



Dear Parents,

It has been great to get back to routine this week with a fantastic learning buzz across all classrooms. We had the pleasure of welcoming two visitors from Ofsted on Tuesday and Wednesday. We will share the findings from the report as soon as we are able to. The inspectors spoke very highly of how eloquent, enthusiastic and well behaved the children were.

Next week, the first of our enrichment visits take place with Woodpecker Class visiting Reeth as part of their investigation into national parks in Geography. The teachers have many other visits planned for over the year and we appreciate your support with these events which help learning come to life.

It has also been great to see extra-curricular activities begin this week. Every lunchtime a club is available – ranging from yoga to craft. These are of course supplemented by our after-school clubs which have also been really well attended.

Mr. Donaldson

Pupil Leadership

As the term has begun, our wide-ranging pupil leadership groups have begun to be established. A big congratulations to the children below representing some of our groups:

Pupil Leadership Team: Matilda, Jude, Isaac, Cate, Grace E, Rosa and Finn.

Reading Ambassadors: Jay, Sophie R, Grace W, Evie M, Bea, Rosa, Abi, Theo, Leo, Henry W and Emily B

ICT Technicians: Barnaby and Ronnie

Jeans for Genes Day

Next Friday (22nd September) the Pupil Leadership Team will be fundraising for Jeans for Genes Day. Pupils may wear non-uniform on this day, which should include some form of denim, for a suggested £1 donation. Thank you for your support with this.

Backchat Brass Workshops

We are thrilled to finally be welcoming Backchat Brass next Monday after the postponement in the summer term. A big thanks to our PTFA for funding this exciting musical event.

Online Safety Parent Information

We take our responsibility towards e-safety very seriously. As such, Mr. Cope and Mr. Donaldson will be holding two information events for parents at 9.00am and 4.00pm on Monday 2nd October. Please do join us to find out more information about how to keep your children safe online. If you are unable to attend, but would like to receive details of what we have shared, please do let us know via the School Office.

Let's Celebrate!

See who has been awarded in Celebration Assembly this week!

| | Woodpecker Class (Y5/6) | Partridge Class (Y3/4) | Kingfisher Class (Y2) | Robin Class (R/Y1) |
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| Above & Beyond <i>(Care – Aspire – Excel)</i> | Oscar | Partridge | Henry S | Aggie |
| Curriculum Award | Anna | Fearne | Bernard | Tilly |
| Aims Award | Jude | Noah | Ruby-Mai | Emmy |
| Team Points | Bolton | | | |
| Tidy Classroom | Robins-Reception | | | |
| Golden Spoon | Aggie | | | |

Diary Dates

| When? | What? | Who? | How? |
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| Monday 18 th September | Backchat Brass Workshops | All | See newsletter |
| Wednesday 20 th September | Y5/6 Geography Fieldwork Visit to Yorkshire Dales | Y5/6 | Information sent |
| Thursday 21 st September | Earthquake Fundraising | All | See email |
| Friday 22 nd Septemebr | 'Jeans for Genes' Day | All | Information to follow |
| Wednesday 27 th September | Y2 Geography Fieldwork Visit to Bedale | Y2 | Information to follow |
| Friday 29 th September | Bags2School Collection | All | Information to follow |
| Monday 2 nd October | Online Safety Parent Workshops – 9am and 4pm | All | See newsletter |
| Tuesday 3 rd October | Skip2bFit Workshops | All | Information to follow |
| Wednesday 4 th October | KS2 Cross Country @ Richmond School | KS2 | Information to follow |
| Friday 13 th October | School Photographs | All | Information to follow |
| Saturday 14 th October | Open Morning (Reception 2024) | Rec 24 | Information to follow |
| W/C Monday 16 th October | 'This is Me' Week | All | Information to follow |
| Wednesday 18 th October | Parents Evening – 4pm – 7pm | All | Information to follow |
| Saturday 20 th October | Reception 2024 Open Morning | All | Information to follow |
| Wednesday 25 th October | Y5/6 Visit to Eden Camp | Y5/6 | Information to follow |
| Thursday 26 th October | Pumpkin Parade / Harvest Festival at 2.30pm | All | Information to follow |
| Friday 27 th October | CPD Day – School Closed | All | See newsletter |
| Friday 10 th November | Remembrance Service @ Ripon Cathedral | KS2-HH | Information to follow |
| W/C Monday 13 th Novemb | 'Friendship Week' / Odd Socks Day | All | See newsletter |
| Thursday 14th December | Pantomime Visit @ Darlington Hippodrome | All | Information to follow |
| Wednesday 20 th December | Christingle @ St Patrick's Church, 6pm | All | Information to follow |

Around the Classes...

Robin Class (Reception): This week we have enjoyed looking at where we live and where our school is on the map! We've also enjoyed reading our key text 'Only One You' talking lots about being different - unique and special! Our treasure boxes have been a huge hit over the last 2 weeks, where we have been discussing our families, things we like and holidays with our new friends. The children have started their weekly phonics sessions and have absolutely blown us away with their amazing attitude and drive already!

Robin Class (Year 1): Robin Class have had their first PE lesson this week, focusing on underarm throwing; I witnessed some fantastic throws! We have had a great start to our phonic lessons, revisiting familiar sounds. It has been very exciting in English, with our focus text 'The Colour Monster'. I have loved seeing everyone start the sentence with a capital letter. Maths, has seen us sort objects, ask us about all the different buttons! They have worked extremely hard, and I have been really impressed with their attitude towards learning this week.

Kingfisher Class: The Kingfishers have continued to settle in exceptionally well and Mrs Kawai-Calderhead have been so impressed with them. In maths, we have continued to develop our place value skills, grouping objects into tens to help us count to 100 and in English, we have been exploring instructions. The children began their work into science by exploring life cycles and in Geography we continued to develop our map work skills. As you may already know, we have had some inspectors in this week and I must pass on that they were so incredibly impressed and complimentary about the children's behaviour, attitudes to learning and how respectful they were so a huge, huge well done to everyone!

Partridge Class: In Partridge Class we have had a very busy week! We have started our English topic based on our fantastic new book called 'The Butterfly Lion' by Michael Morpurgo. We continue our work on place value in Maths. In Geography, we used the atlas to find the 10 most populated megacities in the world. We have also loved the start of our science topic, where we were looking at what makes a balanced diet. Another great week in Partridge Class, we have been very impressed once again!

Woodpecker Class: This week the Woodpeckers have begun their learning about National Parks, ready for our trip next week. In PE, we have had fun learning the 'v dribble' and used our bodies to defend when playing basketball. We have also enjoyed beginning our place value topic in Maths and were really creative in English when writing instructions for witches' potions. The visitors earlier in the week couldn't speak highly enough of the oldest children in school – we are very proud!

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.