



Dear Parents & Carers,

What another wonderful week in school! I have had the privilege of seeing and hearing about lots of great learning this week – on Tuesday, our Maths Link Governor joined me for a learning walk and it was great to see our mathematics curriculum coming to life. Today we have had a visitor from Julie Pattison (our LEA adviser) to share our approaches to the English curriculum and specifically the work we have done on improving writing in school. She was very impressed with the work we shared, the pupils she spoke to and the books she looked at. It is great to have the validation that we are doing the best we can for your children!

Next week looks set to be busy – with Art Week, our whole school visit to Yorkshire Sculpture Park, the Easter Labyrinth and other exciting Easter events to look forward to. I think we are going to have a fantastic time!

Looking ahead, I have added some summer term dates to the newsletter. I hope that, by sharing them early, people are given plenty of notice which may enable them to join us. Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Donaldson

### Governors' Corner

On Tuesday I visited the school to accompany Mr Donaldson on a Maths Monitoring Walk around the classes. It was very interesting to see the new Maths policy in action across the whole school. The children showed a great deal of knowledge and enthusiasm for their numbers, decimals or fractions depending on their ages. They collaborated well when measuring and comparing. The teaching of Maths allowed children of different ages and abilities to be stretched in their Maths learning. The books were neat and tidy and the children were all very well behaved and polite.

Thank you to all the teachers and pupils for allowing me to watch their Maths lessons.

*Julie Sargent – Co-opted Governor*

### Easter Labyrinth

There are still spaces available at the Easter Labyrinth next week. Please contact [admin@huntonarrathorne.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@huntonarrathorne.n-yorks.sch.uk) if you would like to join us!

### Collection for Ukraine

A huge thank you to everyone who donated items for the Ukraine collection. They were gratefully received and have been passed on to the community hub who I believe, have already sent them to Poland for distribution in Ukraine.

### Let's Celebrate!

This week our wonderful support staff have chosen their 'Care – Aspire – Excel' winners!

	Mrs. Godlee	Mrs. Shanley	Mrs. Flannigan	Mrs. Donnelly	Mrs. Wheeler	Miss Jones	Miss Whittaker	Mrs. Webster
Above & Beyond (Care – Aspire – Excel)	Evie M	Joshua	Noah K	Abigail	Joshua	Cate	Joshua	Isaac
Tidy Classroom	Kingfisher							
Team Point Winners	Richmond							
The Golden Spoon	Charlie							

### Diary Dates

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Yorkshire Sculpture Park Visit	All	Information sent
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Labyrinth – Parents Invited	All	Information sent
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Egg Competition	All	Information to follow
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Break up for Easter Holiday	All	Parents informed
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of Summer Term	All	Parents informed
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Box2bFit	All	Information to follow
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Dance Morning @ Richmond	Robin Class	Information to follow
9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SAT'S Week	Y6	Parents informed
17 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Parents Evenings	All	Information to follow
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Dance Morning @ Richmond	Partridge Class	Information to follow
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Platinum Jubilee Celebrations	All	Information to follow
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Geography Fieldwork Day	All	Information to follow
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Sports Afternoon	All	Information to follow

### ECO Team Update

This term we have been thinking about ways to increase the biodiversity of our school. We plan to introduce wildflower areas, willow arches and mini ponds to attract more wildlife along with the creation of a vegetable garden. Reduce, Reuse and Recycle is another area of focus and we would like to create a piece of art reusing plastic milk bottle lids. We would be very grateful if parents could send any plastic lids into school over the next month - Mrs Wheeler

### Around the Classes...

**Robin Class:** What a wet week, but it hasn't dampened the children's ability to learn! Reception children have had fun playing bingo with numbers up to 10 and Year 1 have been learning all about volume and capacity in Maths. In Science we have been investigating materials and finding out which ones are waterproof. The children had fun testing the materials out in their new water tray. The children have been showing us how clever they are, as this week has been assessment week. We are so proud of their progress and continued enthusiasm to learn. Lastly, we have been looking at the Easter story and practicing for the Easter Labyrinth next week, you are in for a treat!

**Kingfisher Class:** This week, Miss Cutter reports on what the Year 2 children have been up to in Maths: This week in mathematics we have been exploring shape and symmetry. We began by looking at the properties of 2D shapes and learnt some tips to memories them. We then explored symmetry and found that the number of lines of symmetry on regular shapes are the same as the number of sides and vertices. This encouraged lots of brilliant mathematical discussion and vocabulary. We are now looking at the properties of 3D shapes using our prior knowledge of 2D shapes. We have also been sorting shapes based on which properties they have. We will be using lots of mathematical vocabulary to compare the properties of each shape. Well done everyone!

**Partridge Class:** Partridge Class have really impressed everyone in school this week. They have all shown driven attitudes towards completing their assessments and enjoyed investigating instruction texts in their English learning. They began to show a great understanding of imperative verbs and time conjunctions. In Maths, they have continued to investigate decimals and developed their understanding of place value. Alongside all of this, they have still found time to squeeze in rehearsals for the Easter Labyrinth and take part in some exciting programming activities as part of their Computing work. Well done Partridge Class!

**Woodpecker Class:** A busy week for the Woodpeckers where they have continued to work hard and be driven whilst carrying out our end of term assessments. In maths we have been looking at various units of measurement; we had some estimates for the distance between our school gate to the village hall and some of them were incredibly accurate! We have looked at some Easter themed poetry in English which has led to some mature and interesting discussions. We have completed our Crime and Punishment topic in History with some powerpoints showcasing everything they have learnt coupled with some great computing skills. Another great week and a well-deserved weekend!

### 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