



Dear Parents,

It has been another great week in school, and it is so lovely to see the days getting longer and some bulbs emerging to mark the start of spring! Year 2 enjoyed 'The Big Bird Watch' on Monday as part of their Forest School lesson. This links well with our termly charity, the RSPB, which has been chosen by our Team Captains this term.

Next week marks our 'Wellbeing Week' in school where we will be focusing on our mental health and wellbeing. The week will begin with a special assembly led by our 'Wellbeing Warriors', followed by a range of activities throughout the week in classes. A big thank you to Mrs. Donnelly, our Pupil Wellbeing Lead, for organising the week.

We also have three events for parents next week – Year 6 parents are welcome to join us to find out more about the end of Key Stage 2 assessments on Monday evening; Mrs. Walker will hold a SEND Drop-in session on Monday and Reception parents are very welcome to join Robin Class for phonics on Wednesday.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Mr. Donaldson

### Art Exhibition at Richmond Station

Do call in to the Platform Gallery at Richmond Station to see our art exhibition which will be on display from Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February. We are so proud of the children's art work and it such a great opportunity to see it in a public gallery!

### Attendance Matters

Our whole-school attendance is currently above 97% which is fantastic – thank you for all of your support with this! Attending school on time, every day, is very important.

We have also noticed a big improvement in punctuality with a decreasing number of children arriving after the gates have closed. Please remember, the gates are open between 8.45-8.55am. Anyone arriving after this time will be marked late in the attendance register.

### KS2 Visits

Key Stage 2 have received final information regarding the upcoming visits to London and Newby Wiske earlier this week. Please ensure contact slips are returned and let us know if you have any questions.

### Let's Celebrate!

See who has been awarded in Celebration Assembly this week!

|  | Woodpecker Class<br>(Y5/6) | Partridge Class<br>(Y3/4) | Kingfisher Class<br>(Y2) | Robin Class<br>(R/Y1)     |
|--|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Above &amp; Beyond</b><br>(Care – Aspire – Excel) | Matilda- Caring            | Bea- Excelling            | Max - Excelling          | Faye- Excelling           |
|  | Woodpecker Class<br>(Y5/6) | Partridge Class<br>(Y3/4) | Kingfisher Class<br>(Y2) | Robin Class<br>(R/Y1)     |
| <b>Curriculum Award</b>                              | Annabel- English           | Fearne- English           | Bernard-French           | Bertie-learning new facts |
| <b>Aims Award</b>                                    | Amelia-Happy & Healthy     | Harry- Happy & Healthy    | Henry W-Inquisitive      | James-Risk taker          |
| <b>Team Points</b>                                   | Richmond                   |                           |                          |                           |
| <b>Tidy Classroom</b>                                | Kingfishers                |                           |                          |                           |
| <b>Golden Spoon</b>                                  | Bertie                     |                           |                          |                           |
| <b>Crown</b>   |                            |                           |                          |                           |

### Diary Dates

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

### Around the Classes...

**Robin Class (Reception):** This week our story of the week has been 'Zoom Rocket Zoom' and 'Lost and Found' in Drawing Club! Following children's interest in the Arctic - we have been looking closely at the North and South Pole - exploring animals and habitats, going on adventures and learning facts about both the Arctic and Antarctica. We can locate these on a globe! We have really enjoyed conducting an experiment to see if we can get a rocket to 'launch' and 'zoom' into the air and lots of activities related to the RSPB Bird Watch (this weekend). We have sent you all a sheet home so you can watch and wait....to see how many birds you can spot! We'd love to look at these next week in class with the children to see who found the most different species.

**Robin Class (Year 1):** We have loved being independent and getting organised for our learning routine with positive attitudes towards all our tasks. We had a huge task in English this week – to write a fact file all about space! I was so impressed, the children found out some amazing facts and included adjectives! We even remembered about Neil Armstrong from a previous History lesson. The children have had a great time in Computing exploring the programme 'Scratch Junior' to begin to investigate programming. In Science we are exploring the quickest way to melt ice, we love investigations and talking like a scientist!

**Kingfisher Class:** The Kingfishers have been working hard on their diaries this week, basing it on our class story 'The Stinky Cheese Man'. They have tried really hard to include some description and use conjunctions to make their sentences more varied and each has done a great job. In Maths, we have moved onto our unit of money, counting in pounds and pence and making amounts using notes and coins. In Science, the children have been fascinated by their 'mouldy bread' experiment, monitoring any growth we have had so far. Also, on Tuesday, we attended an exciting online webinar about a bird watching project we can take part in which will keep the children busy throughout the next few weeks of forest school. An incredibly windy and busy week so well done to all!

**Partridge Class:** We all have been creators this week in our English, the children have created gripping story openings inspired by a mysterious image from the Mysteries of Harris Burdick book which we have been reading in story time. They have included some fantastic descriptions and created suspense. In maths the children have been using the bus stop method for division, tackling 2 and 3-digit numbers and even navigating reminders! Meanwhile, in science, we collated our results from our 'which biscuit is the most 'dunkable' to create bar a chart.

**Woodpecker Class:** This week Woodpecker Class have sketched some fantastic portraits of influential change makers, ready for the Art Gallery. In Science the children have designed, made and tested their own parachute using their knowledge of air resistance. They really enjoyed working with Mrs. Kennedy in Computing to create advertisements using iPads where they had to be really creative and think of 'spy features' they would like to promote!

### 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.