

# Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School

## Newsletter Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Dear Parents,

After the excitement of Design Technology Days and visits last week, it has been great to get back to normality! Lots of learning has taken place in school this week – see the class updates below for further information. There is a great buzz around school, and we are all very impressed with the way Robin Class are looking after our visiting lambs in the Nectar Café.

It has been great to see the return of Forest School, with Mrs Donnelly leading sessions, and for some children in Key Stage 2 to return to swimming lessons at Richmond Swimming Pool on Monday. Everyone continued to be 'happy and healthy' during our Box2bFit Day on Wednesday – Dave certainly put the children (and staff!) through a workout and we're looking forward to him returning next year.

Our brilliant PTFA are busy organising a coffee morning in Hunton Village Hall on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May from 9am – do pop in for a coffee and cake after school drop-off; your support is always appreciated.

I hope you all enjoy the long weekend (fingers crossed for some sunshine!) Mr. Donaldson

<u>Governors' Corner</u>	Coronation Day Reminder
On Tuesday I visited our school to observe the classes do maths. My memory suggests it was never the most exciting of topics. I am pleased to say that what I witnessed has made me very jealous indeed! Children in all classes were being actively engaged with fun and relevant lessons. I was particularly struck with the amount of teaching resources available, from interactive whiteboards, to useful	We are very much looking forward to our events to mark the Coronation of King Charles on Friday. Don't forget to ask your child to bring an object, photograph of picture into school for our 'time capsule'.
props. The behaviour and politeness of all the children continues to impress me and the school as a whole had a buzz of happy learning. Thanks for having me.	There will also be a carousel of Coronation activities to enjoy on Friday afternoon. A big thank you to Mrs Dozéy for organizing what looks set to be a wonderful event!

Luke Dodington Parent Governor

Let's Celebrate!

Find out who has been caring, aspiring or excelling this week!								
	Mrs. Dozey	Mrs. Tunmore	Μ	r. Donaldson	Mis	s Pole	Mr. Cope	
Above & Beyond (Care – Aspire – Excel)	lvo	Max		James	Ev	ie M	Nina	
	Woodpecker Class (Y5/6)	Partridge Class (Y3/4)		Kingfisher Class (Y2)		Robin Class (R/Y1)		
Curriculum Award	Coco- English	Bea- Maths	a- Maths Noah- Scie		nce Hei		enry W- PE	
Aims Award	Matilda- Risk taker	Grace W- Reader Faye N		Faye M- Reader Evie -		Evie – F	Happy & Healthy	
Team Points	Bolton							
Tidy	Woodpeckers							
Classroom								
Golden Spoon	Kirsty							

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### **Caring – Aspiring - Excelling**

Diary Dates						
When?	What?	Who?	How?			
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			
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	PTFA Coffee Morning – 9am @ Hunton	All	See newsletter			
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:** Our book of the week has been 'What the Ladybird Heard at the Seaside'. We have been retelling the story and describing the mermaid using lots of fabulous vocabulary! In provision some things we have enjoyed have been, working on our handwriting in the flour trays, making playdoh rainbow fish, painting shells and working hard persevering on developing our zipping up skills! In Maths we have been building numbers and counting patterns beyond 10- the children particularly enjoyed number bingo this week! In music we have been singing 'Your Imagination' - the children are getting very confident and this week sung in two parts 'echoing' each other! We have been exploring understanding the world around us by looking at what plants we could find in the outdoor provision and how the Seaside has changed from the past to the present day!

**Robin Class - Year 1**: What a week! A great start discussing rockpools and fun at the seaside in geography. We cannot wait for our upcoming trip to Saltburn. We shared the story 'The Colour Monster' by Anna Llenas, and shared conversations about colours and feelings. Maths this week has seen us count groups in 2s and 5s, we are getting very good at this! For English, we have started the week by looking at the book 'The Jolly Postman' and we are working towards writing a recount, using the skills nouns and plurals. We had a visit from Dave - and joined in the fun with Box 2B Fit! What a fun work out! I think we are all ready for a bank holiday weekend rest!

**Kingfisher Class:** We've had a super week in Kingfisher Class. The children have enjoyed exploring our new narrative unit in English which is focussed on the story 'The Rainbow Balloon'. We've been planning our own adventures and thinking of wonderful places our rainbow balloons could visit whilst developing our grammar skills. In Maths we have continued to become fraction experts – discovering more about thirds and unit / non-unit fractions. We loved Box-2b-Fit with Dave and launching our new Geography topic. Ask your child 'Where in the world is Kampong Ayer?'

**Partridge Class:** Miss Moran has been working on English and maths with Partridge class this week. In maths we are learning all about mass, using scales to measure in grams and kilograms and comparing the mass of objects. In English we are preparing to write a story, learning how to punctuate speech correctly using inverted commas and expanded noun phrases to make our writing exciting. We enjoyed out topic launch on Monday. Our new topic is all about 'The Sunshine State' and so far we have found out why the Magic Kingdom is so popular amongst tourists! We also started our new science topic this week; light. We looked at what light and darkness actually is. We also had our first swimming session on Monday, all children tried very hard!

**Woodpecker Class:** The Woodpeckers have had an incredibly active week with an exciting Box 2 B Fit session on Wednesday as well as their usual P.E. / swimming lessons. Dave was so impressed with them and came to see me afterwards to say how amazingly well they had done so a big well done to all. Speaking of active, we have been developing some of our punctuation and grammar skills this week in English, converting active and passive sentences as well as learning three different types of past tense. In maths, we have explored various units of measure for length, mass and capacity and solved problems using our conversion skills. Another busy week but an extra day off over the bank holiday to recover ready for next week!

#### 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.