



Dear Parents & Carers,

What a wonderful half term! It really has ended on a high with our first 'Art Week'. The whole school has been learning about drawing (at different age appropriate levels!) and all have had a great week! Please do have a look at Seesaw to see some of the creations from each class. Even more impressively, children (and teachers!) have managed to keep up with all of the other fantastic learning as well.

It has been a pleasure to talk to lots of you during our Parents Evenings this week. It has been wonderful to hear how well the children have settled into their new classes and the teachers and I are very grateful for your support. What is even better is hearing how happy parents and children are with our school; it has been an incredibly positive way to end the half term.

I hope everyone enjoys a restful and enjoyable half term. Children will be back in school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November where more learning adventures await.

Have a super break and thanks, once again, for your continued support.  
Mr Donaldson

### Open Morning for 2022 Starters

Do you have a child, or know of someone with a child, due to start school in September 2022?

School will be holding an **open morning on Saturday 6th November between 9.30 – 11.30am** – this will allow parents and pupils time to meet the staff, have a look around our excellent provision and ask any questions they may have. If this date and time isn't convenient, we are very happy to show prospective parents around at any time – please make an appointment at the School Office.

To book your place at the open morning, or arrange a tour at a different time, please call **01677 450342**.

### Skip2bFit

The children have been working so incredibly hard on their daily 'Skip2bFit' sessions and we are excited to welcome Dave back on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November for another skipping workshop.

**Please make sure all children have their P.E kits in school on this day. Children in KS2 (Woodpecker and Partridge Classes) will have their workshop outdoors; so clothing must be appropriate!**



### Let's Celebrate!



	Robin Class (R/Y1)	Kingfisher Class (Y2)	Partridge Class (Y3/4)	Woodpecker Class (Y5/6)
Above & Beyond (Care – Aspire – Excel)	Penelope	Charlie	Ronnie	Thomas
Writer of the Week	Seb	Olivia	Isaac	Joshua
Mathematician of the Week	Rose G	Charlie	Evie	Darcey
Tidy Classroom	Robins			
Team Point Winners	Richmond			

### Diary Dates

<u>When</u>	<u>What</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>What next?</u>
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Skip2bFit	Everyone	See newsletter
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Robinwood Parents Meeting – 5pm	Y5/6 Parents	Details sent
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Vaccinations	All	Details to follow
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Service of Remembrance	Hunton Heroes KS2	Details to follow
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Musical Theatre Day at Bedale High	Y4/5 Pupils	Details to follow
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day	Everyone	Details to follow
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Darlington Hippodrome Pantomime Visit	Everyone	Details to follow
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle @ Patrick Brompton 6pm	Everyone	Details to follow

### Pumpkin Parade

The Annual Pumpkin Parade took place today and what a fantastic collection of pumpkins and courgettes there was! A huge 'well done' to everyone who entered. We will be announcing the winners later on today!

### 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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:** This week in Robin Class, we finished our woodland creatures fact books, adding front covers and glossaries. We have fully embraced art week, we have learnt about Frida Kahlo and attempted some self-portraits inspired by her work. The doodle art with Mr Layfield #2 was amazing and we loved using the techniques he showed us to create our name banners.

**Kingfisher Class:** Kingfisher Class have had a very exciting week. To round off our work on 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' in English we made our very own lighthouse sandwiches, and then wrote instructions to share. We had to remember time conjunctions and imperative verbs! Our art adventures have also been great fun – from exploring tone to creating our own pieces of work. We also thoroughly enjoyed the doodling workshop with Chris. Have a great half term everyone – you deserve it!

**Partridge Class:** We have had a very busy week in Partridge Class, and we are all looking forward to a well-deserved break! In English, we have been working on haunted house setting descriptions- and they were fantastic! Partridge class have used outstanding vocabulary to write a very spooky description. We have also had great fun with lots of different art tasks this week- have a look at See saw to view our fantastic creations! We have built up our drawing skills to produce our very own wordless picture book. I hope everyone has a fantastic half term holiday; you have all worked so hard this half term!

**Woodpecker Class:** This week the children have had the opportunity to showcase their wonderful art skills and thoroughly enjoyed a visit from Chris who demonstrated some fun 'doodling' techniques. We have learnt a little about Leonardo da Vinci and tried to replicate some of his work before creating our own landscape masterpieces. We look forward to ending the week with our Harvest Festival and Pumpkin Parade which will also mark the end of term. The children have settled in incredibly well and I have been so impressed with their attitudes to learning. I'd like to extend my thanks to everyone at home who has supported our amazing children this half term and I hope you all have a great break.

### 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/Autum-Menu-HA.pdf>