



Dear Parents,

After the excitement of our Design Technology days last week, we have all smoothly returned to the rhythm of our day-to-day learning and there has been a wonderful 'buzz' in all the classrooms and as all of the children have launched their new learning. This term, there will be a geography focus in school with classes investigating weather and climate; from investigating weather types in Year 1, to understanding how the climate impacts on food production in Year 2, to more extreme weather types in Key Stage 2 – it is clear we are going to learn a lot!

Just a reminder that school begins at 8.55am. Since returning for the spring term, there have been an increasing number of children arriving between 8.55-9.00am. This results in 'late marks' within registers and children missing their vital retrieval work. Please help us by ensuring your child(ren) arrive between 8.45-8.55am.

We have a few information sessions for parents over the coming weeks: please see the diary dates overleaf for a reminder of the days and times for meetings regarding Year 6 SATS, the Y5/6 Newby Wiske residential, SEND drop-in and Reception Phonics sessions. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Mr. Donaldson

SEND Drop-in Session

Mrs. Walker will hold a drop-in session for parents of pupils with SEND, or those worried about SEND, on Monday 29th January between 9.00-9.30. Please call or email the office to make an appointment.

Art Exhibition / Picture Frame Plea

Our **Art Exhibition at Richmond Station** will take place in the Platform Gallery from **Wednesday 29th – Wednesday 14th February 2024**. We are really looking forward to returning The Station again and showcasing our art and design skills – particularly the pieces we worked on with 'Artist in Residence' Chris earlier in the year.

Once again, if anyone has any picture frames they no longer require we would be very grateful. Please send them into school as soon as possible – thank you.

PE Kits

Just a reminder that, in the colder weather, children may wear navy tracksuit bottoms and school hoodies / school jumpers for outdoor P.E. P.E does take place whatever the weather!

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)
Above & Beyond <i>(Care – Aspire – Excel)</i>	Thomas- Excelling	Rafe- Excelling	Margot- Excelling	Evie-Caring
	Woodpecker Class (Y5/6)	Partridge Class (Y3/4)	Kingfisher Class (Y2)	Robin Class (R/Y1)
Curriculum Award	Jay-Maths	Poppy-Maths	Livy-Maths	Edward-Phonics
Aims Award	Barnaby, Pip, Ronnie- Happy & Healthy	Noah-Inquisitive	Kai- Happy & Healthy	Austin- Inquisitive
Team Points	Richmond			
Tidy Classroom	Woodpecker			
Golden Spoon	Holly			
Crown	TBC			

Diary Dates

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Monday 22 nd January	Y5/6 Residential Parents Information Session	Y5/6	See newsletter
W/C 29 th January	'Ways to Wellbeing Week'	All	Information to follow
Monday 29 th January	SEND Parents Drop-in Session -9.00am	All	See newsletter
Monday 29 th January	Y6 SATS Parents Meeting	Y6	Information to follow
Wednesday 31 st January	Phonics Morning (Reception Parents)	Rec	Information to follow
Thursday 1 st Feb +	Art Exhibition at Richmond Station	All	Information to follow
Tuesday 6 th February	Rec & KS1 Science Visit – Life Centre	R/KS1	Information to follow
Wednesday 7 th February	Y3/4 Parliament Visit	Y3/4	Information sent
Friday 9 th February	Mid-Year Reports	All	Information to follow
Friday 9 th February	Half-Term Break	All	See newsletter
Monday 19 th February	Return to School	All	See newsletter
19 th Feb – 21 st Feb	Y5/6 Residential to Newby Wiske	Y5/6	Information sent
W/C 4 th March	'Book Week'	All	Information to follow
Thursday 7 th March	Y3/4 Visit to Bewerley Park	Y3/4	Information sent
Friday 8 th March	Big Read	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 13 th March	Spring Concert	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 13 th March	Parents Evening – 4.00pm – 6.00pm	All	Information to follow
Thursday 14 th March	KS2 History Visit - York	KS2	Information to follow
Thursday 21 st March	Easter Labyrinth	All	Information to follow
Friday 22 nd March	Egg Decorating Competition / End of Term	All	Information to follow

Around the Classes...

Robin Class (Reception): This week the children have enjoyed our drawing club story 'Whatever Next'. We've been designing our own planets for baby bear and owl and writing lots of phrases featuring the new graphemes we've learnt this week! Some amazing writing! We've enjoyed learning more about space in both our fiction book of the week 'Look up' and our non-fiction texts! The children were also extremely enthusiastic to learn about Neil Armstrong! Exploring ice within the outdoor provision has also been a big hit- we looked at why it was icy, how ice forms and conducted an experiment to see what could make the ice melt the fastest! It brought up lots of conversation about the Titanic and the Arctic!

Robin Class (Year 1): We embraced the cold this week and got off to a super start. Every day we have recorded the weather ready for our Geography question 'How does the weather affect our lives?' It was very exciting watching the snow fall and record this! We have been continuing our journey into our space theme for this half term. The children have been learning noun and adjective skills in their English lesson this week, linked to our 'Lift the Flap Book All About Space'. They have also worked hard learning lots of new diagraphs this week in phonics and putting this into our writing - awesome! It has been excellent to see all children with their PE kit this week, ready for gymnastics and fundamental skills. In Maths we have started to investigate shape – building our knowledge about 2D and 3D shapes – do have a little shape hunt at home!

Kingfisher Class: The Kingfishers have had an incredibly productive week and have impressed me enormously on several occasions this week. In Maths, we have moved onto adding and subtracting two-digit numbers across ten and the children have picked this up brilliantly, showing a great attitude. We have started to read 'Diary of a Killer Cat' in our reading comprehension lessons and then we based our writing on the story for this week too, producing some great (but at times gory) work! In science we have started a very interesting experiment, monitoring how different variables can affect the rate in which bread moulds over time so if you see any bread hanging from the window, this will be why! A great week and a big well done to all of the children.

Partridge Class: It's been a fantastic week for Partridge Class. The children were happy and healthy in our first gymnastics lesson. We learnt about point and patch balances and the children were able to demonstrate these. In tennis, we continue to develop our skills by looking at forehand and rallying. In maths, we continued to have a focus on multiplication where we have worked on the skill of multiplying a 2 or 3-digit number by a one-digit number. Science brought a lot of excitement this week as we carried out our first experiment in our 'Inspired by Science' unit. We were investigating which biscuit was the best for dunking and we ensured that we carried out the experiment fairly. Any guesses on the winning biscuit?

Woodpecker Class: This week Woodpeckers have explored fractions further learning how to convert an improper fraction to a mixed number. We have also show cased our fantastic balancing skills in gymnastics. In English we have looked at balanced arguments and completed a shared write considering the pros and cons for the question "Should dogs be allowed in school?".

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.