



Dear Parents & Carers,

Happy New Year!

The new term has got off to a flying start. All classes experienced the second of their Design Technology Days earlier in the week. Reception and Key Stage 1 investigated wheels and axles, whilst Key Stage 2 combined some science work on electrical circuits. We enjoyed sharing our learning and it was wonderful to see the progression between classes.

Today, Key Stage 2 and Robin Class held the 'Launch Day' for their new learning (Kingfisher Class will follow suit on Monday!). I am sure that the Key Stage 2 children will have had a super day in Ripon launching their 'Crime and Punishment' topic by visiting the museums and I know that Robin Class have very much enjoyed being royal for the day! Kingfisher Class have also begun their history work on Florence Nightingale.

There are lots of exciting events planned for the next couple of weeks; I hope the diary dates overleaf are useful in keeping everyone informed of what is happening and when. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Have a wonderful weekend – I am sure the children are ready for a rest!  
Mr. Donaldson

### Hello & Welcome

We would like to extend a huge welcome to Mrs Cromey-Hawke and Mrs. Wheeler who have joined us full-time this week.

Mrs Cromey-Hawke will be teaching Robin Class (and will be joined by Mrs Doz y later in the year) and will also be our SENDCo. If you have any questions about SEND she would be delighted to meet with you.

Mrs. Wheeler is already familiar with all of our children through Forest School and, as well as continuing to offer Forest School sessions, will also be working as a General Teaching Assistant across school.

We are sure that they will both be made to feel very welcome as they settle into our school and get to know children, staff and parents!

### 'The Big Read' – Parents Welcome

On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January, we would like to invite parents / family members to join in our second 'Big Read'. This is an opportunity for parents to join their child in class to share some stories and reading between 9.00-9.30.

If you would like to join us, please wait on the footpath until the main gates are open. It would be lovely to see lots of you there.

### Carlton Lodge Parents Meeting

There will be a parent's information evening for Year 3 and 4 children about the residential to Carlton Lodge on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 3.30pm. At present, we are unsure if this will be in-person or virtual. If you are unable to attend we will make sure the information is sent to you!

### Let's Celebrate!

Due to the short week and the Topic Launches, we will hold our first Celebration Assembly of 2022 next week!



### Diary Dates

When?	What?	Who?	How?
17 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Y5/6 Robinwood Visit	Y5/6	Parents informed
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Big Read (Parents Welcome) 9.00am	All	See above
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Carlton Lodge Parents Meeting – 3.30pm	Y3/4	See above
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Half-Term Holiday	All	N/A
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Staff Training Day	All	Parents informed
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Return after Half-Term	All	N/A
9 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3/4 Carlton Lodge Visit	Y3/4	Parents informed

### Lunches

Our school lunches are delicious and nutritious and provided by North Yorkshire County Caterers. For further information, and to view this term's menu, please visit the school website:

[www.huntonarrathorne.n-yorks.sch.uk/schoolmeals](http://www.huntonarrathorne.n-yorks.sch.uk/schoolmeals)

### P.E & Forest School

#### P.E

Robin Class – Tuesday

Kingfisher Class – Wednesday / Thursday

Partridge Class – Tuesday / Thursday

Woodpecker Class – Monday / Wednesday

Forest School will continue on a Tuesday. In the spring term it will be for Year 2 and Year 5.

### Around the Classes...

**Robin Class:** The children in Robin class have made me so proud this week. They returned to school remembering all the routines and settling extremely quickly. They have been brilliant at telling us what they got up to in the holiday. We have had two days of D&T this week, where the children made a vehicle for a carnival. I hope that you have seen your child's creation on Seesaw. We have also had our topic launch day for 'Kings & Queens. The children made crowns, played with castles and came up with their own rules if they were in charge! A busy but very enjoyable week had by all.

**Kingfisher Class:** Kingfisher Class have got back off to a flying start by thoroughly embracing our Design Technology Days. This term our focus was on wheels and they investigated, researched, designed, created and evaluated some moving vehicles fit for a carnival! We tested them out and they all moved – we enjoyed creating our own carnival parade to 'Proud Mary' – the 'big wheels kept on turning!' We will send them home soon. Today the children will launch their Florence Nightingale topic alongside their friends from Robin Class.

**Partridge Class:** Partridge Class have had a very busy and exciting first week back! We kicked off the week with our termly DT days. We analysed different electrical products and took them apart to see how they work. We then looked at making our own circuits and even made our own switch. We used our switch and our technical knowledge to make a lantern each! On Friday we launched our topic 'Crime and Punishment' with a trip to Ripon Workhouse. We got to take part in a trial in the courthouse and look round the prison and police museum. It was a fantastic day, and we are all very excited about our new topic!

**Woodpecker Class:** It has been great to welcome the children back this week and it seems they have all had a fantastic break over Christmas. This week, our main focus has been on our DT work, where we have been designing and creating floats inspired by the Rio de Janeiro festival. We have experimented with electrical components which have featured in our final products and I have been so impressed by the creativity and accuracy of the work on show. The weeks ends with a trip to Ripon Workhouse Museum to launch our new topic: Crime and Punishment. It sounds amazing and I am sure the children will have a great time whilst learning lots at the same time!

### Safeguarding Reminders

If you are concerned about the safety or welfare of a child, it is important to remember that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, however the below information may be useful:

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Mr. Samuel Donaldson, the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL) is Mr. Gavin Cope. The named governor for Safeguarding is Mrs. Louise Wyatt.

Further information, including policies, can be found on our website

[www.huntonarrathorne.n-yorks.sch.uk/safeguarding](http://www.huntonarrathorne.n-yorks.sch.uk/safeguarding)