



# Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 11th February

Dear Parents & Carers,

There is definitely more daylight around than a couple of weeks ago and I think that is making everyone in school smile! We have had an even more cheerful week than usual.

There is lots to look forward to next week, with our next art-week which will have the theme 'Colour'. We will also be welcoming back (the other!) Mr Layfield on Monday to run some of the successful art workshops again with all pupils. Following half-term, we will find ourselves in Book Week – the Reading Ambassadors will be writing to you with information about how we will celebrate our love of lifelong reading during that week.

Please remember that school is closed on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February for staff training – we will reopen to pupils on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

Have a great weekend!

### Governors' Corner

Louise Wyatt and myself, together with Mr Donaldson, were invited to meet with a senior school adviser from North Yorkshire last week. As part of the ongoing monitoring process, we took time to consider Safeguarding across all aspects of school life. Safeguarding has always been effective at the school; however, this visit underlined that as a result of Mr Donaldson's strong leadership and relentless hard work it is now considered to be 'highly effective'. Again the FGB were presented with robust evidence of highly impressive performance from school leaders and all school staff. Well done to all concerned.

Patrick Barber  
Chair of Governors

### Online Safety

Do you know what your child is doing online? Do they only access age appropriate apps and games? Please use the links below to access more information and brush-up your knowledge about Internet safety. The Online Safety section of our website is full of useful links, information and reminders.

### Let's Celebrate!

	Robin Class (R/Y1)	Kingfisher Class (Y2)	Partridge Class (Y3/4)	Woodpecker Class (Y5/6)
Above & Beyond (Care – Aspire – Excel)	Penelope	Olivia	Isaac	Sam
Writer of the Week	Seb	Rafe	Barnaby	Riley
Mathematician of the Week	Rose G	Evie	Lucas	Ava
Tidy Classroom	Robin			
Team Point Winners	Middleham			
The Golden Spoon	Coco			

### Diary Dates

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Y6 Assessment Meeting	Y6 Parents	Parents informed
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Half-Term Holiday	All	N/A
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Staff Training Day	All	Parents informed
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Return after Half-Term	All	N/A
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Book Week	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Skip2bFit Day	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Little Ripon Book Shop Book Fair	All	Information to follow
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	World Book Day	All	Information to follow
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Y2 Dance Morning @ The Station	Y2	Information to follow
7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5/6 Carlton Lodge Visit	Y5/6	Parents informed
9 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3/4 Carlton Lodge Visit	Y3/4	Parents informed
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5/6 Dance Morning @ The Station	Y5/6	Parents informed
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Yorkshire Sculpture Park Visit	All	Information to follow

#### Safe Driving

There have been a number of complaints from residents about people following the speed limits in the village when collecting and dropping off children. Please be mindful of the legal limits to help keep everyone in our community safe. Thank you!

#### Wraparound Club

Just a polite reminder to book your children into Wraparound Club as far in advance as possible. **We have noticed an increasing number of parents booking their children in at the last minute which then impacts staffing in school.** We do understand that plans can change and will always try to accommodate and be helpful.

#### Around the Classes...

**Robin Class:** Robin children had the most amazing day on Thursday with their class treat visit to the park and then the royal banquet afterwards. The children found out how to bow and curtsy, had a few snacks whilst making polite conversation with their friends and then danced the afternoon away. A fabulous way to finish our 'Kings & Queens' topic. We are working hard in phonics, increasing our knowledge of sounds and developing our Maths skills; Year 1's working with numbers to 50 and Reception investigating 6, 7, 8 and 9. It is rocket launch day today, you could ask your child how it went! We hope you enjoy looking at the photos on Seesaw.

**Kingfisher Class:** Another successful week of honing our multiplication and division skills in Kingfisher Class. I have been amazed at the children's efforts in using grouping and sharing to divide and practising their mental recall of the 2's, 5's and 10's – keep practising at home everyone! In English we have started to investigate list poetry and have enjoyed reading 'The Sound Collector' by Roger McGough. We thought carefully about how poetry should be read and are looking forward to writing our own poems to entertain Robin Class.

**Partridge Class:** In our maths work, we have moved onto measurement. Year 4's have been looking at perimeter and area whilst Year 3's have been working on practising their measuring skills with lots of practical work. In English we are looking at 'twisted tales', reading 'The True Story of the Three Little Pigs' a tale from the wolf's perspective! We are working towards writing our own twisted version of a fairy tale next week. Partridge class have been working hard, as always, and are very much looking forward to art week next week!

**Woodpecker Class:** Another busy week in the Woodpecker class this week! We have been continuing our work with balanced arguments in English which has led to some incredibly interesting discussions around whether we should wear school uniform or not! Their final products have been amazing and I am so impressed with their vocabulary. In maths, we have added percentages to our fractions and decimals work and as always the children have shown a great attitude to this. We have also had some discussions about our use of the internet at home and in school as it was safer internet day on Tuesday; the children all know how to keep safe on line which is incredibly important. Another great week with art week to look forward to next week!

#### Safeguarding Reminders

If you are concerned about the safety or welfare of a child, it is important to remember that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, however the below information may be useful:

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Mr. Samuel Donaldson, the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL) is Mr. Gavin Cope. The named governor for Safeguarding is Mrs. Louise Wyatt.

Further information, including policies, can be found on our website