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Friday 1st May 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

A warm greeting to you all. Everyone keeps saying that these are strange times but they really are, aren't they? We have now been away from school for the length of time we normally have for the summer holidays but without the trips out and seeing friends (and the rain, to be honest).

I wanted to make contact with you all and say that school is continuing to a certain degree. So far, we only opened for key workers for one day in March. Staff are putting work on Seesaw and are using that as the main means of communication. We are trying to keep up with phonics and spellings but, other than that, it is mostly a case of keeping children occupied with interesting and useful activities. We cannot replicate the interactions we have in class but hope you are also sourcing different ideas on the internet and TV. Please try to keep your child's interest in reading – it does not have to be through a school reading book but just the sharing of a book with the younger children would be great.



Obviously, if your child is struggling with the work, you can contact your teacher through Seesaw or through staff's email addresses:

MrsGrainger.Seesaw@gmail.com

MrsSaunders.Seesaw@gmail.com

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You can also send communications to Mrs Godlee if you have any admin questions at:

admin@huntonarrathorne.n-yorks.sch.uk

The Local Authority has asked me to remind parents that the LA Hubs offer free childcare to children of key workers.

Local to schools in the north of the county, a school-aged hub is based at Richmond Methodist School (age 4-12) and is open on the Bank Holidays and weekends. There are also hubs at Risedale Sports and Community College, Catterick Garrison; Mill Hill Primary, Northallerton; Moorside Primary, Ripon and Hutton Rudby Primary. These four hubs are open seven days per week for early years children (age 0- 4) and bank holidays and weekends for school age children (aged 4 -12).

Further information for parents and registration:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/schools-and-childrens-services-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

News items

We do not have many of these, at the moment, but we can all celebrate the hard work of Mrs Saunders, the Eco committee and various eco teams, plus Mrs Durrant, which has resulted in the school moving from the silver Eco award to finally having achieved the Green Flag. What a fantastic effort!



A reminder from Mrs Saunders that, if you haven't already, you could plant and start looking after a pumpkin for this year's Pumpkin Parade.

Mrs Ash has a suggestion for Classes 2 and 3 if they wish to further their leaning on Grayson Perry. You could design a dress for Grayson Perry –paint, crayons, make one from material, plastic – whatever, as flamboyant as you like!



Just to confirm that there we are not expected to complete any of our usual assessments this year. This means that Y6 are not sitting SATs tests, Y2 will not receive an end of Key Stage assessment and are not going to be assessed or undertake any assessment tests linked to that. Y1 are not going to be assessed on their phonics, Y4 are not going to be taking their multiplication tests and Foundation Stage will not receive an end of year assessment relating to Early Learning Goals.

Mr Shanley has begun a deep clean at school, this week, in readiness for our return.

Transition – we are unable, at the moment, to confirm any dates for transition visits, either for our Y6 to their chosen secondary school or for or new starters joining Hunton in September but we will pass on any updates when we are able.

Everyone at Hunton & Arrathorne School send their best wishes to you and your families. We do miss you all and are looking forward to seeing you again when it is considered safe to do so.

Best Wishes and Keep Safe

Joanne Grainger

(Headteacher)

Governors' Corner

The Governing Body meet next on 14th May. It will be our first online video meeting. Had I suggested we use this platform at the start of the year I would, quite possibly, have been laughed at! However, such is the nature of these strange times that we are all getting used to finding new ways to make the best of things. On behalf of the governing board, I would like to thank all the teaching staff at the school for providing a strong sense of normality during this national emergency. Seesaw is now a part of the daily routine of lockdown for all the children at the school.

We had planned to be able to bring you news of the appointment of a new headteacher by the end of April. Prior to March 23rd we felt the whole process was going exactly as we hoped. From a strong field, we have shortlisted several impressive candidates for interview. Lockdown stopped the process; however, all the candidates are ready for the next step. As soon as it safe and right to do so, we will contact the candidates and complete the process. As we cannot know for certain when this will happen, please rest assured that through regular communication with NYCC we have plans in place to ensure an effective transition from Mrs Grainger to her successor.

Patrick Barber

Chair of Governors



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