

# Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School

# Newsletter Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023

# Dear Parents,

Wow! We are still recovering from the spectacular performances of 'Olivia' on Wednesday. I always say that we are so lucky to work with such talented, dedicated children and the events at Tunstall really allowed them the opportunity to show this off to two packed houses. A big thank you to all of those who made it possible – to parents for support with costumes, to Bedale High School and Risedale School for support with staging and lighting and to our wonderful staff for once again, going above and beyond.

Back in school we have enjoyed looking forwards to our career aspirations on 'Careers' Day' and welcomed two new children to our H&A family – we hope Rollo in Year 2 and his sister Margot in Year 1 settle into school quickly.

Your child should have brought home their end of year report today. A great deal of time goes into writing these so I hope you enjoy sharing your child's learning with them.

Have a great weekend – we have lots to look forward to next week including our Sports Afternoon, Leavers' Assembly and Y3/4 Saxophone Concert. We will all be ready for a holiday afterwards! Mr Donaldson

# Support Staff News

As you know, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs. Farrell next week as she returns home to Cheshire during the summer holidays. In her place, we have appointed two new General Teaching Assistants who will join us in September. Firstly, we welcome Miss Louise Reay, who will join us from Mowbray School. Miss Reay will be working with individual children in school and leading Phonics interventions with our youngest children. We also welcome back Miss Rebecca Jones. Some of you may remember Miss Jones completed her apprenticeship with us in 2021-2022 and we are pleased she will be coming back to our team.

# Forest School

All children in Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6 will be taking part in Forest School sessions from Monday – Thursday with Mrs. Donnelly (our Forest School Instructor) next week.

Please could children in Year 2, 5 and 6 bring wellies or walking shoes to school each day – there is no need to bring a change of clothes – although waterproof coats and sun-hats may be required depending on the weather!

# Pre-Loved Uniform

Just a reminder that the PTFA will be selling good quality second-hand uniform after school this evening. Just donate what you can and pick up a bargain ahead of September!

<u>Let's Celebrate!</u> This week, for our final Celebration Assembly of the year, our teachers have chosen 'anyone from anywhere' for Care- Aspire-Excel!							
	Mrs. Dozéy	Aspire Mrs. Tunmore		r. Donaldson	n Miss Pol		Mr. Cope
Above & Beyond (Care – Aspire – Excel)	Matilda & George	Bernard		Niamh		ona	Fiona
	Woodpecker Class (Y5/6)	Partridge Class (Y3/4)		Kingfisher ( (Y2)	Class	Robin Class (R/Y1)	
Curriculum Award	Jude- Drama	Amelia-Drama	Amelia-Drama Margot-Dra		ama	Beatrice- Reading	
Aims Award	Georgia-Creator	Cate- Drama		Faye- Happy & Healthy		Isobel- Reading	
Team Points	Middleham						
Tidy Classroom	Robins						
Golden Spoon	Evie Muir						

# Caring – Aspiring - Excelling

### Term Dates

The term and holiday dates for both 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 are now available on our school website <u>www.huntonarrathorne.n-</u><u>yorks.sch.uk/termdates</u> Please do ensure you have a look at these before you book a holiday within term time. We are only able to authorize holidays during term time which meet strict criteria. Thank you.

#### Saxophone Concert

Just a reminder that Y3/4 parents are welcome to join us at 2.30pm on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July for our Saxophone Concert. The concert will take place on the school playground. We hope you can join us.

Diary Dates								
When?	What?	Who?	How?					
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3/4 Saxophone Concert	Y3/4	See newsletter					
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Afternoon	All	See newsletter					
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Leavers Assembly – 2.30pm	Y6	Information sent					
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Close for Summer Holiday	All	See newsletter					
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> & Tue 25 <sup>th</sup> July	School Closed for Staff CPD	All	See newsletter					
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Start of Autumn Term	All	See newsletter					

#### Around the Classes...

**Robin Class (Reception):** Our story of the week has been the non-fiction book 'Toys and Games' learning lots of exciting information about what toys and games were like in the past. We were very lucky to have a sneak peek of the wonderful show 'Olivia' the rest of the school performed this week - we were very inspired and impressed with all their hard work! Fantastic role models! We had a wonderful afternoon on our Teddy bear's picnic on Thursday- enjoying plant spotting, exploring in the park, singing, reading, and eating some delicious picnic treats with our teddies! To finish our week, we had a whole school 'Careers' Day!' We enjoyed welcoming some visitors to talk about their careers, dressing up and thinking about what we might like to aspire to be in the future! Another busy week for the Reception Robins!

**Robin Class (Year 1):** The Robins have had a fantastic week and are getting more and more ready for Year 2. We have enjoyed continuing to investigate position in maths. We are coming towards the end of our science topic on plants, where we have been comparing plants and trees. We had a wonderful Teddy Bears picnic, and we even manage to do some plant spotting. We have loved sharing the book 'Toys and Games' and comparing toys from then and now.

**Kingfisher Class:** Year 2 have had a fantastic week – beginning the week by rehearsing 'Olivia' and making the most of their roles. I was so proud of all of them. Back in school we have enjoyed furthering our understanding of capacity and volume in Maths by measuring in millilitres and litres. In History we have found out what happened in Pompeii in August 79AD – why don't you ask your child about it? This year really has flown by and next week Year 2 have their Forest School week to look forward to – please see the newsletter for more information!

**Partridge Class:** What a fantastic week! I am sure you will all agree that all of the children were amazing in our end of year production, 'Olivia'. We had a fantastic two days of rehearsing at Tunstall, during which the children tried very hard, taking on board feedback to create a fantastic final performance! You are all super stars- well done! On Friday, the whole school took part in 'Careers Day', during which a number of volunteers came to school to discuss their careers with the children. Partridge class also thought about what they would like to be when they grow up and took part in activities to learn about a variety of careers! I cannot believe how fast this year has gone! One more week to go!

**Woodpecker Class:** This week of course has been dominated by our performance of Olivia. On Monday and Tuesday, we spent two days rehearsing at Tunstall Village Hall and the children worked incredibly hard to have it ready for the Wednesday. They were, of course, absolutely brilliant for the two shows and did themselves and the school proud as always. I am always absolutely blown away by their creativity and confidence and I hope you all enjoyed the show! Back in school, we ended the week with some Science and History before celebrating 'Careers Day' on Friday - thank you to all who came and presented!

# PTFA BBQ

Don't forget – the PTFA are holding a BBQ following Sports Afternoon on Wednesday. Once you have collected your children from school, please pop down to the Village Green and show them your support!

### 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.