

Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 23rd July 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

We have finally made it!



The newsletter looks a little different this week as we are presenting our trophies and awards in our Celebration Assembly today – however please do read it carefully as it contains lots of reminders and information for now and September. I hope lots of you have, or are planning to, watch the wonderful production starring Class 1 and 2!

This year has been a real rollercoaster for everyone and has certainly made my first year of headship memorable. A huge thanks for all of your kindness, support and championing of our school and the wonderful pupil's. I really hope that, with the role schools play in the pandemic reducing, to have a settled and stable year next year.

Have a wonderful holiday in the sunshine making memories! I look forward to seeing you all in the new school year.

Mr Donaldson



Goodbye...

Of course today is a sad day for our school community, as we say goodbye six wonderful Year 6 children who are destined to go a long way in life. We wish Finlay, Harry, Hollie, Neve, Ruby and Samuel all the luck in the world and look forward to hearing about their adventures! They have been a super bunch of Year 6's who have shown real resilience and maturity. We will miss them a lot.

We must also say goodbye to some staff members who are leaving us today. Mrs. Binks, our Middy Supervisor, has secured a new job at Cambrai School on Catterick Garrison and Mrs. Norris leaves us as Mrs Webster prepares to return in September. We thank them both for all of their hard work.

Finally, to Mrs. Robson and Mrs. Heap who between them have worked at our school for a huge amount of years and made an impact on hundreds of pupils. It goes without saying how much they have given to the school, the pupils and community and I know they will be very much missed.

We hope they both keep in touch and visit and wish them all the very best for the future.



Pupils return to school on Tuesday 7th September 2021.

An important letter full of useful information for September was sent home yesterday. If you have not received a copy please call the office or check the school website. We have lots of exciting things planned and we can't wait to see everyone again soon!

Special People

Please send in or email a photograph of your child with their special people – you could even drop it into the post-box over the summer holiday. We will be using them in each class in September.



Wellbeing Warriors

I wanted to say a huge thank you to the 'Wellbeing Warriors' and Mrs. Heap for organising such a wonderful picnic on Wednesday. One of the 'Ways to Wellbeing' is to connect and it gave everyone a great opportunity to do just this!

All of our pupil leadership groups have had a super impact this year – from the School Council in naming our new classes; the Hunton Heroes for hosting super assemblies and taking part in national workshops and the Eco-team for doing their bit to save the planet. Well done to you all!

Box to B Fit



Box2bFit Dave returned and was very impressed with the impact our two-minute skips have had. We will welcome him back again in the autumn term.

Stay Safe

Our important rule 'Be Safe' applies whether we are at school or home. We have loved having the Fire Service in over the past fortnight to deliver workshops on Fire and Water Safety. Please talk to your children about road safety – especially when riding bicycles on roads. Have a safe summer!

Governors' Corner

Wow! What a year! You may well remember this time last year we had appointed a new head teacher but we were battling to get Mr Donaldson's start date sorted out. This academic year has seen all kinds of turbulence with Covid-19. Moreover, we have said goodbye to some long-serving and much-loved staff. And yet, through it all, the children have done so well! It is a great credit to everyone involved with the young people of this community that the children continue to thrive amid all the uncertainty around them.

I would like to take this opportunity to say farewell and good luck to both Mrs Robson and Mrs Heap. Both have served the school well for many, many years and will be much missed. We wish them both all the very best for their futures!

We will return in September to a Parent Governor election. It seemed only right and proper to wait for the new entrants to the school and their parents/carers to join the school community before we formally started the process.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Donaldson and his team for their tremendous hard work throughout this demanding year.

On behalf of all the governors at the school, we hope everyone in the school community has a safe and happy summer!

Patrick Barber
Chair of Governors

Lunch Menu

Why not try one of delicious school lunches from our new provider, Taylor Shaw, when we return in September? The menu for the week is available to view on our school website.

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