# **Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School**

Newsletter

Friday 21st April 2023

Dear Parents,

It has been a super week since our return to school on Tuesday. It was a pleasure to accompany our Key Stage 2 pupils to Bradford on Wednesday, where they were given a tour of the Madni Jamia Masjid Mosque in Bradford. This is such a crucial part of both our R.E and Personal Development curriculum – as well as being one of our H&A21, 'Visit a Place of Worship'. The children were incredibly respectful, polite and inquisitive as they learnt more about Islam. Well done, everyone!

Back in school, our Design Technology Days got into full swing on Thursday and Friday. Each class explored the Food and Nutrition aspect of the D.T curriculum and created delicious food for the King's Coronation. From vegetable sticks and salads in Key Stage 1, to healthy soups and cultural pizza in Key Stage 2. The school smelt delicious!

Finally, we welcomed two new children to Partridge Class on Tuesday. Grace and Harry have had a great first week and already feel like part of the H&A Family. It is a pleasure to have them join us.

Have a great weekend, Mr. Donaldson

### Attendance

Last term, our whole-school attendance dipped – perhaps as a result of outbreaks of sickness, Covid19 and chicken-pox. However, we must stress the importance of school attendance.

Parents of pupils who have attendance of less than 95% will be contacted as part of our robust attendance monitoring procedures. Pupils who have attendance lower than 90% are classed as persistently absent and may be referred to North Yorkshire County Council where attendance concerns persist despite warnings.

Full details of our attendance policy can be found on our school website and we follow North Yorkshire Council's Attendance Pathway.

# **Term Dates**

You can find full information of term dates, including staff CPD days, on our school website <a href="www.huntonarrathorne.n-yorks.sch.uk/termdates">www.huntonarrathorne.n-yorks.sch.uk/termdates</a>

# **Geography Launch**

Just a reminder that next Monday we will launch our geography learning with a 'Dress for Your Holidays' day. Children are welcome to wear their own 'holiday clothes' to celebrate the launch of our geography work in school.

# Let's Celebrate!

Find out who has been caring, aspiring or excelling this week!

|  | Mrs. Dozey                 | Mrs. Tunmore              | Mı | . Donaldson          | Miss                     | s Pole             | Mr. Cope              |  |
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| Above & Beyond (Care – Aspire – Excel) | Margot                     | Livy                      |    | Cate                 | N                        | 1ax                | Ava                   |  |
|  | Woodpecker Class<br>(Y5/6) | Partridge Class<br>(Y3/4) |    | Kingfisher (<br>(Y2) | Kingfisher Class<br>(Y2) |                    | Robin Class<br>(R/Y1) |  |
| Curriculum<br>Award                    | Georgia - DT               | Sam-DT                    |    | Holly-DT             |                          | Kirsty- DT         |                       |  |
| Aims<br>Award                          | Lucy -Inquisitive          | Cate- Risk takei          | •  | Margot- Inquisitive  |                          | Tilly- Inquisitive |                       |  |
| Team Points                            | Middleham                  |                           |    |                      |                          |                    |                       |  |
| Tidy<br>Classroom                      | ТВА                        |                           |    |                      |                          |                    |                       |  |
| Golden Spoon                           | Fiona                      |                           |    |                      |                          |                    |                       |  |

| Diary Dates                                      |  |       |                       |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|-------|-----------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| When?  | What?                                      | Who?  | How?                  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April                 | KS2 Visit to Bradford                      | KS2   | Information sent      |  |  |  |  |  |
| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May                       | Bank Holiday Monday                        | All   | See newsletter        |  |  |  |  |  |
| Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May                       | Coronation Event                           | All   | Information sent      |  |  |  |  |  |
| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May                       | Coronation Bank Holiday                    | All   | See newsletter        |  |  |  |  |  |
| W/C Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May                  | Year 6 SAT's Assessments                   | Y6    | Information sent      |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May                      | Y2/3 Cricket Competition                   | Y2/3  | Information to follow |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May                   | Y5/6 Visit to the River Swale              | Y5/6  | Information to follow |  |  |  |  |  |
| Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May                      | Break Up for Half Term                     | All   | See newsletter        |  |  |  |  |  |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June                      | Return to School                           | All   | See newsletter        |  |  |  |  |  |
| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June                    | Y3/4 Visit to Peircebridge Roman Fort      | Y3/4  | Information to follow |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June                    | Y5/6 Rounders Competition                  | Y5/6  | Information to follow |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June                  | Sports Afternoon                           | All   | Information to follow |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> & Tue 11 <sup>th</sup> July | Rehearsal Days at Tunstall Village Hall    | Y2-Y6 | Information to follow |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July                  | Y2-Y6 Performance at Tunstall Village Hall | Y2-Y6 | Information to follow |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | -2pm and 6pm                               |       |                       |  |  |  |  |  |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July                     | Leavers Assembly – 2.30pm                  | Y6    | Information to follow |  |  |  |  |  |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July                     | Close for Summer Holiday                   | All   | See newsletter        |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September                | Start of Autumn Term                       | All   | See newsletter        |  |  |  |  |  |

# Around the Classes...

Robin Class - Reception: What a wonderful first week back into the summer term! The children have been telling us all about their exciting Easter holidays! They are already hooked on our 'Oh I do like to be beside the Seaside' theme which we launched this week. A message inside a bottle appeared from a Lighthouse keeper, Larry and his dog Bertie which has sparked writing our own messages in bottles and lots of conversations. The 'Beach' sandpit has been popular, with lots of wonderful sandcastle creations and we've been sampling some delicious ice creams in our ice cream parlour. We were also very excited to meet our three new additions to school - the lambs! They have joined us in the Nectar cafe for the next few weeks. We will be choosing names and making sure to take good care of them! A fantastic way for us to learn and understand the natural world around us, hands-on!

Robin Class - Year 1: Welcome back everyone. It has been great to see everybody, refreshed, full of energy and ready to learn with smiling faces. A very busy start to the term as we had 2 days of DT, planning and making our veggie stick creations with a Royal theme! They were tasty, delicious, and crunchy, some of the words used by the children. In geography, we have begun looking at the seaside and even the sandpit has been opened, with the sun shining upon us. We listened to the No Outsiders story; Hair - It's a family affair, by Mylo Freeman and discussed different hair types in our own families. And finally, some very exciting news... have you heard about our very special delivery? We now have 3 lambs who have joined us up in the Nectar Cafe.

Kingfisher Class: What a week! We began the week with our 'No Outsiders Day' on Monday, focussing on the text 'Two Monsters' by David McKee – a story all about getting on and falling out. We even managed, as lifelong readers, to compare this story to other stories by David McKee. We have really enjoyed Design Technology Days with a focus on Food and Nutrition. We practised our food preparation skills by cutting, slicing, dicing and grating vegetables to create colourful vegetable salads fit for a King's Coronation! It is so lovely to be back together and consider and hear about the great adventures everyone has had over the Easter holidays. Have a great weekend everyone!

Partridge Class: Welcome back everyone! We have had a very exciting starting with our No Outsiders day on Monday, looking at different types families and why people get married. On Wednesday we went, along with Woodpeckers, on a visit to Bradford where were incredibly lucky to see first-hand what it is like inside a Mosque and find out more about Islam. The children were very respectful and as always lived up to our school motto- Care, Aspire, Excel! Towards the end of the week we have been focusing on DT, choosing appropriate vegetables to make a delicious soup fit for the Kings Coronation! We practised our cutting skills and tasted lots of example products before designing and making our own!

Woodpecker Class: What an exciting first week back! We kicked off our first day with a No Outsiders text called 'The Thing' which prompted some incredibly thoughtful and mature discussions from the children about discrimination. On Wednesday, we spent the day at a Mosque in Bradford, with a tour by a very knowledgeable and interesting faith tutor followed by a look around The Bombay Store - the children behaved amazingly, showed respect and were definitely inquisitive, being great ambassadors for our school as always. We ended the week with our termly DT days, designing, making and evaluating pizzas using seasonal vegetables - their final creations were amazing and looked delicious - hopefully they saved you some to try!

### Safeguarding Reminders

Mr. Sam Donaldson is the Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Mr. Gavin Cope is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Mrs. Louise Wyatt is the Safeguarding Link Governor.

If you have worries or concerns about a pupil, please don't hesitate to speak to one of the people named above, in confidence.