Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School Newsletter

Friday 5th February 2021

Dear Parents & Carers.

I hope you have had a lovely week. The week began with some signs of spring, including snowdrops in the school playground and we have experienced every type of weather since! Hopefully signs of spring will return next week.

Thank you to everyone for your feedback about our 'Screen Break Day'- we loved seeing and hearing about the things you got up to. Looking forwards, we will continue to look at opportunities over the next few weeks where we can change things slightly and offer a 'different' sort of day to coincide with events we would normally celebrate in school.

I know lots of you have made appointments already for the parent meetings next week. I really hope as the year goes on we are able to hold events which bring our whole school community together.

As always, please do get in touch if there is anything school can do to support you or your children.

Have an enjoyable weekend.



Half Term

I am sure nobody needs a reminder but next Friday 12th February we will break up for the February half-term break. I know how hard everyone has been working and how deserving all of the children (and grown-ups!) are of a rest. Remote learning will not be sent during the holidays, and will recommence on Monday 22nd February. In line with Government guidance, school will not be open for the children of critical workers during this period. If your child has been in school and develops symptoms of Coronavirus up until 4pm on Sunday please email covid@huntonarrathorne.n-yorks.sch.uk so we can implement our 'Track and Trace' procedures. After this date, the usual Track and Trace procedures should be followed.

Internet Safety Day

I think it's fair to say that we're all spending a lot more time using technology than usual. Next Tuesday is 'Safer Internet Day', which is an important day for reminding children about e-safety.

The website <u>www.saferinternetday.org.uk</u> has lots of great quizzes, fact sheets and information which is definitely worth sharing with your children at home.

PT-TV

Principal Teachers, a supply teaching agency based in Catterick, are utilising some of their supply teachers to create educational videos for children. There is stories with Pirate Pete, fun art activities and Mrs. Torbett (who worked with the children in Class 2 and 3 last term) has made some excellent History videos.

If you're looking for something extra on a rainy afternoon, it's definitely worth a watch. You can check it out on the Youtube channel by searching 'PT TV'.

Around the Classes...

Class 1: This week Class 1 have been exploring more of Kandinsky's artwork. We have created a circle collage and sculpture. We have been listening to The Kangaroo and The Swan form Carnival of the Animals - we have some very graceful dancers!

Class 2: Class 2 have continued to impress me this week with their commitment to their learning. We have been exploring the world of reptiles and produced some very comprehensive fact sheets - I've learnt such a lot! They also revealed their talents for Pointillism. Mrs Ash was very impressed.

Class 3: Class 3 have started a new unit of maths work this week and have been investigating metric and imperial measurements – there was some tricky concepts so well done everybody! In English we have been thinking about our favourite famous people and planned and written biographies about their lives.