



Dear Parents & Carers,

It has been an absolute pleasure to watch the children care, aspire and excel throughout all of the Christmas activities they have taken part in this week. They are an absolute credit to you. We have enjoyed coming together as a whole school community to visit Darlington Hippodrome, to celebrate our Christingle and for our Christmas parties. It is such a special time of year and there are already exciting events planned for the spring term.

We also say a sad goodbye to the wonderful Mrs. Saunders who I know has made such a huge impact on so many children during her time at our school. She has been a huge part of school life and will be very much missed by all – although I know she is keen to pop in from time to time and has already volunteered to help at next year's pantomime. I'm sure we will also be calling on her when it's pumpkin planting time, so let's think of it as 'au revoir' rather than goodbye. We also say thank you and goodbye to Mrs Smith who has worked with Robin Class since September and has secured a new job at Mowbray School. Thank you to them both for their hard work.

A huge thanks also to our wonderful staff team who always go over and above for the school and pupils. Finally, thank you to you for your support and smiles.

Have a very merry Christmas,
Mr. Donaldson



Governors Corner

I write these few lines having just enjoyed a lovely evening at St Patrick's listening to all the children perform their Christingle. What a warm occasion it was. To hit such heights so late in the term is testament to the wonderful school community we have. To see so many smiles and such joy, we must be grateful. Grateful for such a wonderful group of pupils; grateful for the support of caring parents; grateful for the dedication of school leaders, teachers and support staff.

I would like to echo Mr Donaldson's thanks to the PFTA for their fantastic fundraising. We are proud as a governing body to ensure the school's finances are in a good place. So it is a wonderful bonus for all pupils at the school that the PTFA have raised in excess of £1600.

In the middle of such success, there is also a fond farewell this Christmas. Michelle Saunders has been the staff governor for many years. She has been an inspirational teacher throughout her time at the school. Her legacy is significant and she will be much missed. We wish her the very best of health and happiness for the future.

Finally, the governing body would like to thank Mr Donaldson for a great year. There is such positive energy in and around the school community and he deserves huge credit for the impact he is having. I hope he has, and I hope you all have, a safe and peaceful Christmas.

A Message from Mrs. Saunders

Robins- what a fabulous last class you have been. It has been a pleasure to be your teacher. Hopefully you already have some fun memories of school; just the beginning of a fabulous learning journey. I hope Father Christmas brings you all lots of wonderful things. And to all the other children who I have had the honour to teach- thank you for the memories. I know I will cherish them for a long time to come. You are all very special children.

With love from Mrs Saunders x

Diary Dates

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Tuesday 4 th January	Staff Training Day	All	N/A
Wednesday 5 th January	Spring Term Starts	All	N/A
Friday 7 th January	Topic Launch – KS2 Visit to Ripon	KS2	Parents informed
17 th – 19 th January	Y5/6 Robinwood Visit	Y5/6	Parents informed
Monday 24 th January	Big Read (Parents Welcome) 9.00am	All	Details to follow
Wednesday 2 nd February	Carlton Lodge Parents Meeting – 3.30pm	Y3/4	Details to follow

Lunches

Due to problems with our provider kitchen, County Caterers will once again provide our meals from January. There will be no changes to school meal prices and the new spring menu will shortly be available on the school website

www.huntonarrathorne.n-yorks.sch.uk/schoolmeals

Next term

Children return to school on Wednesday 5th January 2021.

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.

