Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School

Newsletter

Thursday 20th October 2026

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term! This is a particularly busy (and exciting) half term in school with many events taking place in the run up to Christmas. Some of these events will involve separate letters, but information about others will be shared on our weekly newsletter so please do read it carefully. It is sometimes necessary to change events – where this is the case we will update the diary dates overleaf.

Everyone has got straight back into the swing of things in school with lots of learning taking place in each class. Kingfisher and Goldfinch Class had a particularly exciting day on Wednesday – they absolutely loved their visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park to compliment their science work on Living Things & their Habitats. We are sure they came home excited to tell you about their adventures and all of the exciting animals they saw!

I know that staff are looking forward to sharing your children's progress with you at Parents' Evening meetings next week.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mr. Donaldson & Mr. Cope

Torchlight Treasure Hunt

There is great excitement regarding our 'Torchlight Treasure Hunt' on Thursday 19th November. This will be a fun fundraiser perfect for all of the family! Please see the letter sent home earlier this week for details.

Children in Need

Children-in-Need takes place on Friday 17th November. Our Pupil Leadership Team would like everyone to come to school in 'non-uniform'. Please donate via online donation points rather than bringing cash to school.

Hello & Welcome

A big Hunton & Arrathorne welcome to Robyn, Lucy and Imogen who have joined our school this week. We hope they have enjoyed their first week in school!

Crucial Crew & Service of Remembrance

We have a number of visits taking place next week. Some of our 'Hunton Heroes' will be representing our school at the Children's Festival of Remembrance on Monday, and Year 6 will be visiting Crucial Crew on Wednesday. Please ensure consent is given if your child is involved.

Let's Celebrate!

See who has been awarded in Celebration Assembly this week!

	Mrs. Dozēy	Mrs. Hollocks	Mr. Donaldson	Mr. Cope	Mrs. Wilson	Mrs. Tunmore	Miss Weeks
Care – Aspire – Excel Awards	Ruby	Finn	Faye M & Holly	Amelia E	Chloe & Kai	Lily	Poppy

	Robin Class	Kingfisher Class	Goldfinch Class	Partridge Class	Woodpecker Class
Curriculum Award	Oscar	Elizabeth	Lacey	Arthur	Henry W
Aims Award	Clemmie	*Daniel*	*Siena*	Emily	Kai
Team Points	Richmond				
Tidy Classroom	Goldfinch				
No Outsiders Award	Kirsty				
Monarch	Chloe				

Big Read – 20th November

On Friday 20th November at 2.30pm, we will be welcoming parents, grandparents and families into school to enjoy some reading for pleasure with their child. You are very welcome to join your children in classrooms for our first 'Big Read' of the school year.

Diary Dates

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

Please note the change of date for the Reception parents 'Maths Meeting'.

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Monday 9th November	Festival of Remembrance @ Ripon Cathedral	H-H KS2	Information sent
Wednesday 11th November	Crucial Crew	Y6	Information sent
Wednesday 11th November	Parents' Evening	All	Information sent
Friday 13th November	Children in Need	All	Information sent
Monday 16th November	Odd Socks Day / Anti-Bullying Week	All	Information sent
Thursday 19th November	Torchlight Treasure Hunt @ 5.00pm	All	Information sent
Friday 20th November	Big Read @ 2.30pm	All	See newsletter
Wednesday 25th November	Reception Parents Maths Meeting @ 2.30pm	REC	Information sent
Tuesday 1st December	Y5/6 Visit to Richmond	Y5/6	Information to follow
Tuesday 1st December	Christmas Club	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 2nd December	Christmas Fair @ 3.30pm	All	Information to follow
Tuesday 8th December	Christmas Club	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 9th December	Reception & KS1 Nativity @ 2.00 and 6.00pm	REC/KS1	Information to follow
Thursday 10th December	Christmas Film Night	All	Information to follow
Friday 11th December	Christmas Lunch	All	Information to follow
Tuesday 15th December	Pantomime @ Darlington Hippodrome	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 16th December	Christingle @ St Patrick's Church, Patrick Brompton	All	Information to follow
Thursday 17th December	Christmas Party	All	Information to follow
Friday 18th December	School Closes for Christmas Holiday	All	See newsletter
Monday 4th January	School Closed – CPD Day	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 5th January	School Opens	All	See newsletter
Thursday 4th & Friday 5th Feb	Y5/6 London Residential	Y5/6	Information sent

Around the Classes…

Robin Class: This week, our key text has been 'The Three Little Pigs' - we have used vocabulary such as 'flimsy, sturdy, construct and obliterate!' We have enjoyed sequencing the story using story maps and cards to support our story telling. In Art, we have enjoyed finger painting to create a collaborative scene from the story and have been inspired to construct our own houses for pigs, lions and wolves, using our own ideas from familiar stories to create our own narratives in exploring time. We have also been developing our writing and reading phrases in our phonics sessions. A great first week back - Well done Robin class!

Kingfisher Class: Kingfisher Class have dived straight back into their work with fabulous attitudes! In Maths, they have continued to investigate addition and used some super vocabulary, whilst in English they have worked hard to create information texts about the moon. The highlight of the week was definitely the visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park on Wednesday – the children were so excited to learn more about the animals and see them in real life!

Goldfinch Class: We have had a brilliant first week back, with the children loving their visit to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park; they were all incredibly inquisitive and loved sharing their favourite animals upon their return. In English, we have been completing our own information booklets about our planet using our book 'Dear Earth' as a focus whilst in Maths, we have continued to develop our adding skills, adding three single-digit numbers at a time and using this skill to solve problems. Well done to all of the children!

Partridge Class: It has been wonderful to get back into the routines of our learning this week, ready for the upcoming festive term! It's been a highly productive week where the children have most certainly lived up to our ethos of care-aspire-excel, both in and out of the classroom. We shared the text 'Where the Poppies Now Grow' in 'No Outsiders, sharing our thoughts on Remembrance and memories and objects which are special to us. We started our netball unit in PE, focussing on the role of the attacker, and we have also begun to investigate a new inquiry question in History, focussing on 'Why did the Ancient Maya change the way they live?'

Woodpecker Class: In Maths this week, we have been developing our formal written methods for multiplication, multiplying 4-digit by 1-digit numbers (Y5) and 3-digit by 2-digit numbers (Y6). We have been writing our final pieces in English, producing analytical essays based on how we can help older generations, which the children have worked exceptionally hard on. We started a new unit in tennis, developing our forehand shots whilst in History; we ordered key events chronologically from the Georgian era. A great first week back with excellent attitudes to learning, well done to the children!

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.