



Dear Parents & Carers,

We have had another busy week in school – only five more to go until the Christmas holiday!

It was a pleasure to welcome some new and existing families into our school last Saturday, as part of our Open Morning. There was a lovely atmosphere in school and some very interested little people who we hope to see lots more of in September!

Hopefully, you will have received a letter earlier in the week about our exciting new 'Curriculum Aims' which are our ambitions for each pupil by the time they leave us in Year 6. These are accompanied by the 'H&A 21' which are twenty-one 'experiences' we pledge to give each child – both are incredibly exciting and we have already started working on them in school. Remembrance events have been an important part of our week – both in class, in assemblies and in extra-curricular time. The children's depth of understanding, empathy and knowledge is a real credit to them.

Have a super weekend,  
Mr Donaldson

### Governors' Corner

The full governing body met last night for our third meeting of the academic year. It is always a pleasure to catch up with all the exciting and varied things that are happening in school. Amongst a number of recent visits into school from members of the FGB, we enjoyed hearing of the school trip to Foxglove Covert. The conduct of all pupils and the care of all staff sounded exemplary.

We were pleased to note that three candidates had put themselves forward for election as a Parent Governor. We are grateful to those parents who have put their names forward; we are also grateful to everyone who has voted in this election. With voting due to close next Tuesday (16<sup>th</sup>), there is still a chance to support this process if you have not yet done so.

Finally, may I also thank the school's PTFA for all their fabulous efforts in fundraising at present. Huge thanks to everyone involved!

Patrick Barber  
Chair of Governors



### Let's Celebrate!



This week our super support staff have chosen the Care – Aspire – Excel winners!

	Mrs. Shanley	Mrs. Smith	Mrs. Flannigan	Miss Jones	Mrs. Donnelly	Mrs. Webster	Mrs. Godlee
<i>Above &amp; Beyond (Care – Aspire – Excel)</i>	Rose G	Margot	Ronnie	Ellie	Ellie	Riley	Thomas
	Robin Class		Kingfisher Class	Partridge Class		Woodpecker Class	
<i>Writer of the Week</i>	Jude		Olivia	Isabella		Noah	
<i>Mathematician of the Week</i>	Toby		Evie	Matilda		Leo	
<i>Tidy Classroom</i>	Partridge						
<i>Team Point Winners</i>	Bolton						

### Diary Dates

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Odd Sock Day	All	See below
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Service of Remembrance	Hunton Heroes KS2	Details sent
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
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up for Christmas Holiday	Everyone	N/A
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Staff Training Day	All	N/A
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Spring Term Starts	All	N/A

### Odd Socks Day

Don't forget to wear odd socks on Monday to launch our anti-bullying week in school. We have events planned for each day. Your child should have also brought home a 'Design A Pair of Odd Socks' – entries are welcome and there will be prizes for the best designs. Please return them to school by next Friday.

### Children in Need

A reminder that our celebrations will take place next **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November!**

### Christmas Raffle

The PTFA have kindly started to organise a Christmas Raffle. Any donations of hamper prizes would be gratefully received – there is a collection box on the playground. Thank you 😊

### Around the Classes...

**Robin Class:** Christmas has already hit the Robin Class with nativity rehearsals in full swing! We have discovered a little more about Guy Fawkes and his plan by being history detectives looking at photo clues. Reception children have been using their phonics to label everything that they draw and Year 1 have been writing poems using adjectives, nouns and verbs.

**Kingfisher Class:** Kingfisher Class have really focussed on remembrance this week – using the poppy as a stimulus for our writing lessons in English. After finding out more about the significant event in British history, we began to think about using poetic techniques and exciting vocabulary to create our own poppy poems. In maths, we have continued to sharpen our addition and subtraction skills. I know that everyone thoroughly enjoyed their P.E lessons this week – continuing to focus on Multiskills with Mr. Layfield and invasion games through Ultimate Frisbee on a Thursday!

**Partridge Class:** This week in Partridge class, we have finished our topic of poetry and our final poems were fantastic! In maths, we are continuing with addition and subtraction, ending the week by subtracting two, 3-digit numbers! Following on from our work on the digestive system last week, we have been learning all about teeth in science. We are in the process of conducting an experiment to discover what effect different liquids have on our teeth- we are very excited to find out the results!

**Woodpecker Class:** This week, the Woodpeckers have been putting themselves in the shoes of Guy Fawkes and writing a diary to document his thoughts and feelings during the key events leading up to the gunpowder plot (I did stress we were only pretending to be Guy Fawkes!). In Maths, we have continued to develop our division skills, progressing onto using decimal remainders to increase the accuracy of our work. Our computing work has led us to watching some popular Youtubers (the children knew far more than I did) and we could not believe how much money there is to be made from drawing unicorns whilst blindfolded!

### 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>