

Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School

Newsletter

Thursday 26th May 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to a shorter newsletter this week, as we are not in school tomorrow for our usual Celebration Assembly. It will mean we will have double celebrations after half term!

Even though this week has been shorter, we have crammed in a lot of learning and opportunities for Personal Development. Our celebrations for the Platinum Jubilee on Wednesday were excellent — a big thank you to all of our pupil groups who organised activities and games for a 'Jubilee Fair' to enjoy after our street party lunch. In our Monday assemblies this half term, pupils have been thinking more about our British Values and the Jubilee has been a great opportunity to see these in action.

Key Stage 2 pupils have also enjoyed auditioning for our end of year production of 'Joseph & His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat' – no matter what part they are cast in they should all be very proud. We are looking forward to starting rehearsals next half term.

This half term seems to have flown by! What a brilliantly busy five weeks.

Have a lovely break – school re-opens on Monday 6th June.

Mr Donaldson

Around the Classes...

Robin Class: We are not keen on short weeks in Robin Class as we run out of time to fit in all our fun activities! We have loved learning all about the Queen and her Platinum Jubilee. Ask your child about the Silver, Ruby, Golden, Diamond and Platinum Jubilee's, they may know how many years each one is. We have read 'The Queen's Knickers' and the children designed a pair of knickers for the Queen! We have painted a plate with a special paint as a keepsake for the special event. It has also been Art Week this week. Our artist is Eric Carle; your child may know some facts about him. Our skill has been weaving which the children has really enjoyed. The Years 1's have been weaving a beautiful flower with wool and Reception children have paper weaved a beautiful butterfly. Watch out on Seesaw for the pictures. Have a wonderful half term break and enjoy the celebrations.

Kingfisher Class: What a great final week! We had a super time thinking about our British Values and celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by making our commemorative plates, enjoying our Street Party and Jubilee Fair! We have also found time to squeeze in our maths assessments – the children's attitude towards these assessments has been an absolute joy! We will share the results in the end of year reports. I hope everyone has a fantastic half-term holiday and enjoys celebrating the Jubilee next week.

Partridge Class: What a fantastic end to this half term! We have thoroughly enjoyed our art this week, where we have been looking at texture. We have been learning how to sew using a running stitch and over stitch to join materials together. We have also had a go at cross stitching and making a collage to celebrate the Jubilee! The whole school enjoyed our Jubilee celebration on Wednesday. We started the day decorating our plates in memory of the day, and then enjoyed our picnic on the yard, followed by a visit to the 'fair' to take part in some fun games. In maths we have come to the end of our work on money, just in time to start our new topic after half term. We have also written some fantastic adventure stories in our writing! After such a busy week we are all ready for a break, have a lovely half term everyone.

Woodpecker Class: An exciting art week has seen us create some commemorative plates as part of our celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The children have produced some brilliant designs which helped to cap off the fun we had with the Jubilee Fair on Wednesday. The children also used their creative skills to do some tie dying, each dying their own individual patch before working as part of a group to explore different forms of stitching. In English, we have been working on formal letters of complaint, writing to a restaurant following a disastrous meal - hopefully they won't use their wonderful vocabulary to complain too much at home! After a short but incredibly busy half-term, I hope everyone enjoys the week off before we return for our final half term of the year!