



Dear Parents & Carers,

I can't believe there are only three weeks left until October half-term. Once again, we have had a super week in school. Each class has been filled with fantastic learning and a great atmosphere. As well as the learning we all enjoyed our petit dejeuner on Monday as part of 'European Day of Languages' – it was excellent to see so many children testing out their French skills in real-life. A big thank you to Mrs Webster for her hard work in pulling the plans together! Key Stage 2 had a great day out at the Cross Country on Thursday (more information below!). It is also really good to see so many children enjoying the Sports and Football Clubs which we have on offer and meeting one of our curriculum aims of 'Be Happy and Healthy'.

You may be aware that several local schools have unfortunately had outbreaks of Covid19. Please be aware that if your child is symptomatic at school, we will phone you to ask you to collect them. Government guidance states they should isolate **until they have received a negative PCR test – lateral flow tests are not effective in detecting the infection in those with symptoms**. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation in keeping everyone safe.

Many thanks for all of your continued support.

Have a super weekend,

Mr Donaldson

Reminders

- Please send in or email a photograph of your child with their 'Special People'
- If you have any old white shirts at home, we'd be very grateful!

Harvest Festival & Pumpkin Parade

We would love to invite parents and friends to join us for our Harvest Festival and Pumpkin Parade which will take place on the school playground at 2.30pm on Friday 22nd October.

Each class will share a harvest item and we will find out the winners of the courgette and pumpkin competitions! We can't wait!



School Photographs

The school photographer will be in school next Friday (8th October) for individual and class photographs. I know how much everyone will appreciate some warning to ensure the shoes are extra shiny and the uniform washed...you may also want to spend the weekend practising the perfect smiles!

Let's Celebrate!

	Robin Class (R/Y1)	Kingfisher Class (Y2)	Partridge Class (Y3/4)	Woodpecker Class (Y5/6)
Above & Beyond (Care – Aspire – Excel)	Bernard	Isabelle	Lucas	Noah
Writer of the Week	Noah	Bea	Cate	Bruce
Mathematician of the Week	Henry	Felicity	Sophie L	Ellie
Tidy Classroom	Robin			
Team Point Winners	Middleham			

Diary Dates

<u>When</u>	<u>What</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>What next?</u>
Thursday 30 th September	Cross Country – Richmond School	Partridges & W'pecker	Details sent
Wednesday 6 th October	Foxglove Covert Visit	K'fishers & W'peckers	Details sent
Friday 8 th October	School Photographer	Everyone	See newsletter
Tuesday 12 th October	Open Phonics / Spelling Morning	Parents	Details to follow
Wednesday 13 th October	Foxglove Covert Visit	Robins & Partridges	Details to follow
Tuesday 19 th & Thursday 21 st October	Parents Evenings	Parents	Details to follow
Friday 22 nd October	Pumpkin Parade / Harvest Festival	Everyone	See newsletter
Friday 22 nd October	Virtual Art Gallery for Parents	Parents	Details to follow
Wednesday 3 rd November	Skip2bFit	Everyone	Details to follow
Thursday 4 th November	Robinwood Parents Meeting – 5pm	Y5/6 Parents	Details to follow
Tuesday 14 th December	Darlington Hippodrome Pantomime Visit	Everyone	Details to follow

Cross Country

The children in Woodpecker and Partridge Class had a great day at Richmond School, taking part in the Cross Country. It was the first 'live sport' event in eighteen months and it was super to be back! A special mention must go to Lucas and Phoebe who placed in the top 3 within their year group, but some HUGE congratulations to all the children who were 'driven' and completed the course on a very wet Thursday. We're proud of you all! 😊😊😊

IMPORTANT – TRAINING DAYS

Due to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, it has been necessary for school's across the country to allocate an additional training day. This will be on Friday 27th May.

A full list of training days is available on the school website <http://huntonarrathorne.n-yorks.sch.uk/term-dates/>

Around the Classes...

Robin Class: Robin Class have been very busy getting our fingers stronger. We have been cutting and pinching and twisting and bending... it is making our pencil grips even better. We have also made up a story about Goldilocks visiting the Gruffalo's cave. In geography we have made 3D maps of the Gruffalo woods.

Kingfisher Class: The Year 2 children have worked their socks off this week! From getting to grips with inequalities and ordering in maths, to considering how to make notes and add adjectives to create expanded noun phrases – we have been very busy! They have also honed their geography skills with Mrs. Cromey-Hawke by investigating the human and physical features of Bedale. Well done Kingfishers!

Partridge Class: Partridge class have loved taking part in cross country this week! We are very impressed with how hard everyone tried! We have also particularly enjoyed English this week, where we have continued with our story 'Stone Age Boy'. This week we focused on speech, using an image from the book to imagine a conversation between two characters. We have then practised writing speech correctly using macaroni pasta as speech marks, which we thought was great fun!

Woodpecker Class: We've had another exciting week in the Woodpecker Class. In English we have been looking at the difference between formal and informal vocabulary, whilst in maths we have been learning more about positive and negative numbers. On Thursday, the children participated in a Cross Country event at Richmond School and we were so impressed with their resilience, competitiveness and behaviour throughout the day. They really did our school proud so a big well done to everyone!

Lunches

Why not try one of delicious school lunches provided by our new meals provider, Taylor Shaw?

The menu is too vast (and tasty!) to include on our newsletter but can be found on the school website: <http://huntonarrathorne.n-yorks.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Autumn-Menu-HA.pdf>