



Dear Parents,

It has been a week full of adventures for our children in Robin Class. Reception absolutely loved their visit to Monk Park Farm on Monday, and Year 1 had a great adventure at Catterick Saddle Club. We were so pleased to hear of how fantastic their behaviour and attitudes were – what a credit to our school and their parents!

It has also been great to see our after-school enrichment activities begin fully this week, with many children enjoying gardening, multi-skills, rounders and crafting. We say it often, but as a small school, we are very lucky to have such a range of activities available to our children.

We have had some lovely weather this week, which will hopefully continue throughout the rest of this term. Just a reminder, on particularly warm days please send your child with some sun cream and a sun hat (as well as their water bottles) and on P.E. days, please make sure they have some shorts as well as jogger bottoms.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend and enjoy some of the sunny weather we're having!

Mr. Donaldson & Mr. Cope

### Outdoor Learning Week

This week, our teaching staff met to plan an exciting 'Outdoor Learning Week', which will take place from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Each class will have an 'Outdoors Day' where all of their learning will take place outside (whatever the weather!). We know, from talking to pupils, how much they love spending time outdoors so are looking forward to seeing just how much learning we can have within our school environment!

### Class Assemblies

Please do look out for the dates for your child's class assembly overleaf. We'd love to have you join us!

### VE Day

Following a special assembly this week, we are looking forward to celebrating the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day next week with some special events alongside the Army. We're sure the children will be excited to share all of the exciting things planned with you.

### Computing Parent Sessions

Many thanks to the Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 parents who joined us this week for our Computing sessions – we hope you were impressed with how the children were able to code and programme! Year 6 parents are welcome to join us next Wednesday for their session where they will find out more about programming!

### 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)	Chloe	Aggie	Fiona	Margot D	Holly	Evie	Theodore
	Robin Class (Rec / Y1)		Kingfisher Class (Y2)		Partridge Class (Y4/5)		Woodpecker Class (Y6)
Curriculum Award	Sebby	Jay	Finn		Pippa		Max
Aims Award	Daniel	William M	Ruby-Mai		Noah		Cate
Team Points	Middleham						
Tidy Class	Kingfisher						
Golden Spoon	Lily						
Monarch	Jaiden						

### Diary Dates

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

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 Parent Computing Session @ 9am	Y6	Information sent
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS Week	Y6	Information sent
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Mental Arithmetic Parent Session @ 2.30pm	All	Information sent
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Y2/3 Class Assembly @ 9am	Y2/3	Information sent
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	'24 Maths Challenge' @ Richmond School	4 x Y4/5	Information to follow
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	School Closes for Summer Half-Term	All	See newsletter
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Y4 Multiplication Check Begins	Y4	See newsletter
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	'Outdoor Learning Week'	All	See newsletter
W/C Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 Phonics Screening Check Begins	Y1	See newsletter
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Y4/5 Class Assembly @ 9am	Y4/5	Information sent
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Morning	All	Information to follow
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Reception Class Assembly @ 9am	REC	Information sent
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 Class Assembly @ 9am	Y1	Information sent
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Y1 Fun Run	Y1	Information to follow
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Y2/3 Drumming Concert @ 2.30pm	Y2/3	Information to follow
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Middleham Team Visit to Middleham Castle	M'ham	Information to follow
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Y2 – Y6 End of Year Production	Y2-Y6	Information to follow
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year Reports Home	All	See newsletter
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly @ 9am	Y6	Information sent
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	School Closes for Summer Holiday	All	See newsletter

### Around the Classes...

**Robin Class (Reception):** We started our week with a fantastic trip to Monk Park Farm. The children behaved impeccably and thoroughly enjoyed meeting a range of animals, including the newborn piglets! In Maths, we have been continuing our learning of doubles and noticing equal amounts/numbers. We have been writing number sentences to support this further. Our story of the week 'What the ladybird heard at the Seaside' has prompted lots of discussions about the adventures of Lanky Len and Hefty Hugh and we finished our week with writing a recount of our trip to the farm.

**Robin Class (Year 1):** A great start to the week being 'risk takers' during pony trekking at Catterick Stables; we cared for the ponies and excelled with trotting on them. For Geography, a great discussion was held about 'How is the seaside different from other places?' We even wrote a postcard to Mr Donaldson, explaining what we like to do at the seaside. We read like geographers, the text 'At the Beach' by Roland Harvey. Maths this week has seen us continue consolidating our counting in 2s. In English, we used adjectives to describe an alien and its personality.

**Kingfisher Class:** In Maths this week, we have been exploring fractions, finding fractions of shapes and objects using concrete and pictorial representations to support. We concluded our unit based on the story Black Dog by writing our own versions of the story – the children worked really hard with their writing and produced some great stories. In Geography, we started a brand new unit about the state of Nevada, which will see us comparing our own village to this overseas location. Finally, it was lovely to welcome some of our grown-ups into class on Thursday morning to show off some of our learning from Computing this term. Have a nice weekend hopefully with the sunny weather continuing!

**Partridge Class:** It has been such a lovely week, enjoying the sunshine and being back into the swing of things! It was brilliant to see some of you at the computing morning, the children really enjoyed showing off their knowledge of programming. The children began their summer topics for PE, rounders and cricket, being happy and healthy whilst showing great sportsmanship. We have also been very inquisitive in our English lessons, learning all about The Empire Windrush and the lives of those that migrated to England in 1948!

**Woodpecker Class:** We've had a very busy week in Year 6 exploring aspects of shape, space and measure. We have refined our protractor work and learnt how to calculate missing angles on lines and in shapes as well as sharpening our reflection and translation skills. In English, we have continued to recap our knowledge of grammar and punctuation concepts. We have enjoyed plenty of time outdoors beginning our new PE unit focussing on striking and fielding, and beginning to investigate computer systems in Computing.

### 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.