



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a peaceful and fun-filled Christmas Holiday. It has been fantastic to have everyone back in school this week, well-rested and ready for the term ahead. The spring term is always a short one, and this one is particularly short, with lots of exciting events packed in – including our Year 5/6 residential to Newby Wiske and Year 3/4 day trips to the Houses of Parliament and Bewerley Park. These, alongside an array of further curriculum and personal development opportunities look set to make 2024 our best year yet! It is definitely a very exciting time for Hunton & Arrathorne School. As always, please do take the time to check the diary dates overleaf.

I'd also like to say thank you, on behalf of the staff, for all of the kind messages, cards and gifts which were given at the end of term. They were very much appreciated.

We've welcomed River in Year 4 to our H&A family this week and she has settled in very well; I know the children in Partridge Class have enjoyed making her feel welcome. Following our 'No Outsiders Day' on Tuesday, all children have immersed themselves in Design Technology learning. Key Stage 1 pupils have focused on wheels and axels and made vehicles, whilst Key Stage 2 have made circuits – it was great to come together to share our learning. We'll also be making a display in school to share all of our learning.

Have a great weekend,
Mr. Donaldson

Y5/6 – Residential Meeting

There will be an Information Evening for Woodpecker Class parents on **Monday 22nd January at 4.30pm**. The information evening will take place in school and you'll be able to find out more about the visit. If you are unable to attend, we will send home information afterwards.

Year 6 – SATS Meeting

Miss House will lead a Parent's Information Evening for Year 6 parents on **Monday 29th January at 4.00pm**. This will be an opportunity to find out more about the end of KS2 assessments (SATs) in May and how you can support your children at home.

Reception – Phonics Morning

We'd like to invite Reception parents into school at **9.00am on Wednesday 31st January** to watch the Reception children take part in a Phonics lesson delivered by Mrs. Doz y. We ran this event last year and feedback was incredibly positive. We hope you can join us.

Let's Celebrate!

See who has been awarded in Celebration Assembly this week!

	Woodpecker Class (Y5/6)	Partridge Class (Y3/4)	Kingfisher Class (Y2)	Robin Class (R/Y1)
Above & Beyond (Care – Aspire – Excel)	Olivia	Grace S	Henry W	Finn
Curriculum Award	Anna	River	Kai	Ivo
Aims Award	Cate	Margot H	Margot B	Erin
Team Points	Bolton			
Tidy Classroom	Robins Y1			
Golden Spoon	Evie (Y1)			
Crown				

Diary Dates

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Monday 22 nd January	Y5/6 Residential Parents Information Session	Y5/6	See newsletter
W/C 29 th January	'Ways to Wellbeing Week'	All	Information to follow
Monday 29 th January	Y6 SATS Parents Meeting	Y6	Information to follow
Wednesday 31 st January	Phonics Morning (Reception Parents)	Rec	Information to follow
Thursday 1 st Feb +	Art Exhibition at Richmond Station	All	Information to follow
Tuesday 6 th February	Rec & KS1 Science Visit – Life Centre	R/KS1	Information to follow
Wednesday 7 th February	Y3/4 Parliament Visit	Y3/4	Information sent
Friday 9 th February	Mid-Year Reports	All	Information to follow
Friday 9 th February	Half-Term Break	All	See newsletter
Monday 19 th February	Return to School	All	See newsletter
19 th Feb – 21 st Feb	Y5/6 Residential to Newby Wiske	Y5/6	Information sent
W/C 4 th March	'Book Week'	All	Information to follow
Thursday 7 th March	Y3/4 Visit to Bewerley Park	Y3/4	Information sent
Friday 8 th March	Big Read	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 13 th March	Spring Concert	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 13 th March	Parents Evening – 4.00pm – 6.00pm	All	Information to follow
Thursday 14 th March	KS2 History Visit - York	KS2	Information to follow
Thursday 21 st March	Easter Labyrinth	All	Information to follow
Friday 22 nd March	Egg Decorating Competition / End of Term	All	Information to follow

Around the Classes...

Robin Class (Reception): We have started our new topic 'Zoom to the Moon' and enjoyed our book of the week - 'Aliens Love Underpants'. We predicted what it would be by investigating clues taking on roles of a detective!

We have enjoyed enthusiastically re-enacting the story taking on different roles of different characters. We have had a mysterious object landing in our classroom....and wonder if an alien may be visiting Hunton and Arrathorne School!

Alongside the whole school DT days, we have been designing and making our own large scale vehicles for 'No Outsiders' parade! The children have worked amazingly in teams (see Tapestry for the end results!) What an exciting first week back!

Robin Class (Year 1): It has been great to welcome back the Robin Class after the Christmas break and we have had a very exciting first week back. We started off with a 'No Outsiders Day', our book was 'That's NOT How You Do It!' The children fully engaged with this and enjoyed sharing what they were good at, and similarities and differences with their friends. PE has seen us begin gymnastics this term, focusing on balance. We had our termly Design Technology days where the children were using their skills to produce box vehicles with moving wheels, with a 'No Outsiders' unique design. A great week back and I am sure these positive attitudes will continue throughout the term!

Kingfisher Class: It has been lovely to welcome each of the children back this week; they have very clearly had an incredibly exciting time over the Christmas break. The main focus of this week has been our DT project, using wheels and axles to make a No Outsiders themed vehicle. The children produced some great designs and thoroughly enjoyed using tools such as saws and glue guns (under very close supervision!) to help create their models. We have had a brilliant first week back and I am sure this will continue throughout the term!

Partridge Class: What an exciting first week back at school! We kick started the week with 'No Outsiders' by reading the book 'Dogs Don't do Ballet.' Then on Wednesday we began our exciting Design Technology topic where we designed and made our very own No Outsiders torches. The children were really inquisitive as they explored electrical circuits and used their problem-solving skills to make a homemade switch out of split pins and a paperclip. The children made thoughtful and well-considered design choices to create a final product. They all looked amazing- we were all creators this week! We also had our first tennis session where we began to develop our racket and ball control skills.

Woodpecker Class: We have had a lovely first week back in Woodpeckers to kickstart 2024. The children enjoyed exploring our No Outsiders text 'The Island' and created fantastic comic strips inspired by the story. We are also enjoying our class read 'Who let the Gods Out?' in story time. I am so proud of the children's hard work and efforts in Design Technology. They have created fantastic masks, with an electrical component, expressing their creativity and individuality.

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.