



Dear Parents,

This week has been a week full of fieldwork opportunities for two classes – Reception and Year 1 enjoyed a great day at Saltburn-by-the-Sea on Tuesday as part of their geography work on ‘Why do we love to be beside the seaside?’ and on Wednesday afternoon Year 5/6 completed a river study of the Swale in Brompton-on-Swale as part of their learning on ‘What is a river?’. They were great opportunities for the children to put their geography skills into real-life contexts and they will continue the learning when they return to school.

As we approach the final week of the half-term, we look forward to our final Art Week of this academic year – time really is flying by.

The older children have had a very exciting week as we have launched the audition process for their end of year production, ‘Olivia!’ They were treated to a viewing of a performance this afternoon and will audition for parts in the production which will take place in July, once again at Tunstall Village Hall. More information will follow over the coming weeks.

Mr. Donaldson

Staffing Update

I’m very pleased to say that, following an intensive interview process, we are pleased to welcome Miss Abigail House to our teaching team in September. Miss House is an excellent, experienced teacher who excelled in all tasks at interview, impressing leaders and governors. We have almost completed our recruitment process for September and will hopefully be able to let you know class arrangements after the half-term holiday.

Water Aid

Thank you for your support in raising money for Water Aid in the pop-up Juice Stall ran by Year 5/6 on Monday. We’re pleased to say that we managed to raise £19.00 which will be sent to the charity. Well done Y5/6 for organizing the event too!

Sports Afternoon

Due to Mr. Layfield’s availability we have made the decision to rearrange the date for Sports Afternoon to Wednesday 19th July. More information will be sent shortly, but we wanted to give parents as much notice as possible. We hope you will still be able to join us for the afternoon. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

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 (Care – Aspire – Excel)	James	Leo	Noah	Amelia	Georgia
	Woodpecker Class (Y5/6)	Partridge Class (Y3/4)	Kingfisher Class (Y2)	Robin Class (R/Y1)	
Curriculum Award	Riley- PE	Charlie	Holly- Geography	Max- Maths	
Aims Award	Lucy- Risk taker	Rafe- Creator	Margot- Inquisitive	Cora- Risk taker	
Team Points	Middleham				
Tidy Classroom	Kingfisher				
Golden Spoon	Evie Fawcett				

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?
Wednesday 24 th May	PTFA Coffee Morning	All	See newsletter
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 21st June	Sports Afternoon	All	Information to follow
Tuesday 3 rd July	Backchat Brass Workshops	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 14 th July	'Let's Learn Moor' Day at Grinton Moor	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 19 th July	Sports Afternoon	All	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: Wow!! What a week we have had! Our highlight of course was our trip to Saltburn-by-the-sea! We had such a fabulous time! We enjoyed creating wonderful sandcastles, beach school, paddling in the sea, researching 'Why do we like to be beside the seaside?' and being global citizens living up to our 'Change Makers' school aim by litter picking, to keep our oceans and beaches clean! We are so proud of all the children, who were amazingly behaved - being kind, safe, and driven. We ended the week writing postcards all about our trip to the seaside and celebrating 'World Bee Day'. We have also been noticing some of the seeds we have been planting are beginning to grow...

Robin Class - Year 1: We started the week off by enjoying a mocktail from our 'Juice Stall,' as part of our 'School Aims' to be 'Change Makers!' This was an excellent way to fundraise for Water Aid. Then, we had a trip out to Saltburn beach - it was an incredible day. We became 'Global Citizens' through litter picking at the beach, we continued with our geography fieldwork "Why do you like to be beside the seaside?" The adults we met in Saltburn loved answering our survey questions. And of course, we built so many sandcastles, dipped our toes in the sea and had a delicious ice-lolly to cool us down. We were worn out on the bus ride back to school! For English, our focus has been the poetry book, *Commotion in the Ocean*, we are building upon our poetry skills. Maths has seen us explore arrays this week, we have found this quite challenging to understand rows and columns so we will continue to develop our knowledge together.

Kingfisher Class: We've had a very industrious week! Year 2 have been very busy completing some of their end of Key Stage 1 assessments and their attitude has wowed me all week. Aside from these, we have continued to investigate measures in our Maths lessons – finding out more about time and length. In English, we have investigated the features of non-chronological reports and developed our use of the possessive apostrophe. We have even found time to squeeze in Geography and learn more about the way transport is used in Kampong Ayer and compared this to Hunton. Well done, Year 2!

Partridge Class: This week we have been learning all about time in maths, learning to read both analogue and digital clocks! Although this is a tricky topic, we have all worked very hard to tell the time to the nearest minute. We have been writing newspaper reports all about the King's Coronation in English this week. We also enjoyed our swimming session on Monday, for those who attended, it was exciting to get back in the pool after 2 weeks off. Our Geography work on the Magic Kingdom continues, this week learning about why the state of Florida is a peninsula. Next week is art week- don't forget we would be very grateful if you could bring in any old newspapers/ magazines/ pieces of material you may have lying around!

Woodpecker Class: A rather more 'normal' week for us this week in Woodpecker Class! In maths, we have been consolidating skills using the four operations, focussing on problem solving in addition and subtraction and calculating with greater numbers in multiplication. The children finished their suspense stories - which they did a brilliant job of - and we have now moved onto exploring non-chronological reports in English. In Geography, we have continued our rivers studies, focussing on how rivers play such a vital role in the water cycle before taking a trip to our local river to conduct some fieldwork, including field sketches, making detailed observations and investigating how fast the river flows.

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.