

Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 6th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first edition of our new weekly newsletter! It has been a busy but enjoyable 'first' week – indeed everyone has had a wonderful first week back and the children have come back refreshed and ready to learn. Thank you as well to those of you wearing face coverings when attending school.

It has been fantastic to spend time in classrooms getting to know the children.

I hope we can use this newsletter to celebrate the children's achievements in school and further strengthen communication links between home and school. Please do take the time to read the updates- including an update from Mr. Barber (Chair of Governors).

I look forward to meeting you soon if I have not already.
Mr. Donaldson



Children in Need

Children in Need is almost upon us (next Friday 13th). This year the theme is all about wellbeing and happiness

School Council have decided that to raise money this year, they would like the children to '**Wear What Makes You Smile**'. This could be a favourite football kit, a cheerleading costume, fancy dress or even your school uniform!

School Council will be sending out a separate letter out with more info.



Outside Adventures!

We are all looking forward to getting outside and enjoying some autumn sunshine.

Class 2 and Class 3 have had their first session with Mr. Layfield (ML Sports & Fitness) on a Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Layfield is an experienced Sports Coach and will be teaching our older children a range of P.E skills each week.

Reception & Year 1 are excited about their first Forest School session next week with Mrs. Wheeler – our specialist Forest Schools instructor. We hope for all children to have this opportunity throughout the year!

STAFF TRAINING – MONDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

Please remember that **school is closed on Monday 30th November** for staff training.

NEW STARTERS 2021

Are you, or do you know someone who is, looking for a school place for September 2021? Why not give the School Office a call and arrange a socially distanced tour of our wonderful school?

School Council

As mentioned earlier, the School Council have met this afternoon.

Today they elected a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

They spent time discussing Children in Need and also how we can continue to improve how fantastic our grounds look! A super first meeting ☺

Around the Classes...

Class 1: This week in Class 1, we have been learning about Islamic stories, planting a willow tunnel, making papier mache horses and writing stories about mischievous mice! The highlight of our week has been learning our Nativity songs.

Class 2: Class 2 have been busy learning about life in Roman times, including learning about the story of 'Romulus and Remus'. They showed fantastic flair and artistic talent when creating poppies out of paper plates!

Class 3: We've been completing our oil pastel pictures of Medusa and starting violin lessons. We're also well on the way to finishing our hand - sewn Tic Tac Toe games in DT.

DIARY DATES

Date	Event	Action
Friday 13 th November	Children in Need	See above
Monday 30 th November	School Closed – Training Day	Parents informed
Thursday 10 th December	Christmas Forest School – All Classes	Details to follow
Friday 11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day	Details to follow
Wednesday 16 th December	Class 1 Nativity	Details to follow
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Party	Details to follow
Friday 18 th December	School Closes – Christmas Holiday	Parents informed
Monday 4 th January	School Closed – Training Day	Parents informed
Tuesday 5 th January	School Opens – Spring Term	Parents informed

Covid—19 Reminders

- Please wear a face covering when dropping off or collecting children.
 - Please make sure you vacate the playground as soon as your children are collected.
 - Please ensure you socially distance when you are waiting for your children.
- Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school a safe environment for our children.

Horses (for courses!)

It has been brought to our attention that we have a few of our four-legged friends arriving outside of school to collect children. Whilst we love seeing the horses, we are also mindful of the potentially dangerous combination of several people, a relatively small space and cars manoeuvring. Therefore, we would be very grateful if horses could be left at home at collection time in future.



Governors' Corner

For parents new to the school, the role of the governing board is probably best summed up as providing *support and challenge* for leaders at the school. As a team, we all bring different perspectives and different skill sets to the board. Our next online meeting is on Thursday 12th November and we will be focusing on school finances. The school bursar will present a report and we must consider whether money is being well spent. The school is currently in a good position financially - but we must never be complacent.

The national context in terms of the Covid-19 pandemic has deteriorated in recent days and weeks. More than ever, we need to do all that we can as a school community to be mindful of the mental health and wellbeing of *everyone* – from the youngest to the oldest amongst us. May I thank all concerned for staying positive, for being caring and for making the children at the school feel safe.

Patrick Barber
Chair of Governors

Lunch Menu

Why not try one of delicious school lunches? The menu for next week is below:



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Salmon Fish Cake Chipped Potatoes Green Beans & Sweetcorn. *****	Chicken Fajitas & Rice Broccoli & Carrots Naan Bread *****	Roast Pork Loin & Gravy. Mashed Potatoes Broccoli, Carrots *****	Minced Beef & Dumplings. Mashed Potatoes Carrots & Peas *****	Beef Burger in a Bun Potato Wedges Peas & Tomato Salad *****
Lime & Lemon Cake or Fresh Fruit.	Fresh Fruit salad & Yoghurt	Chocolate Fudge Cake & Chocolate Sauce	Chocolate Crunch or Fresh Fruit	Chocolate Surprise Cake.
Have a safe and restful weekend 😊				