



Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had a great Easter holiday. Once again, the children have returned full of energy and ready to take on all of the challenges of the term ahead.

We have enjoyed marking our latest 'No Outsiders Day' in school on Tuesday with each class investigating texts, which celebrate diversity and inclusivity – something which we are very proud of at our school. This has been followed, at the end of the week, with our Design Technology Days. In the summer term we focus on the Food and Nutrition aspect of the D.T curriculum and it is always wonderful to see how this aspect progresses throughout school – from fruit kebabs in Year 1, smoothies in Year 2, sandwiches in Year 3/4 and scones in Year 5/6. We have many budding chefs in our school!

We also offer a big H&A welcome to William who has joined our Reception children in Robin Class this week – I know he will be made to feel very welcome!

I hope that you have an enjoyable weekend,
Mr. Donaldson

KS2 Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons for Key Stage 2 begin on Monday afternoon, where the children will travel to Richmond Pool with Mrs. Cromey-Hawke and Miss Jones. Please ensure children who are going swimming have the appropriate kit – it is a very important and statutory part of the National Curriculum.

Wraparound Club

A polite reminder that we ask parents to collect children from Wraparound Club at either 4.15pm or 5.00pm (4.00 / 4.30pm) on a Friday. Whilst you are very welcome to collect your child outside of these times, please be aware that, depending on staffing, it is not always possible to answer the doorbell immediately and so your patience is appreciated. Thank you for your understanding.

Thank You

A huge thank you to the wonderful Hunton Steam Gathering Committee who have made a very kind donation of £850 to our school, which we will use to purchase our own lighting and sound equipment for future productions!

Let's Celebrate!

This week there has been lots of caring, aspiring and excelling! See who has been rewarded below.

	Woodpecker Class (Y5/6)	Partridge Class (Y3/4)	Kingfisher Class (Y2)	Robin Class (R/Y1)
Care – Aspire - Excel	Annabel	River	Rose	Emmy
Curriculum Award	Amelia -DT	Holly-DT	Bernard-DT	Isobel-Phonics
Aims Award	Jude- Change maker	Poppy-Lifelong reader	Ruby-Mai- Lifelong reader	Faye-Happy & Healthy
Team Points	Richmond			
Tidy Classroom	Kingfisher			
Golden Spoon	River			
King or Queen	Grace E			

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Our full range of extra-curricular clubs begin next week. All children should have brought home a permission slip earlier this week – please ensure these are returned to the School Office by Monday. If we do not contact you, please assume your child has been successful in securing a place in the club.

Diary Dates

<u>When?</u>	<u>What?</u>	<u>Who?</u>	<u>How?</u>
Monday 15 th April	KS2 Swimming Begins	All	Information sent
Thursday 25 th April	KS1 Cricket Coaching	KS1	See newsletter
W/C Monday 13 th May	KS2 SATS Week	Y6	See newsletter
Friday 17 th May	British Values Day	All	Information to follow
Monday 3 rd June	Y5/6 'Speak Out Stay Safe' Workshop	Y5/6	Information to follow
Thursday 6 th June	Y1 Richmond Castle Visit	Y1	Information to follow
Wednesday 12 th June	Sports Afternoon	All	Information to follow
Monday 1 st July	Careers Day	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 10 th July	End of Year Production – 2pm and 5pm	Y2-6	Information to follow
Friday 12 th July	End of Year Reports	All	See newsletter
Friday 19 th July	Leavers Assembly – 2.30pm	Y6	Information to follow
Friday 19 th July	End of Term	All	See newsletter

Around the Classes...

Robin Class (Reception): A great first week back into our new topic 'Oh I Do Like To Be Beside the Seaside!'. The children have settled back into school well ready for a busy half term with lots of learning opportunities! We have enjoyed our story of the week 'Billy's bucket' and writing about what would be in our magical bucket. On Wednesday, we persevered and worked hard taking part in skip to be fit - working on progressing our skipping skills! We ended the week designing and making our own fruit kebabs in our Design Technology days!

Robin Class (Year 1): What a fabulous first week back into the summer term! I have heard lots of stories about their wonderful Easter holidays! It has been great to see everybody, refreshed, full of energy and ready to learn with smiling faces. We began the week with our 'No Outsiders Day' on Tuesday, focussing on the text 'My Hair' by Hannah Lee – a story all about self-esteem and pride in one's natural beauty. We have thoroughly enjoyed Design Technology Days with a focus on Food and Nutrition. We have been creating fruit kebabs to eat during our Spring Picnic, using cutting and slicing skills. The children have jumped straight back into their maths learning journey and have excelled by counting and making groups of ten.

Kingfisher Class: It was lovely to welcome the Kingfisher Class back on Tuesday and they have had a brilliant first week. We kicked off our learning with a No Outsiders story, which explored how people can have different points of view without falling out. In maths, we have moved onto our statistics unit, using tally charts and tables to record information. In reading, we have been reading biographies and recipes, focussing on Matilda Ramsay, famous TV chef and daughter of Gordon, which tied in perfectly with our DT Days. The children tasted a range of fruits and considered tastes and textures before designing, making and evaluating their own fruit smoothies. The children were incredibly mature and sensible when working with utensils such as knives and they created some delicious final products!

Partridge Class: What a brilliant start to the new term we have had with Skip2bfit, No Outsiders and Design Technology days. On Tuesday we enjoyed reading 'Julian is a Mermaid' as part of our No Outsiders work. The children made excellent contributions to our class discussion. On Wednesday we were extremely 'happy and healthy' with an amazing workout with Dave from Skip2bfit. The children blew me away with their incredible skill and speed for skipping. They worked hard to improve the double under skip. As part of our design technology work, the children designed and made some fantastic sandwiches.

Woodpecker Class: We have really enjoyed getting to know the Year 5/6 children better this week as we begin the final term of the year. We have had a big focus on personal responsibility as the oldest children in school and have made great strides forward in this area! We have enjoyed investigating translation, co-ordinates and reflection in our Maths lessons and designing and making our own bespoke scones in Design Technology – there were such a creative range of flavours used and great evaluative skills. We also enjoyed our Skip2bFit session with Dave – we can't believe how far we have come since our first session three years ago!

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.