



Dear Parents,

What a super week! Most of our Year 2, 3 and 4 children had their 'Stargazing Residential' on Monday and Tuesday and they had a brilliant time – luckily, we had a clear sky and the stars were out. For many of them, it was their first time away from home but they were great throughout the whole visit. They enjoyed a walk to visit The Sycamore Gap, an evening watching the night-sky in Northumberland and an outdoor art workshop. The children were thrilled to be reunited with Leo who popped in to join them. A huge thank you to all the staff (Mrs. Hollocks, Miss Weeks, Mrs. Webster, Mrs. Kennedy, Miss Armstrong and Miss Auger) who attended the visit and gave up their own time, with a special thanks to Mrs. Hollocks for organising the visit. What an incredible experience!

This week we have also welcomed Miss Pugh, a trainee teacher from York St. John University, who will be working with Kingfisher Class. She has had the chance to work with children from classes across the school and has settled into our school really well.

Earlier this week, we visited Jerry Clay Academy in Wakefield to find out more about the curriculum there. We came away really inspired and excited to implement things to enrich our curriculum and make our school even better, some of which we have already started to do this week! We were also delighted to be joined by Alan from The Wonky Tree Bookshop in Leyburn, which meant the children could all use their book tokens in exchange for a book. The Wonky Tree Bookshop will be back next week – please see details below.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mr. Donaldson & Mr. Cope

### 'Book Week'

We can't wait to share our love of lifelong reading next week with lots of special events – a reminder of which are below!

**Monday – Book Bake Off** – *Bring in your entries for the book-themed 'Bake Off'!*

**Tuesday – Reading Ambassadors Event** – *Our brilliant Reading Ambassadors will be entertaining us!*

**Wednesday – Poetry Performance** – *Each class will be reciting a poem in a special, in-school assembly.*

**Thursday – Book Fair** – *'Wonky Tree Book Shop' will be holding our Book Fair. Children may bring in approximately £10 to purchase a book during the school day.*

**Friday – 'The Big Read'** – *Parents are welcome to join their child from 2.45pm to share our love of reading!*

### Let's Celebrate!

See who has been awarded in Celebration Assembly this week!

	Mrs. Dozēy	Mrs. Tunmore	Mr. Cope	Mrs. Hollocks	Miss Weeks	Mrs. Pearson	Mr. Donaldson
Above & Beyond (Care – Aspire – Excel)	Albie	Austin	Poppy	Lily	Rosa	Cate	Pippa
	Robin Class (Rec / Y1)		Kingfisher Class (Y2)		Partridge Class (Y4/5)		Woodpecker Class (Y6)
Curriculum Award		William M	Rose		Grace S		Thomas
Aims Award		Arthur	Max		Rollo		Barnaby
Team Points	Richmond						
Tidy Classroom	Woodpecker						
Golden Spoon	Jack						
Monarch	Oskar						

### Diary Dates

*Please keep checking the dates below as some may change at short notice!*

When?	What?	Who?	How?
W/C Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Week	All	Information sent
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	PTFA Coffee Morning @ Hunton Village Hall	All	Information sent
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Red Nose Day	All	Information to follow
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Y2/3 Stone Age Day	Y2/3	Information to follow
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Non-Uniform Day (Bring an Easter Egg)	All	Information sent
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening	All	Information to follow
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter Film Night	All	Information to follow
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Baking Night	All	Information to follow
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Easter Labyrinth	All	Information sent
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Decorated Egg Competition	All	Information sent
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	School Closes for Easter Holiday	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	School Opens for Summer Term	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Y1 Pony Trekking Visit	Y1	Information to follow
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS Week	Y6	Information to follow
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	School Closes for Summer Half-Term	All	See newsletter

#### PTFA Coffee Morning

Don't forget our brilliant PTFA are holding a Coffee Morning on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March from 10am – noon. Please do pop in and support them! They would also be grateful of donations of any baking, which can be sold during the event. Thankyou in advance.

#### SEND Drop-in

If any parents wish to chat to Mrs. Cromey-Hawke about their child with SEND, or who they are concerned may have SEND, she will be holding a drop-in on Tuesday between 9.00-9.30.

#### Around the Classes...

**Robin Class (Reception):** This week, we have continued our focus on the 'beginning, middle and end' of stories, using our 'Drawing Club' story 'The Magic Porridge Pot'. We have used lots of vocabulary including gloopy, endless and covered. In Phonics, we have been building longer words (in both reading and writing) and we have developed our short sentence writing! In Maths, we have been focusing on 'pattern', which has included copying, continuing, action and number patterns before we finally created our own patterns! The children have wowed us with their creativity and amazing skills!

**Robin Class (Year 1):** We got off to a super start this week; phonics is coming along well, thank you for taking time with your children with the additional home sheets. Science has seen us be inspired as we participated in an experiment using liquid and gingerbread men! For Computing, we have explored programming using the programme Scratch. Our new history topic, 'What was the most popular toy in the 1960s?' saw us investigate why historians divide up time and we even got to play with some 1960s toys borrowed from the museum! And finally, we have consolidated place value within 20 in Maths and can now confidently use a number line. Awesome work!

**Kingfisher Class:** We had a strange but exciting start to the week! Many of the children had a brilliant time during the stargazing residential – they had lots of exciting things to share with us when they got back and the staff said they behaved impeccably. The remaining children joined with some children from other classes in school and were great role models. They particularly enjoyed using some of the 1960s themed toys to set up some activities for the Year 1 children. Back in school, we have continued with our measures unit in Maths and set up an egg-citing egg-speriment in Science!

**Partridge Class:** We have had a very busy week this week with year 2/3/4 enjoying their stargazing trip while year 5 enjoyed some 'Careers' Days' back at school. On Wednesday, the children completed writing their newspaper articles and were extremely creative by creating their own colloquial quotes for characters from South-East London. We have also practiced our French speaking through playing snap. Well done, Partridges!

**Woodpecker Class:** It has been a different week in Year 6, as we were joined by our friends from Year 5 on Monday and Tuesday where we undertook our 'Careers' Days'. We enjoyed finding out about aspirations and setting ourselves goals for the future, whilst also thinking about our future career aspirations. Back in our classroom, we continued to explore ratio and proportion and enjoyed planning our own fairy tales in the style of the Brothers Grimm in English. A great week Year 6!

#### 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.