



Dear Parents,

Once again, a short week means that this term continues to fly by and we now have only two weeks left until the half-term holiday.

Over the past couple of weeks subject leaders have been taking a closer look at the way Phonics and Science are taught in our school and have been incredibly pleased with what they have found – it is always a pleasure for myself, Mr Cope or other subject leaders to get into other classes and find out what is going on in our wonderful school. We also say goodbye to Miss Moran who has completed her teaching practice in Y3/4 – she will be missed!

The next couple of weeks look set to be busy as two classes go out of school on fieldwork visits linked to their geography work – next week Robin Class will visit Saltburn-by-the-Sea as part of their ‘Why do we love to be beside the seaside?’ work and Woodpecker Class will complete a river study of the Swale as their learning on ‘What is a river?’ continues.

Have a great weekend (it will feel strange having only two days off!)
Mr. Donaldson

Attendance Update

Many thanks with your continued efforts in working together to improve our attendance. We’re pleased to say that, since half-term, we have seen a gradual increase and it is now back above 95% - however we must not be complacent and continue to work together! Thank you, everyone.

Y6 SATS

Our Year 6 children have been wonderful this week as they demonstrated the skills they have learnt throughout Key Stage 2 in their SATS assessments. We are proud of all of them!

Water Aid Fundraising

On Monday, Year 5/6 will be raising money for ‘Water Aid’ as part of their geography work on rivers. They will be running a ‘Juice Stall’ at morning breaktime where children can buy a refreshing cup of juice or mocktails for just 50p! Please send your child with 50p on Monday so we can work together as global citizens and raise money for this important charity.

Cricket Superstars

Some of our Year 2 and 3 children represented our school at a cricket festival on Tuesday. Mrs. Donnelly and Mrs. Kennedy were ‘bowled over’ by their sporting attitude and promotion of our aim ‘Be happy and healthy’. Well done!

Let’s Celebrate!

Find out who has been caring, aspiring or excelling this week!

	Mrs. Dozey	Mrs. Tunmore	Mr. Donaldson	Miss Pole	Mr. Cope
Above & Beyond <i>(Care – Aspire – Excel)</i>	Faye F	Henry S	Anna	Barnaby	Year 6
	Woodpecker Class <i>(Y5/6)</i>	Partridge Class <i>(Y3/4)</i>	Kingfisher Class <i>(Y2)</i>	Robin Class <i>(R/Y1)</i>	
Curriculum Award	<i>Sophie- Writing</i>	<i>Harry-</i>	<i>Pippa, Holly, Abi- English</i>	<i>Kirsty-</i>	
Aims Award	<i>Oscar-Inquisitive</i>	<i>Ronnie-Happy & Healthy</i>	<i>Noah- Happy & Healthy</i>	Toby-Creator	
Team Points	Richmond				
Tidy Classroom	Robins , Year 1				
Golden Spoon	Henry S				

PTFA Coffee Morning

The PTFA will be holding a coffee morning at 9.00am on **Wednesday 24th May** – please do drop in and support our school after you have dropped your children off. Your support is greatly appreciated and all money goes back to the children and supporting school events.

Diary Dates

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Tuesday 16 th May	R/Y1 Visit to Saltburn by the Sea	R/Y1	Information sent
Wednesday 17 th May	Y5/6 Visit to the River Swale	Y5/6	Information sent
Friday 26 th May	Break Up for Half Term	All	See newsletter
Monday 5 th June	Return to School	All	See newsletter
Thursday 8 th June	Y3/4 Visit to Piercebridge Roman Fort	Y3/4	Information to follow
Tuesday 20 th June	Y5/6 Rounders Competition	Y5/6	Information to follow
Tuesday 20 th June	Y1 Visit to Richmond Castle	Y1	Information to follow
Wednesday 21 st June	Sports Afternoon	All	Information to follow
Mon 10 th & Tue 11 th July	Rehearsal Days at Tunstall Village Hall	Y2-Y6	Information to follow
Wednesday 12 th July	Y2-Y6 Performance at Tunstall Village Hall -2pm and 6pm	Y2-Y6	Information to follow
Friday 21 st July	Leavers Assembly – 2.30pm	Y6	Information to follow
Friday 21 st July	Close for Summer Holiday	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 5 th September	Start of Autumn Term	All	See newsletter

Around the Classes...

Robin Class - Reception: This week our story of the week has been 'The Beach'. We have been learning lots of interesting facts in our nonfiction book which has led to further research, within other books and ipads to find out more information! In maths this week we have been 'adding more' - looking at 'First, Then, Now' using concrete resources. A favourite being using the animals! 'First there were 3 sheep, Then 2 more sheep came into the field..... Now there are....'. We have been really impressed with the children - why don't you ask them to show you at home! This week our indoor role play area has developed into a Fish and Chip Shop - we've been developing our turn-taking skills as waiters and customers, and using lots of language and communication. Following on from the children's interests we have had lots of messy play opportunities this week, allowing the children to explore different textures and be creative! The children have particularly enjoyed the foam!! We have been very busy creating safety posters to make sure everyone stays safe at the beach next week and writing lists for what we need to take with us in preparation for the exciting event!

Robin Class - Year 1: Another short week, however, we have filled it to the brim! We have completed 'The Jolly Postman' recounts, do ask us what 'The Jolly Postman' got up to on his daily travel. Lots of exploring has been going on in the provision, where we have been using the weighing scales to consolidate our knowledge on mass. Ready for our exciting trip to Saltburn next week, we have produced a fieldwork survey to take along with us. Lots to look forward to!

Kingfisher Class: We have had a very busy short week in Kingfisher Class. In our Maths lessons we have continued to investigate measures – finding out all about metres and centimetres and measuring units of time. We have also explored more about Kampong Ayer in Geography – comparing homes and the climate in Hunton and Kampong Ayer. Our geography vocabulary is really building and we can explain the meaning of words such as 'equator', 'Tropic of Capricorn' and 'coastal' without any hesitation! We have also enjoyed flexing our writing muscles by showing off all of the spelling, punctuation and grammar work we have learnt about so far this year.

Partridge Class: Although it has been another short week this week, it has been such a busy week! We have been joined by Year 5 each morning this week, as Year 6 undertook their SATs. We have been learning all about money in our maths work and working on newspaper reports in our writing. We continue to learn about light in science, this week focusing on how sunlight can cause damage to our eyes and what we can do to protect our eyes. This week we say goodbye to Miss Moran who has been with us for a number of weeks. Partridge Class have loved having Miss Moran with us and we all wish her the best of luck for her future studies.

Woodpecker Class: What a week we have had in Woodpecker Class. First of all, a huge well done to the Y6 children who have worked exceptionally hard, with brilliant attitudes, when completing their SATs this week. We are incredibly proud of them and they should be proud of themselves as they have all tried their hardest and that is all we can ask of them. Y5 have continued to work hard converting units of measure this week, focussing on units of time and progressing to reading timetables. In English, the children have enjoyed planning and writing their own suspense stories, applying some of the writing skills we have been learning over the past two weeks to great effect. Due to all of their hard work, we had a more relaxed afternoon to finish the week as a way of saying well done to everyone!

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.