families' on Tuesday, we thought about our own families and how all families were different. We enjoyed meeting Ben Rich and completing geography fieldwork and are very much enjoying designing, making and evaluating our moving books. Have a great weekend everyone!

#### **Partridge Class:**

We have had such a brilliant first week back in Partridge class! All the children have settled in so well. We have particularly enjoyed our DT work, where we have worked together as a group to create a moving picture book!

#### **Woodpecker Class:**

It was a pleasure to welcome the Woodpeckers back after the summer break and they have had a brilliant first week back! We started off the week by launching our 'No Outsiders' programme and the children really impressed me with their mature and thoughtful contributions. We were lucky to be joined by Ben Rich (BBC Weather Presenter) on Wednesday morning for a Q&A session which launched our geography field-work skills perfectly. The week finished with our DT days where the children were using gears to add a moving mechanism to a children's book. As ever, they lived up to our curriculum aim of 'We are Creators' and produced some excellent products. Great start to the new term!