

# Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020

It is feeling very festive in school. The Christmas tree has arrived in the entrance hall; there is some spectacular Christmas artwork and the sound of every class practising Christmas songs is definitely making everyone feel the spirit of the season!

On Monday, the whole staff met for our Training Day. We discussed our children's excellent behaviour and ways we can continue to reward this in school, as well as our 'Golden Rules' – the things we must remember to do always. We have come up with some exciting changes to both of these things and we will share them with both yourselves and the children in January.

We have lots of 'groups' of pupils in school who work hard to make life better for everyone: School Council met today to discuss Christmas Jumper Day, the Eco-Committee work very hard monitoring how environmentally friendly we are (and organising today's Christmas Jumper Day Swap!) and the 'Hunton Heroes' (children of our service families) are busy preparing an assembly for the whole-school with Mrs. Shanley. It is so wonderful to see so many of our children having the drive to make a difference!

Mr Donaldson



### Christmas Forest School – 10<sup>th</sup> December

Mrs. Wheeler will be in school all day on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December delivering special 'Christmas Forest School' sessions to all children.

Children may come to school in their Forest School clothes on this day – warm, waterproof clothes that can get muddy! It would also be a good idea to bring a pair of wellies or old outdoor shoes.



We will cross our fingers that there will be no rain and are sure the children will have a super time!

### Christmas Jumper Day – 11<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Jumper Day will take place next Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

Children are welcome to wear their Christmas jumper – this should be worn with normal school uniform and in place of their school jumper / cardigan.

Please don't worry if you haven't had the chance to buy one – a winter jumper or school jumper with added tinsel will still be very welcome! All donations will be sent to 'Save the Children'.

### Christmas Cards

Don't forget our Christmas post-box is open for postings every Friday!  
Cards will be delivered by our Class 3 elves each Monday.

### 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?

### Around the Classes...

**Class 1:** Class 1 have been designing Christmas winding mechanisms in DT. The most exciting part of our week was being able to use the new 'team points' system on the i-pad instead of our sticker charts.

**Class 2:** Class 2 have been looking into why Emperor Hadrian built his wall and made the exciting discovery on the map that there is still a town called Wallsend and it is at the end of the wall! We decided that being a Roman soldier walking along the wall all day would not have been a very exciting job. We have also studied some intricate Roman mosaics and made our own mosaic fish tile out of lots of paper squares.

**Class 3:** We have been working very hard in Class 3 completing lots of assessments – it has been a great opportunity to impress with what we already know. We have also been using some amazing vocabulary as part of our writing based on the Michael Morpurgo book 'The Silver Swan'. We have been learning about digestion and how to eat healthily. Our red and green octagonal designs have made a festive display in the entrance.

**DIARY DATES**

Date	Event	Action
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Forest School – All Classes	Details to follow
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day	Details to follow
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Class 1 Nativity	Details to follow
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party	Details to follow
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	School Closes – Christmas Holiday	Parents informed
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	School Closed – Training Day	Parents informed
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	School Opens – Spring Term	Parents informed

**Website News**

We are working closely with Schools ICT who are creating and designing a new website especially for us.  
 The new website will go 'live' in January and we hope it will really show off our fantastic school.  
 We are very grateful to our very own Mrs. Flannigan who has taken some stunning photographs! Thank you Mrs Flannigan!

**Horses**

Many thanks to everyone who has thought carefully about bringing horses to school at collection and drop-off time; we have seen a real reduction in our four-legged friends.

Please consider whether it is essential to bring a horse to school – especially with so many cars, pedestrians and pushchairs etc.



**Lunch Menu**

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



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hotdog Diced Potatoes, Peas & Sweetcorn ----- Artic Roll & Mandarins or Fresh Fruit	Pasta Bolognese Garlic Bread Carrots & Broccoli ----- Chocolate Krispie Cake or Fresh Fruit	Pizza & Chips Baked Beans & Peas ----- Chocolate Surprise & Chocolate Sauce or Fresh Fruit	Chicken Korma & Rice Broccoli & Sweetcorn ----- Sticky Toffee Pudding & Custard or Fresh Fruit	Beefburger in a Bun Potato Wedges Carrots & Peas ----- Fruit Jelly & Ice Cream or Fresh Fruit

Have a super weekend ☺