



Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 22nd December 2023

Dear Parents,

Today marks the end of a really busy, but immensely rewarding term at Hunton & Arrathorne! It seems like much more than three months ago we were returning to school and having our Ofsted inspection during the second week of term! Since the visit, we have continued to build on and develop our school for the better and are always proud to share what makes our school so unique. Over the past couple of weeks, we have held many Christmas activities which reflect our commitment to ensuring not only a fantastic curriculum, but also our outstanding personal development offer. This week, the H&A Museum provided a wonderful opportunity to share our History learning, and the whole-school Christingle on Wednesday evening was, as always, a very special festive occasion.

All of these events would not be possible without the support of parents and carers and we are incredibly thankful. Also, please let me extend thanks to our fantastic staff team who always amaze me with their willingness to go the extra mile for the children.

On behalf of all the children, staff and governors, may I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Mr. Donaldson



Governors' Corner

It was lovely to see St. Patrick's church full to overflowing as the children led the Christingle Service on Wednesday evening, sharing their Christmas messages through poems, carols, prayers, and readings. It was a wonderful occasion, shared with families, governors, and the wider community. It has been a busy term which began on a high note with our excellent OFSTED report which confirmed what we already knew that Hunton & Arrathorne is an amazing school and an excellent place to learn. Thank you to all parents and families for your support in helping us to achieve this accolade. Also, I would like to thank my fellow governors for their continued work in supporting the school on its journey. As we begin the Christmas holidays, I would also like to thank all the staff team for their hard work, dedication, and commitment in ensuring our pupils have the best learning opportunities and experiences.

On behalf of all the governors, we hope that everyone in the school community enjoys a happy and peaceful Christmas and send our best wishes for 2024!

Andrea Peacock – Chair of Governors

Celebration Assembly

Celebration Assembly will return in 2024!

Staff Development

Mrs. Donnelly and Mrs. Kennedy will both be undertaking their Higher Level Teaching Assistant qualifications in January with the Swaledale Alliance – they'll be working alongside Key Stage 2 teachers to plan and deliver some exciting Computing lessons to KS2.

New Starter Open Evening

We will hold our final New Starter Open Evening on Wednesday 10th January from 4.00 – 5.30pm! Please contact us for details!

Diary Dates

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Monday 8 th January	School Closed – CPD Day	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 9 th January	Start of Spring Term	All	See newsletter
Monday 22 nd January	Y5/6 Residential Parents Information Session	Y5/6	Information to follow
Thursday 1 st Feb +	Art Exhibition at Richmond Station	All	Information to follow
Tuesday 6 th February	Science Visit – Life Centre	R/KS1	Information to follow
Wednesday 7 th February	Parliament Visit	Y3/4	Information sent
19 th Feb – 21 st Feb	Y5/6 Residential to Newby Wiske	Y5/6	Information sent
Wednesday 28 th February	Y3/4 Visit to Jorvik Viking Centre	Y3/4	Information to follow

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.

