



Dear Parents,

Christmas has definitely started at Hunton & Arrathorne! We were absolutely amazed with our Reception and Year 1 children on Wednesday – their performance of ‘A Wiggly Nativity’ really marked the start of the festive season. The children spoke with such confidence, sang beautifully and looked fantastic! A huge thank you to all parents, and our fantastic team of staff for their hard work in pulling together such a wonderful nativity. Children have also enjoyed ‘Christmas Club’ this week, which has included a variety of events such as a treasure hunt, craft evening and even some Christmas cookery. Once again, this wouldn’t be possible without our brilliant team.

Next week we look forward to welcoming Reception families on Tuesday, our visit to Darlington Hippodrome on Wednesday, all families to the ‘H&A Museum’ on Thursday, and finishing the week with a delicious Christmas dinner on Friday!

Finally, could we please ask that children and younger siblings are closely supervised on the playground by their parents or the adult responsible for collecting them at the end of the day. Due to health & safety and safeguarding reasons, we would be grateful for your support with this as it can be an incredibly busy time and we don’t want any accidents.

Mr. Donaldson & Mr. Cope

### Sleeping Beauty

A quick reminder that our whole-school visit to Darlington Hippodrome to see the pantomime ‘Sleeping Beauty’ takes place next Wednesday. All children will need a packed-lunch (or to have pre-ordered a school packed lunch). We expect to return to school for 5.00pm where children can be collected from the usual collection points. Please ensure you have given consent via Parent Pay.

### Safeguarding Update

We were thrilled to receive the report from the Safeguarding visit conducted by North Yorkshire Council last week. Our adviser, Sue Marshall, confirmed that ‘safeguarding is robust’, ‘leaders have continued to refine the curriculum’, ‘all staff show a clear understanding of the school’s safeguarding procedures’, ‘the safeguarding governor has regular meetings and takes an active role’ and ‘pupils speak positively and show high levels of understanding’. We’re so proud of our staff and pupils, and the robust safeguarding culture we all have.

### Christingle

Our Christingle service will take place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 6pm at St Patrick’s Church, Patrick Brompton. We hope you will join us for what is always a very special occasion. Children should have brought home a Christingle collection candle home earlier this week – you may wish to fill it with coins for the Children’s Society, and bring it along on

### Festive Film Night

Our ‘Festive Film Night’ is due to take place on Monday from 3.15-5.00pm. If you would like your child to join in, please just send the permission slip and payments back into school on Monday!

### Lower Wensleydale Churches Nativity Trail

Lots of families have already taken part in the Lower Wensleydale Churches Nativity Trail! We have artwork on display in the churches in Patrick Brompton and Hauxwell – I wonder how many more families can enjoy visiting the churches and enjoying the artwork!?

Similar to last year, each church has a theme and has decorated their church accordingly. Look out for a stable themed leaflet then collect a themed sticker from each church to fill your stable.

### Drawing Club

Mrs. Dozey is looking forward to welcoming Reception parents to a shared Drawing Club session on Tuesday – parents are welcome to join children from 9.00am! We will open the gates as soon as children are registered!

### Let’s Celebrate!

Due to our ‘French Open’ event, there is no Celebration Assembly this week – it will return next week!

### Diary Dates

*Please keep checking the dates below as some may change at short notice!*

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Film Night	All	Information sent
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception 'Drawing Club' Session for Parents	Rec	Information sent
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	'Sleeping Beauty' @ Darlington Hippodrome	All	Information sent
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	H&A Museum	All	Information sent
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch	All	Information sent
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle @ St Patrick's Church – 6pm	All	Information sent
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party	All	Information sent
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	School Closes for Christmas Holiday	All	See newsletter
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	School Closed – CPD Day	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	School Opens – Spring 1	All	See newsletter
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	Y5/6 Residential Meeting – 4.30pm	Y5/6	Information sent
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Skip2bFit	All	See newsletter
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Parent Open Morning – Reception Phonics	REC	Information to follow
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> – Thu 6 <sup>th</sup> February	London Residential	Y5/6	Information sent
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Spring Concert – 9.00am	All	Information to follow
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Y2/3/4 Stargazing Residential	Y2/3/4	Information sent
W/C Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Week	All	Information to follow
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Easter Labyrinth	All	Information to follow

### Around the Classes...

**Robin Class (Reception):** Wow!! We are absolutely blown away by every single Reception child excelling in their role within our class Nativity this week! The tears were certainly in our eyes - very proud teachers! They have worked hard to learn lines, songs, actions, staging and how to put on a show to a live audience! Not an easy task... they made it look effortless! Well done Reception! We enjoyed a special treat for our whole class 'Care, Aspire and Excel' this week with a Polar Express morning with Year 1! What a wonderful way to end our week!

**Robin Class (Year 1):** What a busy but fun week. Amazing little angels! The nativity was wonderfully wriggly! We loved sharing our performance skills with you all. What a privilege to watch their confidence soar! A Julia Donaldson advent calendar has arrived for daily turn taking, since we are all lifelong readers. In our Maths work, we have continued to focus on addition and continuing in 2s and 10s. Computing has seen us understand our SMART rules, 'Be SMART with a heart!' And finally, we have celebrated lots of Golden Time this week too!

**Kingfisher Class:** As we excitedly enter into the month of December, we have had a really busy week. All of the children have worked incredibly hard on our end-of-term assessments and we have all been extremely impressed by their attitudes. We have also dedicated some time this week to rehearsing for our Christingle Service with lots of singing and some poetry! In Maths, we have been finding change as we continue our money unit and we have also been further developing our ball skills in P.E., this week focussing on bouncing. Well done to all of the children for another great week.

**Partridge Class:** Partridges have showed amazing resilience this week completing their assessments and giving their all! They really enjoyed watching Robin's nativity and were a brilliant audience. In PE, we have been trying really hard to practice our defensive skills and finding a space during netball. The children demonstrated great sportsmanship and teamwork during our mini tournament. Enjoy your well-earned weekend!

**Woodpecker Class:** Year 6 have really aspired and excelled this week as they completed their termly assessments with gusto! We were so impressed with their 'can do' attitudes throughout the week and look forward to sharing their results in the new year. Aside from their excellent attitude during assessment week, Year 6 have also enjoyed continuing to develop their understanding of calculating with fractions as well as developed their critical thinking skills in RE as they investigate the effect racism can have. They even found time to further develop their netball skills in PE! Well done, Year 6!

### 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.