



Dear Parents & Carers,

It has, without doubt, been a very busy and challenging week for everyone in school. I would like to extend a very big thank you to all of the team who have done such a superb job of keeping everything afloat and keeping calm in such challenging circumstances. It was lovely to return to school today and see many smiling faces. We all hope that next week brings some more calm and normality and things, both in school and nationally, begin to settle down. Thank you for all of your continued patience and cooperation whilst we navigate these unusual times.

What has been wonderful is hearing from staff and visitors how wonderful the learning environment is – it is so lovely to hear this from people from ‘outside’ who visit us.

Mrs Saunders would also like to extend her thanks to those parents who so kindly donated towards the Yorkshire Air Ambulance at the end of term. She was very grateful for your generosity.

Wishing everyone a wonderful, safe weekend.

Mr Donaldson

Governors’ Corner

Two meetings in and I am already bowled over by the work that goes on behind the scenes to make our fantastic school tick for the children. This has never been more evident than in this past few weeks where members of staff have caught COVID, but continued to work hard from home, whilst other staff in school have covered the gaps.

Going forward, I will be trying to be more present at pickups after school. If anybody wants me to raise anything, please don't hesitate to say hello. If not me, all governors at the school would be happy to help.

Luke Dodington (Parent Governor)

The Big Read

Just a reminder that we are still hoping to go ahead with our ‘Big Read’ for parents next Monday from 9.00am. We would love you to join us and shall confirm next week whether Covid restrictions will allow us to continue 😊

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>	Faye	Charlie	Jude	Darcey
Writer of the Week	Margot	Bea	Sophie L	Joshua
Mathematician of the Week	Toby	Felicity	Georgia	Coco
Tidy Classroom	Woodpecker and Robin			
Team Point Winners	Bolton			
The Golden Spoon	Georgia			

Diary Dates

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Monday 24 th January	Big Read (Parents Welcome) 9.00am	All	See above
Wednesday 2 nd February	Carlton Lodge Parents Meeting – 4.00pm via Zoom	Y3/4	Separate letter
Friday 18 th February	Half-Term Holiday	All	N/A
Monday 28 th February	Staff Training Day	All	Parents informed
Tuesday 1 st March	Return after Half-Term	All	N/A
7 th – 9 th March	Y5/6 Carlton Lodge Visit	Y5/6	Parents informed
9 th -10 th March	Y3/4 Carlton Lodge Visit	Y3/4	Parents informed

Lunches

Our school lunches are delicious and nutritious and provided by North Yorkshire County Caterers. For further information, and to view this term's menu, please visit the school website:

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

P.E & Forest School

P.E

Robin Class – Tuesday

Kingfisher Class – Wednesday / Thursday

Partridge Class – Tuesday / Thursday

Woodpecker Class – Monday / Wednesday

We hope to continue Forest School next week 😊

Around the Classes...

Robin Class: What a week! There has been some great learning happening in Robins. The children have organised their jigsaw learning teams and are busy getting on. We have been working hard on our phonics and learning to write a story in English. In Maths we have been adding to 20 and looking at number bonds in Year 1 and in Reception we have been investigating zero. We have been dancing and singing the song 'Dancing queen' in History and finding out what a monarch is; see the link! I am one happy teacher.

Kingfisher Class: I am so pleased with how hard Kingfisher Class have worked this week. I have heard nothing but wonderful things from Mrs Doz y and Mrs Webster about their brilliant work ethic and the way they have coped with a difference to their normal routine. In Maths they have been investigating money and how to make the same amount using different coins. In English they have begun to read 'The Proudest Blue' and thought carefully about developing their skills of past tense and apostrophes. I am very excited to return to Kingfisher Class next Tuesday and catch up on everything I have missed. Thank you for your patience this week.

Partridge Class: Partridge Class have worked incredibly hard this week! We are continuing with our maths topic multiplication and division, and we have completed lots of challenges around this. In literacy, we are focusing on non-chronological reports, reading lots of examples and identifying the features ready to write our own next week. I am very proud of how well all children have adapted to changes in school this week. They have all truly cared, aspired, and excelled even in challenging circumstances.

Woodpecker Class: The Woodpeckers have continued working hard with their fractions this week, developing their understanding of how to multiply and divide with fractions and whole numbers. In English, we have taken an in depth look into the story of King Midas and have written some very interesting alternate endings! As our science topic is named 'Inspired by Science', we have researched an inspirational modern day scientist - Professor Sarah Gilbert who was one of the key contributors to the Oxford COVID-19 vaccination. The Woodpeckers have all continued to work hard in the absence of Mr Cope who has been delighted with the feedback he has had from school.

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

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