



Dear Parents,

It's a bittersweet day for our Year 6 pupils as they experience lots of 'lasts'. They've been a fantastic year group all the way through school and showed what we knew they were capable of in their end of Key Stage Assessments. Much more important than the test results though, is the kind, driven and responsible young people they have grown into. A huge 'good luck' to Riley, Coco, George, Darcey, Nina, Ava, Niamh, Emily and Lilly. We also say goodbye to Ottie in Reception - we'll miss you!

We say a sad goodbye to Miss Pole and Mrs Farrell. Miss Pole has been an excellent teacher during her two years with us and I know she will be missed by all children and staff. Mrs Farrell has also made a big impact in a short space of time; from her work with Hunton Heroes and supporting all children in school. We wish them the best of luck as they move onto new adventures! I'd also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Mr. Barber who steps down from his role as Parent Governor and Chair of Governors in September. Mr Barber has been a Governor of our school for 8 years and has certainly been a valued and supportive presence during my three years at Hunton and Arrathorne. On behalf of all the children and staff - thank you.

It has been a year of wonderful memories and adventures both in and out of school. It wouldn't be possible without the support of our amazing staff team, Governors, parents and pupils. Have a wonderful summer holiday - we look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday 5th September.

Mr. Donaldson
Headteacher

Governors' Corner

This is my last Governors' Corner. I first joined the governing board in June 2015, and it has been an honour to be a governor for over eight years. A key part the FGB's role is in ensuring good stewardship of school finances. For many years now the financial standing of the school has been strong. Other memories I have include, in December 2015, working in the team that helped to shape the core values: 'caring – aspiring – excelling'. After that, in 2018, the governing board introduced wraparound care at the school. Governing meetings in the middle of the decade were often concerned with the harsh realities of falling back to a roll of less than 30. I am delighted to learn that the school will have 78 children on roll in September.

In February 2020 Joanne Grainger signalled her intention to retire. We all felt this was potentially a destabilising event for the school. I have to say running two days of headteacher interviews on Microsoft Teams during a global pandemic was another memorable moment! Still, the excellent appointment of Mr Donaldson in July 2020 made it all worthwhile.

I am grateful for the opportunity I have had to be able to make a small contribution to the life of our village school. I know my successor, Mrs Andrea Peacock, will further strengthen the FGB when she takes over as Chair of Governors in September. As we come to the end of another school year, I would like to thank Mr Donaldson and all his team for their fantastic commitment throughout the year. Indeed, I wish everyone connected with the school all the very best. Have a great summer!

Patrick Barber
Chair of Governors

Saxophone Success

A huge congratulations to Partridge Class who held their saxophone concert on Tuesday. It was great to see how their saxophone skills have developed over the course of the year!

Diary Dates

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Monday 4 th September	CPD Day – School Closed	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 5 th September	Start of Autumn Term	All	See newsletter
Monday 18 th September	Backchat Brass Workshops	All	See newsletter
Wednesday 20 th September	Y5/6 Geography Fieldwork Visit to Yorkshire Dales	Y5/6	Information to follow
Friday 22 nd Septemebr	'Jeans for Genes' Day	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 27 th September	Y2 Geography Fieldwork Visit to Bedale	Y2	Information to follow
Friday 29 th September	Bags2School Collection	All	Information to follow
Tuesday 3 rd October	Skip2bFit Workshops	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 4 th October	KS2 Cross Country @ Richmond School	KS2	Information to follow
Friday 13 th October	School Photographs	All	Information to follow
W/C Monday 16 th October	'This is Me' Week	All	Information to follow
Saturday 20 th October	Reception 2024 Open Morning	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 25 th October	Y5/6 Visit to Eden Camp	Y5/6	Information to follow
Thursday 26 th October	Pumpkin Parade / Harvest Festival at 2.30pm	All	Information to follow
Friday 27 th October	CPD Day – School Closed	All	See newsletter
Friday 10 th November	Remembrance Service @ Ripon Cathedral	KS2-HH	Information to follow
W/C Monday 13 th Novemb	'Friendship Week' / Odd Socks Day	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 19 th December	Pantomime Visit @ Darlington Hippodrome	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 20 th December	Christingle @ St Patrick's Church, 6pm	All	Information to follow

Safeguarding Reminders

If you are worried about the safety of a child during the summer holidays:

- It is important that, as parents and carers, you know that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.
- If you are worried or concerned about the safety or welfare of a child please see below:
- **If you believe the situation is urgent** but does not require the police, please call **0300 131 2 131** to make a telephone contact.
- Should your call be outside of business hours (Monday – Friday / 9am-5pm) please still call **0300 131 2 131** to speak to the Emergency Duty Team.
- Always call **999** in an emergency.

At our school:

Mr. Samuel 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.

Term Dates

The term and holiday dates for both 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 are now available on our school website www.huntonarrathorne.n-yorks.sch.uk/termdates 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.

Sports Afternoon

As ever, our Sports Afternoon was a tremendous success. It is always a great event to finish the year and a big thanks must go to Mr. Layfield and his team for organising it in such an efficient way which allows the children to demonstrate strength of fitness and strength of character!