



Dear Parents,

The week got off to a fantastic start with our Partridge Class Assembly. The Year 3 and 4 children were excellent as they explored our curriculum aims and Grace's acting as 'Skipping Dave' will stick out as a memory forever! I also must congratulate our Year 4 children on their performance in the Multiplication Tables Check, which they completed last week. Results will be shared with parents within the end of year reports, but early indications are that they absolutely triumphed!

We all enjoyed our Sports Afternoon on Wednesday, and hope you did too. It was great to see such sportsmanship and encouragement throughout the afternoon, as well as some elements of competition of course! A big thankyou to Mr. Layfield and his team from ML Sports for organising the events – and thank you for joining us to offer your support.

Some of our new Reception children began their transition visits this week – with more to follow next week. Mrs Dozey has enjoyed meeting them in their preschool settings and has been very pleased with everything she has seen so far. And, talking of new starters, Miss Weeks visited us on Tuesday. I know she enjoyed spending time getting to know staff, children and routines and will join us officially later in the month.

Rehearsals for our end of year performance of 'Jungle Book the Musical' continued this week and we have been amazed by the children's ability and dedication to learn both their lines and the songs which will be performed – a lot of choreography to go but early signs suggest the children are going to excel as much as they have in previous years.

Have a great weekend,  
Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Cope

### Events Next Week

Once again, groups of children will be representing our school at a series of events next week. Mrs Kennedy will be taking our Key Stage 2 'Hunton Heroes' to the Armed Forces Day at Ypres Lines on Wednesday, and a group of Year 5/6 cyclists who impressed our Road Bike Safety tutor will be representing Hunton & Arrathorne at 'Catterick Cycling Day' on Friday.

We are looking forward to hearing how they all get on!

### Dance Workshop

Year 3/4 have enjoyed a morning of Dance Workshops at Richmond Station this morning. A big thank you to Charlotte Jacqueline School of Dance!

### Writing Moderation

Mr. Cope has once again been successful in becoming a Key Stage 2 moderator for North Yorkshire Council. He will be completing this during the beginning of next week.

### Robin Class Assembly

Robin Class will lead our next Class Assembly – 9am on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June!

### Let's Celebrate!

This week there has been lots of caring, aspiring and excelling! Teaching staff have chosen an 'anyone from anywhere'

	Mrs. Tunmore	Mrs. Hollocks	Mr. Cope	Mr. Donaldson	Mrs. Walker
Care – Aspire - Excel	Emily W-Caring	Austin- Excelling	Phoebe- Caring & Excelling	Harry- Caring	Barnaby-Excelling
	Woodpecker Class (Y5/6)	Partridge Class (Y3/4)	Kingfisher Class (Y2)	Robin Class (R/Y1)	
Curriculum Award	Cate- RE	River-English	Henry S- Reading	Cora- Maths	
Aims Award	Phoebe-Happy & Healthy	Holly- Happy & Healthy	Kirsty- Happy & Healthy	Finn- Happy & Healthy	
Team Points	Richmond				
Tidy Classroom	Woodpeckers				
Golden Spoon	Rose				
King or Queen	Kai				

### Safe Parking

Please be aware of local residents when parking around the school site. The staggered start between 8.45-8.55 allows for a safe drop-off period. We would encourage parents to park safely, including at The Village Hall, rather than stopping immediately outside of school as this can be dangerous and cause accidents. Equally, I know it would be hugely appreciated if, when waiting for children, car engines could be turned off. Thank you for your courtesy in this.

### Diary Dates

<u>When?</u>	<u>What?</u>	<u>Who?</u>	<u>How?</u>
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5/6 'Speak Out Stay Safe' Workshop	Y5/6	Information sent
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Armed Forces Day	HH	Information to follow
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Film Night	All	Information to follow
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Robin Class Assembly @ 9am	R/Y1	See newsletter
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Careers Day	All	Information to follow
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Woodpecker Class Assembly @9am	Y5/6	See newsletter
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Transition Afternoon	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	'The Jungle Book' 2pm and 5pm	Y2-6	Information to follow
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year Reports	All	See newsletter
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3/4 Skipping Festival @ Richmond School	Y3/4	Information to follow
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Assembly – 2.30pm	Y6	Information to follow
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Term	All	See newsletter

### Around the Classes...

**Robin Class (Reception):** This week we have immersed ourselves in our new topic 'Who lives in a castle like this?'. The children have been creating shields and swords, dark dungeons, castles and much more to enhance their role-play!

An unexpected object was found in the Nectar Cafe, which sparked lots of discussion...where did it come from? Who does it belong to? We decided to head out to look for clues and came to the conclusion, it must be a dragons! We then thought about how we could try to catch a dragon, we wrote some instructions and set about our plan. We wonder if it will work!

The children worked hard taking part in our whole school 'Sports Afternoon' on Wednesday, showcasing their happy and healthy attitudes! In maths we have been reviewing 1 more and 1 less and focusing on comparing 2 amounts, which has more/fewer/ the same.

**Robin Class (Year 1):** We have worked our socks off this week! We started with the Phonic Screening Check! It has been phenomenal seeing the children showing off all their hard-earned phonic knowledge. What superstars they all are! And of course, we had a little celebration to end the week! We were 'happy and healthy' during our two sporting events this week; we had lots of 'fun' at the 'Fun Run' and supported each other during the whole school 'Sports Afternoon', sharing our athletics skills through aspiring and excelling. Our history topic 'Who used to live in Richmond Castle?' is well underway after our visit to the castle. We found out why Duke Conan was important. In Maths, we delved deep into arrays. I am exceptionally proud of each and every one of the Robins, with their outstanding attitudes towards learning.

**Kingfisher Class:** We have had an exciting week this week, particularly during Wednesday's 'Sports Afternoon'. We were so impressed by their competitive spirit and each and every one of them more than lived up to our motto of 'Care-Aspire-Excel'. In class, we have moved onto 'shape' in maths, investigating sides and vertices of 2D shapes before we move onto 3D shapes next week. In English, we have continued focussing our writing on Grandad's Camper and the children continue to produce some great work based on the story. We began our new unit in History of 'Who was Sappho and where did she live?' which will see us investigate the town of Pompeii and the effects of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in the upcoming weeks (we even have some real Mount Vesuvius rock thanks to Mrs Godlee!). Another great week for the Kingfishers and a huge well done to all of them.

**Partridge Class:** What a brilliant week we have had! We kickstarted our week with our fabulous class assembly where we shared some of our learning from across the year. On Wednesday, we had lots of fun during sports day. It was lovely to see the children being 'happy and healthy' and cheering on their houses. We also had another fantastic opportunity to be 'happy and healthy' when we went to a dance workshop at Richmond station. In history, we began our new topic and found out who the Maya were and where they lived.

**Woodpecker Class:** Woodpecker Class have had a hard-working week. They have enjoyed looking at portraits of Elizabeth I and discovered why she appeared to look younger as she actually got older! We have worked hard in Maths, continuing to develop our understanding of decimals – including how to use decimals to total 1 whole. In English we have continued to investigate setting descriptions; we worked together to write a shared description of a haunted house. We're looking forward to flexing our writing muscles and creating our own next week. Woodpecker Class were fantastic role models for the rest of the school during our Sports Afternoon – we were proud of them all!

### 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.