



Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 8th September 2023

Dear Parents,

Firstly, welcome back – and ‘welcome’ to the new families joining us this September. I do hope everybody had a relaxing and fun-filled summer holiday. The children have certainly thrown themselves into learning and it has been none-stop since Tuesday – with ‘No Outsiders’ day, geography topic launches and our Design Technology Day. Each class investigated a different aspect of structure, coming together to create a model village. From walls and bridges in Year 1, to a recycled ‘park’ in Year 2, to houses using nets in Year 3/4 and skeletal structures using joining techniques in Year 5/6 the work ethic and progression across school has been amazing! Well done, everyone!

We have been joined by lots of new faces this week – a big welcome to Arthur, Austin, Ralph, Aggie, Eric, Bertie, Lucas, Edward and Jack in Reception; Finn and Emmy in Year 1; Tai in Year 2; Rosa in Year 3 and Thomas in Year 5. We hope you and your families feel very much a part of our school community quickly. Also, we welcomed Miss House, Mrs. Hollocks, Miss Reay and Miss Jones to our staff team – I know they all feel like they have already been here years and I am sure you will join me in welcoming them to our school family.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mr. Donaldson
Headteacher

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Hopefully you will have received a letter about our extra-curricular clubs which will begin on Monday. Please do return slips to the office. You can assume your child has been successful in getting a place unless contacted. Thank you.

Phonics Information Evening

Just a reminder that we will hold a Phonics Information Meeting for parents of new Reception pupils on Monday 11th September at 4.30pm. It would be lovely to see lots of parents there to hear about how we teach our youngest children to read, and how you can help at home.

School Website & Facebook Page

Our school website www.huntonarrathorne.n-yorks.sch.uk and Facebook page (Hunton & Arrathorne Primary School) are full of information about the curriculum and things we get up to in school. Please do take time to explore both!

September 2024 Starters

Do you, or someone you know, have a child starting school in September 2024? We will be holding our Open Morning on Saturday 14th October. Please contact the School Office to book a visit!

Let's Celebrate!

We would normally share our Celebration Assembly news here, but as it's the first week back we're still settling into routines.

Our first Celebration Assembly of 2023-2024 will take place next Friday!

Safeguarding Reminders

Mr. Sam Donaldson is the Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Mr. Gavin Cope is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Mrs. Louise Wyatt is the Safeguarding Link Governor.

If you have worries or concerns about a pupil, please don't hesitate to speak to one of the people named above, in confidence.

Diary Dates

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Monday 4 th September	CPD Day – School Closed	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 5 th September	Start of Autumn Term	All	See newsletter
Monday 18 th September	Backchat Brass Workshops	All	See newsletter
Wednesday 20 th September	Y5/6 Geography Fieldwork Visit to Yorkshire Dales	Y5/6	Information to follow
Friday 22 nd Septemebr	'Jeans for Genes' Day	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 27 th September	Y2 Geography Fieldwork Visit to Bedale	Y2	Information to follow
Friday 29 th September	Bags2School Collection	All	Information to follow
Tuesday 3 rd October	Skip2bFit Workshops	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 4 th October	KS2 Cross Country @ Richmond School	KS2	Information to follow
Friday 13 th October	School Photographs	All	Information to follow
Saturday 14 th October	Open Morning (Reception 2024)	Rec 24	Information to follow
W/C Monday 16 th October	'This is Me' Week	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 18 th October	Parents Evening – 4pm – 7pm	All	Information to follow
Saturday 20 th October	Reception 2024 Open Morning	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 25 th October	Y5/6 Visit to Eden Camp	Y5/6	Information to follow
Thursday 26 th October	Pumpkin Parade / Harvest Festival at 2.30pm	All	Information to follow
Friday 27 th October	CPD Day – School Closed	All	See newsletter
Friday 10 th November	Remembrance Service @ Ripon Cathedral	KS2-HH	Information to follow
W/C Monday 13 th Novemb	'Friendship Week' / Odd Socks Day	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 19 th December	Pantomime Visit @ Darlington Hippodrome	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 20 th December	Christingle @ St Patrick's Church, 6pm	All	Information to follow

Around the Classes...

Robin Class (Reception): Wow - what a fantastic first week into school! The Reception children have settled amazingly well and completed their first week - we hope you are as proud of them as we are! They have been working really hard on our Golden Rules - 'Be safe, Be Kind, Be Driven'. We have been very busy exploring all the exciting areas of provision and getting to know teachers and each other!

Robin Class (Year 1): What a super start to the year Robin Class! They have all settled into the Year 1 classroom beautifully, following our school rules exceptionally well. They have been extremely busy, sharing our No Outsiders story, becoming geographers, and exploring our local area. They have ended the week being super designers!

Kingfisher Class: The Kingfishers have had a wonderful first week as Y2s - their attitude has been fantastic and I have been so impressed with them! On Tuesday we had a No Outsiders lesson exploring how families can take various forms and they children also produced some book reviews for our reading corner. On Wednesday, we completed various tasks using our mapwork skills, investigating compass points, map symbols and human/physical features. Finally, we ended the week with some DT work; the children worked really hard to produce some structures you may find in a play area and all did a great job. A great start and hopefully a sign of things to come for the rest of the year!

Partridge Class: We have had an excellent start to the term in Partridge class! On Wednesday, we became geographers for the day and put our mapping skills to the test. We have also loved our DT days, particularly seeing our final pieces develop from the design stage to the finished product. The children have created their very own mini version of our school.

Woodpecker Class: We have had a fantastic start to the term in Woodpeckers class! On Wednesday, we became geographers for the day and explored the Yorkshire Dales looking for human and physical features. We then created some amazing artwork which captured the Yorkshire dales from a bird's eye view. We have also loved our DT days and worked hard designing, making and evaluating our frame structures of village houses for Hunton villagers, to make them smile.