



Dear Parents & Carers,

It is definitely feeling autumnal! A huge thanks to everyone who attended our Harvest Festival at the end of half-term – it was great to have so much support. Thanks as well to those of you who donated food and produce – it has been sent to Hambleton Food Bank where I am sure it will be very much appreciated.

There has been some fantastic learning taking place this week – I was lucky enough to see Woodpecker Class thinking about different types of relationships in their PSHCE lesson; Partridge Class planning a holiday for Miss Pole (lucky her!) and Robin Class creating their own bonfire guy. We are so lucky to have such fabulous teachers who really make learning come alive. Our Key Stage 2 children have also been getting to grips with Ultimate Frisbee (and they only lost one into the beck!)

The second half of the autumn term is always one of the most exciting in school because of the build up to Christmas. The 'diary dates' section on the second page contains some information about the events we are planning over the next few weeks.

Have a super weekend,
Mr Donaldson

Children in Need

We will be supporting Children in Need on Friday 12th November. The Pupil Leadership Team will be sending out a flyer with further information very soon!

Remembrance Service

Next Friday, our Hunton Heroes pupils from Key Stage 2 will be visiting Ripon Cathedral to take part in the Service of Remembrance. The Reception and KS1 pupils have created some fantastic art work which their KS2 friends will share!

Virtual Author Visit

This morning children from Y2+ enjoyed a virtual visit from the author Yassmin Abdel-Magied who writes 'Listen Layla' and other books in the 'Layla' series. The children really loved listening to her and felt very inspired! We have some copies of her books in school – but it may be a welcome addition to some Christmas lists!

Odd Socks Day

To launch anti-bullying week, we will be encouraging children to wear odd socks on Monday 15th November. There will be no need for any donations!



Let's Celebrate!



	Robin Class (R/Y1)	Kingfisher Class (Y2)	Partridge Class (Y3/4)	Woodpecker Class (Y5/6)
Above & Beyond <i>(Care – Aspire – Excel)</i>	Max	Fearne	Barnaby	Joshua
Writer of the Week	Bruce	Anna	Rafe	Livy
Mathematician of the Week	Riley	Phoebe	Isabelle	Noah
Tidy Classroom	Kingfisher Class			
Team Point Winners	Castle Bolton			

Diary Dates

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Wednesday 9 th November	Flu Vaccinations	All	Details sent
Monday 15 th November	Odd Sock Day	All	See below
Friday 12 th November	Service of Remembrance	Hunton Heroes KS2	Details sent
Wednesday 1 st December	Musical Theatre Day at Bedale High	Y4/5 Pupils	Details to follow
Friday 10 th December	Christmas Jumper Day	Everyone	Details to follow
Tuesday 14 th December	Darlington Hippodrome Pantomime Visit	Everyone	Details to follow
Wednesday 15 th December	Christingle @ Patrick Brompton 6pm	Everyone	Details to follow
Friday 17 th December	Break up for Christmas Holiday	Everyone	N/A
Tuesday 4 th January	Staff Training Day	All	N/A
Wednesday 5 th January	Spring Term Starts	All	N/A

Around the Classes...

Robin Class: Robins have been exploring all sorts of interesting things this week. Our pirates have been sailing to find emeralds and rubies. Our 'autumn team' has been collecting thousands of leaves to create their own woodland floor. The 'big cats team' has performed a dramatic dance for us. As a whole class, we have begun to find out a little more about Guy Fawkes and what he got up to. Most excitingly, we have begun rehearsing our nativity show - more information will be coming out shortly.

Kingfisher Class: What a great first week back! Our Maths focus has moved to addition and subtraction, with the children learning about fact families and showing some great mental calculation skills this week. We have also really enjoyed finding out more about the Gunpowder Plot and applying our learning into some super sentences. The Year 2 children really excelled during our Skip2bFit session – I'm a very proud teacher!

Partridge Class: Partridge Class have had a fantastic first week back! In our English lessons, we have started looking at poetry and have had great fun performing poems to our peers. In maths we continue with addition and subtraction, in which Year 4's had to use their addition knowledge to plan Miss Pole a holiday. We all loved Skip2BFit this week and pushed ourselves to be the best we can be. Our highlight of the week, however, has got to be our investigation into the digestive system- we all loved seeing how food moves through different parts of the digestive system... and comes out at the other end!

Woodpecker Class: It was great to welcome the children back after the half-term break. This week, our English learning has been about the gunpowder plot where the children have really impressed me with their recall skills around the story. In maths we have been applying our times table skills to written multiplication methods.

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>