



Dear Parents,

Another wonderful week. We always love 'New Class Afternoon' and Tuesday was no different. All of the teachers had big smiles on their faces afterwards and are really looking forward to September. We hope the children are feeling the same. Many of our Year 6 children visited their secondary schools this week; it was great to hear about their adventures but also great to have them back as they get ready for their final fortnight of primary school.

It has been wonderful to hear about the inventive and creative ways children are fundraising as part of the '24 Challenge'. Many children have already surpassed the target amount which is amazing – please continue to send donations into school. Every penny raised will benefit the children; from educational visits to vital resources – we really appreciate your support.

On Tuesday, we celebrated the upcoming election by having a carousel of election themed activities which included a mock election, some parliamentary debate and the opportunity to create our own parties with our own policies. The result of our election saw the children vote in favour of **The Green Party!** It was great to see the children get into the election spirit with some great discussions around democracy.

Sadly, we said goodbye to Isobel from Year 1 who left us earlier this week as her family relocate south. We will all miss Isobel very much and hope she stays in touch!

We hope to see many of you at 'The Jungle Book' next week (further details below).

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

### The Jungle Book

We are so excited to present 'The Jungle Book' next Wednesday at 2pm and 6pm. Year 2 – Year 6 will spend Monday and Tuesday at the Village Hall working on the stage for first time. A big thank you to everyone who has already sent in costumes- please send your child's in if you haven't already.

- Children need to return to the Village Hall between 5.20-5.30pm. No earlier please.
- We will only be able to admit ticket-holders after 5.30pm once all children have been registered.
- There is no charge for tickets, but donations to allow us to continue to produce fantastic shows would be greatly appreciated!
- We expect the performance to last approximately 40 minutes. All children will need to be collected after the evening afterwards.
- Following the matinee performance, any children not collected will return to school where Wraparound Club will operate as usual.

### Let's Celebrate!

This week we have asked our brilliant teaching support staff to choose someone they think always follows our school vision of 'Care-Aspire-Excel'

	Mrs. Godlee	Mrs. Webster	Mrs. Kawai-Calderhead	Miss Jones	Mrs. Donnelly	Miss Armstrong	Mrs Kennedy
Care-Aspire-Excel							
	Woodpecker Class (Y5/6)		Partridge Class (Y3/4)		Kingfisher Class (Y2)		Robin Class (R/Y1)
Curriculum Award							
Aims Award							
Team Points							
Tidy Class							
Golden Spoon							
Monarch of Manners							

### Swimming

Please remember that the children in KS2 who have not swam regularly this term will be swimming on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> July to take part in their water safety lessons. Swimming lessons for the group who have swam since Easter have now ended – these children will need their PE kits in school.

### Leavers' Treat

Just a reminder that Year 6 pupils will be sailing with Thornton Steward Sailing Club as their Leavers' Treat on Friday. They will need a packed lunch, change of clothes and a pair of shoes which can get wet. They will to school in time for the end of the day.

### Donations

Our 'Aims Sheds' have been very popular and really improved our breaktimes. If you have any old guttering, dressing up clothes or milk crates which we could use we'd be very grateful. Thank you in advance!

### Diary Dates

<u>When?</u>	<u>What?</u>	<u>Who?</u>	<u>How?</u>
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	'The Jungle Book' 2pm and 5pm	Y2-6	Information sent
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year Reports Home	All	See newsletter
<del>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July</del>	<del>Y3/4 Skipping Festival @ Richmond School</del> Cancelled by Richmond School	<del>Y3/4</del>	<del>Information to follow</del>
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 enjoyed learning about our capital city - London! Including our King and key landmarks such as Buckingham Palace to link to our theme. To enhance this, we have shared various books with a particularly popular character- Paddington Bear, including our Drawing Club text! They have enjoyed transitioning into year 1 and spending some time with Mrs Tunmore this week! Mrs Tunmore was very impressed! We are so proud of how hard they are working coming to the end of their year in Reception and know they will fly in Year 1!

**Robin Class (Year 1):** What a week! We had an exciting visit to the Year 2 classroom with Mr Cope and Mrs Hollocks. The children showed us they are certainly ready for the transition ahead of them. I am so proud of them for their wonderful attitudes towards their transition (even though I will miss them all dearly)! We welcomed the reception children into our classroom this week and became incredible role models. In Maths we have delved deeper into fractions, we now understand halves and quarters! We have continued the text Sidney, Stella and the Moon in English and even focused on some homophones. PE has seen us be 'happy and healthy' working on our jumping, hopping and skipping skills. Another busy week, well done Robins!

**Kingfisher Class:** The Kingfishers have worked incredibly hard this week! We have completed several assessments in reading and writing and I have been so impressed by their conscientious, determined approach. We also wrote a sequel to the story 'Grandad's Camper' and their writing has progressed so much over the course of the year – they should be really proud of their hard work. On Tuesday, the children participated in a selection of election-based activities and we acted out a democratic vote with our own 'mock election' as well as debating and considering what our own policies would be. And finally, the children spent the afternoon with their new classmates on Tuesday afternoon; Mrs Hollocks and I are very excited to have the chance to work with the children as part of a mixed-age class next year!

**Partridge Class:** Partridge Class have been working hard this week learning all about different shapes in maths. The Year 4s have been learning about different types of triangles. I wonder if they can impress you with their knowledge? In English, we have started a new book called 'Leon and The Place Between' and we have been thinking about persuasive sentences to encourage people to go to the circus. On Tuesday, we had an exciting morning where we found out all about the general election and then in the afternoon we spent time in our new classes. I know Miss Weeks had a great time with you all!

**Woodpecker Class:** It has been a very quiet week in Woodpecker Class as several of our Year 6's visited their new secondary schools. Although they were nervous, they were also excited and came back full of tales of their adventures! I know that they are all ready for the next step – but not yet – as we have 'The Jungle Book' and the Leavers' Assembly to prepare for! Back in school, we have continued to investigate negative numbers in our Maths lessons and completed our History investigation into how art has changed history, by looking at a famous piece of censorship and propaganda from World War II. Another great 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.