



Dear Parents,

One of the highlights of the week has been meeting our fifteen new Reception children, as they visited school with their families. Over the coming weeks, they will visit two more times, as they grow in independence and get to know school life. There was lots of excitement!

It has also been brilliant to hear about some of the fundraising activities children are completing as part of the '20:26 Challenge' – thanks so much for all of your effort with this – school budgets are notoriously tight and every penny raised will make a difference to our educational offer.

Around the classrooms, we continue to be impressed with the children's attitudes to their learning – between the end of year performance and class assemblies, there is lots of excitement around school but they continue to produce excellent work and apply themselves consistently in lessons – well done to all of the children.

Have a good weekend,  
Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Cope

### Strawberry Fair

Year 6 will be holding their popular 'Strawberry Fair' after school next Friday. Strawberry desserts will cost between £2.00 and £3.00. Please do join us to support Year 6 in their enterprise work.

### The Lion King

Rehearsals are in full swing for 'The Lion King' and the children sound incredible! Please remember to return ticket slips to the School Office – we're often able to allocate additional tickets, so please indicate how many you would like.

### Year 5/6 London Visit

Just a reminder to Year 5/6 parents to please return residential consents for the London visit as soon as possible – it would be great to confirm numbers over the new few weeks.

Key Stage 2 parents should also have received a letter detailing their child's costume requirements – please do get in touch if you need any further guidance. We can't wait to show you the finished production!

### Let's Celebrate!

See who has been awarded in Celebration Assembly this week!

	Mrs. Dozēy	Mrs. Hollocks	Mr. Donaldson	Mrs. Tunmore	Miss Weeks	Mrs. Kawai-Calderhead	Mr. Cope
Care – Aspire – Excel Awards	Grace	Nancy & Ava	Erin	Finn	Livy	Harry	Letty
	Robin Class (Rec/Y1)	Kingfisher Class (Y1 & Y2)	Goldfinch Class (Y3)	Partridge Class (Y4 & Y5)	Woodpecker Class (Y6)		
Curriculum Award	James	Amelia-Rose	Erin	Osian	Bea		
Aims Award	Letty	Lottie	Ivo	Theodore	Grace S		
Team Points	Richmond						
Presentation Prize	Freya						
Golden Spoon	Emilia						
Monarch of Manners	William R						
Tidy Classroom	Woodpecker						

## End of Year Reports

End of Year Reports will be sent home on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July.

### Robin Class Assembly

Robin Class will be performing their 'Class Assembly', which will take place next Wednesday at 2.45pm on the school playground. It is an exciting event as the children take center stage for their first assembly at our school! Please join us if you can.

### Relationships & Sex Education

Following the consultation with parents earlier in the year, our new Relationships & Sex Education Policy has now been approved by the Full Governing Board. This means it will come into practice from September 2026. More information can be found on [www.huntonarrathorne.n-yorks.sch.uk/policies](http://www.huntonarrathorne.n-yorks.sch.uk/policies)

### Around the Classes...

**Robin Class:** This week, we have been watching carefully to notice the changes in our caterpillars: "They are getting much bigger." "There is a web like spiders." "They will go into their cocoon next." We are eagerly awaiting their transformation. Our key text 'Zog' has had us slaying dragons and role play as brave knights! We have been 'agog' at the amazing work the children are doing in their writing - where each child is trying really hard to develop their own independent writing journey. We have also enjoyed thinking about the sequence of the story and what could happen next...creating our own ideas. In Maths, we have been focusing on using what we know to help us to work on subtracting numbers, using knights and a dragon to help support our learning. The children have really enjoyed this and have shown some fantastic problem-solving skills too!

**Kingfisher Class:** Kingfisher Class have been very excited to start our new learning of money and have started by developing our understanding and ability to recognise coins of different values. In English, we have been investigating water pollution as we prepare to write persuasively linked to our class text of 'We Are Water Protectors'. In history, we have enjoyed retrieving knowledge from our class assembly to learn more about Hatshepsut and we had great fun creating Egyptian-inspired headdresses.

**Goldfinch Class:** What a week! Lion King rehearsals are well underway and beautiful singing voices have been shared all around school. In science, we have completed another experiment, learning how water is transported...ask us what colour our lovely white flowers turned! In maths, we have continued with our fractions unit where we have moved from adding to subtracting. In history, we found out why pigeons sent messages by code during WWI and finally, we have continued our sportsmanship in both volleyball and rounders this week during our PE lessons.

**Partridge Class:** Partridges have had a busy week this week. The Lion King rehearsals are in full swing and the children are really giving it their all. In PSHE, we started our topic 'growing & changing', in which we discussed how our emotions can impact our wellbeing and those around us. In maths, we continued to deepen our knowledge of decimals by ordering, comparing and rounding them. I can't believe we are creeping towards the final weeks of the year; the children are continuing to work hard and be determined in their learning!

**Woodpecker Class:** The Woodpeckers have once again been working hard to produce some writing evidence this week with two more pieces, the first exploring whether tigers should be kept in captivity or allowed to be free in the wild and the second a narrative based on a mythical story 'The Dragon Slayer'. The focus of this week's history lesson was an investigation into the most common types of occupations in Britain during Victorian times and considering which of these occupations are still common today. And of course,...rehearsals have continued for The Lion King where the children continue to make various members of staff tearful with their beautiful singing!

### Diary Dates

*Please keep checking the dates below as some may change at short notice!*

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Class Assembly	REC	Information to follow
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Strawberry Fair	Y6	Information to follow
28 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Richmond School Transition	Y6	Information sent
1 <sup>st</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	SFX Transition	Y6	Information sent
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Transition Afternoon	All	Information sent
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	'The Lion King' – 2pm and 6pm	KS2	Information to follow
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year Reports	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Richmond Team Visit to Richmond Castle	R'mond	Information to follow
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Diamond Dash Championship at 9.00am	All	Information to follow
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Assembly	Y6	Information to follow
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Term	All	See newsletter
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	School Opens	All	See newsletter

### 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.