



Dear Parents & Carers,

Here we find ourselves – with just one week to go until half term and lots of jam-packed activities to take us up until next Friday.

Don't forget to bring your pumpkins or courgettes to school (no earlier than next Friday!) for the annual Pumpkin Parade. We will be announcing the winners as part of our Harvest Festival from 2.30pm on the playground – parents and friends are very welcome to join us to share in this end of term celebration.

A huge thanks as well to those of you who visited us for the Phonics and Spelling Open Morning on Tuesday. It was great to have the school buzzing with spelling activity and lovely to have families in school again. We hope to organise similar events again for the future. You should also have received your Parents Evening reply slips with details of your appointment time – if you have not, please speak to your child's teacher. We have postponed these events for Robin Class pupils and they will take place as soon as possible. The final of our visits to Foxglove Covert for Robin and Partridge Class went down a storm – everyone looked very sleepy when they got off the coach!

Have a super weekend,
Mr Donaldson

Open Morning for 2022 Starters

Do you have a child, or know of someone with a child, due to start school in September 2022?

School will be holding an **open morning on Saturday 13th November between 9.30 – 11.30am** – this will allow parents and pupils time to meet the staff, have a look around our excellent provision and ask any questions they may have. If this date and time isn't convenient, we are very happy to show prospective parents around at any time – please make an appointment at the School Office.

To book your place at the open morning, or arrange a tour at a different time, please call **01677 450342**.

Harvest Festival & Pumpkin Parade

We would love to invite parents and friends to join us for our **Harvest Festival and Pumpkin Parade** which will take place on the school playground at **2.30pm on Friday 22nd October**.

The children have been working hard preparing something to share with everyone, so it would be lovely to see lots of people there to end the term together.

We will also find out the winners of the Pumpkin Parade competition!



Let's Celebrate!



	Robin Class (R/Y1)	Kingfisher Class (Y2)	Partridge Class (Y3/4)	Woodpecker Class (Y5/6)
Above & Beyond <i>(Care – Aspire – Excel)</i>	Toby	Felicity	Sophie R	Ned
Writer of the Week	Max	Felicity	Phoebe	Emily
Mathematician of the Week	Theo	Bea	Pip	Lilly
Tidy Classroom	Woodpeckers			
Team Point Winners	Middleham			

Diary Dates

<u>When</u>	<u>What</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>What next?</u>
Tuesday 19 th & Thursday 21 st October	Parents Evenings	Parents	Details sent
Friday 22 nd October	Pumpkin Parade / Harvest Festival	Everyone	See newsletter
Friday 22 nd October	Virtual Art Gallery for Parents	Parents	See newsletter
Wednesday 3 rd November	Skip2bFit	Everyone	Details to follow
Thursday 4 th November	Robinwood Parents Meeting – 5pm	Y5/6 Parents	Details to follow
Wednesday 9 th November	Flu Vaccinations	All	Details to follow
Friday 12 th November	Service of Remembrance	Hunton Heroes KS2	Details to follow
Wednesday 1 st December	Musical Theatre Day at Bedale High	Y4/5 Pupils	Details to follow
Friday 10 th December	Christmas Jumper Day	Everyone	Details to follow
Tuesday 14 th December	Darlington Hippodrome Pantomime Visit	Everyone	Details to follow
Wednesday 15 th December	Christingle @ Patrick Brompton 6pm	Everyone	Details to follow

Art Week

Next week we will be holding our 'Art & Design Week' in school, with a whole-school focus on developing our drawing skills. We will have a visitor, interactive activities and plenty of time to develop our skills. Look out for a 'Virtual Art Gallery' appearing on Seesaw by the end of the week!

IMPORTANT – TRAINING DAYS

Due to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, it has been necessary for school's across the country to allocate an additional training day. **This will be on Friday 27th May.** A full list of training days is available on the school website <http://huntonarrathorne.n-yorks.sch.uk/term-dates/>

Around the Classes...

Robin Class: This week the Robins have been learning about fact books and have begun to write their own about woodland creatures. We have also been developing our mapping skills in geography and have drawn maps of Hunton, adding a key and symbols. We all had an amazing day at Foxglove Covert being nature detectives and were wonderful ambassadors for our school being Kind, Safe and Driven in every aspect of the day!

Kingfisher Class: This week we have explored what happens when we count in different numbers (not always starting at zero!) We have worked with counting in 2's, 5's, 10's and even 3's – we are so good at our counting we have even started to answer some tricky problems. In English, we have started our final piece of lighthouse writing by reading, analysing and following instructions. We are going to use our skills to make some tasty 'lighthouse sandwiches' next week. Year 2 have also been incredibly busy with Mrs. Webster in R.E creating a harvest prayer to share at our Harvest Festival next Friday. Well done, superstars!

Partridge Class: After hearing fantastic reviews from Woodpeckers and Kingfishers, we were really looking forward to our trip to Foxglove Covert this week- and the trip did not disappoint! We had an amazing time mini beast hunting and pond dipping. We even caught many fish, which was very exciting- see Seesaw for pictures! We have finished our topic 'diary entries' in our writing this week and have moved onto our new topic 'addition and subtraction' in maths.

Woodpecker Class: This week in Woodpecker Class we have been working on addition and subtraction problems in maths and we have been researching the stone age in more detail to help with our non-chronological report. The children have continued to work hard and impressed me with their brilliant work. In PSHCE they have challenged stereotypes and in Science we pushed ourselves physically to investigate the effects of exercise on our heart rates!.

Lunches

Why not try one of delicious school lunches provided by our new meals provider, Taylor Shaw? The menu is too vast (and tasty!) to include on our newsletter but can be found on the school website: <http://huntonarrathorne.n-yorks.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Autumn-Menu-HA.pdf>