



Dear Parents,

It has been fantastic to get back into the swing of things this week after the excitement of ‘Design Technology Days’ last week – the smell of scones is still making us all very hungry! All classes have been very busy this week and it has been lovely to pop into classes and share the children’s learning with them.

Our Reception children were great ambassadors for our school today as they visited the Methodist Chapel in Hunton as part of their R.E work into places of worship – they were very respectful and made us very proud.

Mr. Cope and I spent some time talking to groups of children on Monday about their understanding of the fundamental British Values – it is always a pleasure to see the depth of our children’s knowledge in this area and how passionately they talk about them.

Our school family has grown again this week as we welcomed Thomas in Year 3 and his brother William in Reception – we hope they settle into their new home and school very quickly.

Mr. Donaldson

Parent Governor Election

We currently have a vacancy on our governing body for a parent governor. This is a great opportunity to join our committed team and support the work of this wonderful school, acting as an ambassador in the wider community. Governors have many responsibilities but the most important one is attending our governing body meetings. If you are interested in becoming a parent governor, please contact the school for further information.

Class Assemblies

Further to the letter sent last week, please may we remind you of our Class Assembly timetable. Parents with children in the classes below are welcome to join us at 9.05 at the times below:
 29th April – Year 2
 10th June – Year 3/4
 24th June – Rec / Year 1
 1st July – Year 5/6

KS1 Cricket

Year 1 and 2 will be having a visit from a cricket coach next Thursday afternoon – they will therefore have an additional PE lesson; please ensure their PE kits are in school.

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	Georgia	Charlie R	Kai	Erin
Curriculum Award	Jay	Noah	Livy	Arthur
Aims Award	Grace D	Margot	Leo	William M
Team Points	Middleham			
Tidy Classroom	Kingfisher			
Golden Spoon	Jack			
King or Queen	Jude			

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>
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): This week we have enjoyed our story of the week 'What the ladybird heard at the seaside!' The children have enjoyed meeting the characters Hefty Hugh and Lanky Len! We have enjoyed lots of exploring in the sand pit after working hard as a team filling it with lovely new sand. We have been looking at the life cycle of a chicken and the children eagerly await some eggs to come into school for our class incubator to hopefully watch the process! At the end of the week, we read 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' and made our own sandwiches! Luckily, for us no seagulls were around to devour them! Another great week!

Robin Class (Year 1): Lots of fantastic learning this week! A great start discussing, 'How is the seaside different from other places?' We are excited for our upcoming trip to Saltburn. We shared the story 'At the Beach' by Roland Harvey, and shared experiences from the seaside. Maths this week has seen us continue consolidating our counting in 5s. We focused on partitioning groups of tens and ones. In English, we have started the week by looking at the book 'Commotion in the Ocean' by Giles Andreae and exploring sea creatures. After lunch, we have introduced sharing our gratitude; this has been a wonderful opportunity for the children to speak openly, sharing their kindness.

Kingfisher Class: The Kingfisher Class have had another great week as we have got back into our 'usual' routine following last week's 'DT Days'. In Maths, we have continued with our statistics unit, focussing on 'Block Diagrams' and 'Pictograms'. In English, we have taken inspiration from last week's work to explore recipes and identify the features they have in common before next week writing our own based on our class text 'George's Marvellous Medicine'. As Year 2 were chosen to complete some sample assessments by the DFE, the children have completed some reading papers this week and their attitude has been brilliant, the lady who came in to administer was incredibly impressed with them! In Science, we have started our 'Plants' unit, setting up an interesting experiment to explore what conditions plants need in order to grow and thrive - we will see what the findings bring in the next few weeks!

Partridge Class: We have had a busy week in Partridge class as we have started several new topics. In Geography, we looked at the question 'Why is climate different across the United Kingdom?' We discussed the difference between climate and weather and the position of the UK in the world. In Science, we began our new Plant topic and looked at the different ways in which seeds are dispersed. In English, we are looking at non-chronological reports and thinking about how we can start sentences in interesting ways.

Woodpecker Class: Another week has flown by with lots of successes to celebrate! We have loved flexing our writing muscles by creating descriptions for a luxury hotel from a holiday brochure, and then writing a letter of complaint from a disgruntled customer. We continue to cover lots of concepts in Maths with ratio and algebra being the focus of this week. We have enjoyed beginning our Geography topic where we will investigate mountains – see if your children can tell you what is special about Mount Everest, Mauna Kea and Mount Olympus! We were also impressed with the children's skills in their first Dance lesson this week!

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.