

Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School Newsletter

Friday 21st June 2024

Dear Parents,

Another week has flown by, and it is difficult to believe there are only four weeks left of this term. From Year 2 to Year 6, the children are working hard on their end of year performance of 'The Jungle Book' – after the success of 'Olivia' and 'Joseph' we have a lot to live up to, but early indications are that this is going to be a performance to remember! Our new lighting (kindly purchased with a donation from Hunton Steam Gathering) arrived earlier this week and our 'Backstage Crew' are fully informed as to how to make the magic happen – we're very grateful for the kind donation!

The remainder of our Reception starters visited earlier this week and it was great to welcome new families to our wonderful school. We do have some spaces available in some year groups for September – if you know of anyone looking for a school place please do encourage them to come for a visit and see all our brilliant school has to offer. Our new Reception children will visit again next week and spend the morning in Robin Class.

On Wednesday, our KS2 Hunton Heroes had a great time attending the Armed Forces Day at Catterick Garrison and Mrs. Kennedy could not speak highly enough of their attitude and behaviour throughout the day – each of the children are a credit to Hunton and Arrathorne School!

A small group of our Year 5/6 children are attending the 'Catterick Cycling Tournament' at Le Cateau School today – we're looking forward to finding out how they get on!

Have a great weekend, Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Cope

Statutory Assessments

All of the children in statutory assessment year groups have now completed their assessments. As well as Year 6 SATs, Year 1 have completed their Phonics Screening Check and Year 4 their Multiplication Check. Results will be shared within End of Year Reports, but we are enormously proud of all of the great work ethic shown in all year groups. Well done, everyone!

Armed Forces Day

We were so proud of our Key Stage 2 'Hunton Heroes' who represented our school at Armed Forces Day at Catterick Garrison on Wednesday. We know our service pupils thoroughly enjoyed the event and loved telling their friends all about it!

Robin Class Assembly

We're looking forward to welcoming Robin Class parents to our special Class Assembly on Monday at 9am. We will open the gates as soon as possible after registration – please keep an eye on the weather forecast as we will be outside whatever the weather!

24/6/24 Fundraising

Look out for an exciting letter about our Pupil Leadership fundraiser on Monday!

Let's Celebrate!

This week there has been lots of caring, aspiring and excelling! Teaching staff have chosen an 'anyone from anywhere'

	Woodpecker Class (Y5/6)	Partridge Class (Y3/4)	Kingfisher Class (Y2)	Robin Class (R/Y1)	
Care – Aspire – Excel	Anna- Excelling	Thomas R- Excelling	Henry W- Aspiring	Edward- Excelling	
Curriculum Award	Georgia-English	Grace E-History	Ruby-Mai-Additional Work	Ivo- Music	
Aims Award	Ronnie-Risk Taker	Charlie R- Happy & Healthy	Bernard-Creator	Ralph-Change maker	
Team Points	Bolton				
Tidy Classroom	Kingfisher				
Golden Spoon	Georgia				
King or Queen	Рірра				

Caring – Aspiring - Excelling

Safe Parking

Please be aware of local residents when parking around the school site. The staggered start between 8.45-8.55 allows for a safe drop-off period. We would encourage parents to park safely, including at The Village Hall, rather than stopping immediately outside of school as this can be dangerous and cause accidents. Equally, I know it would be hugely appreciated if, when waiting for children, car engines could be turned off. Thank you for your courtesy in this.

Diary Dates					
When?	What?	Who?	How?		
Monday 24 th June	Robin Class Assembly @ 9am	R/Y1	See newsletter		
Monday 1 st July	Careers Day	All	Information to follow		
Monday 1 st July	Woodpecker Class Assembly @9am	Y5/6	See newsletter		
Tuesday 2 nd July	Transition Afternoon	All	Information sent		
Friday 5 th July	Non-Uniform: 'Bring a Bottle'	All	Information sent		
Wednesday 10 th July 'The Jungle Book' 2pm and 5pm		Y2-6	Information sent		
Friday 12 th July	End of Year Reports Home	All	See newsletter		
Wednesday 17 th July	¥3/4 Skipping Festival @ Richmond School	¥3/4	Information to follow		
	Cancelled by Richmond School				
Friday 19 th July Leavers Assembly – 2.30pm		Y6	Information to follow		
Friday 19 th July	End of Term	All	See newsletter		

Around the Classes...

Robin Class (Reception): This week we have been writing book reviews about the book 'Zog' and our favourite part. We have revisited our learning on plants, looking at how much our green beans have grown to find out which seed grows best (one in the dark/sunlight) as well as planting sunflower seeds! The children have shown great interest and are inquisitive in 'watching and waiting'.

We have continued our interest in knights and created our very own knight tabards to enhance our role play and have created our own mud kitchen banquet! In maths, we have been concentrating on revisiting doubling numbers up to 10 and composition of numbers up to 10 (different ways of making numbers).

Robin Class (Year 1): Another week has flown by! In English, we have written our own narratives based on the book 'You Choose'. We created our own fairytale stories, using inspiration from the text. This week in maths, we have moved onto a new learning journey of fractions. I wonder if anyone can recognise a half at home. PSHE has seen us look at 'growing and changing', discovering what's inside our wonderful bodies. We answered our history question 'What was life like in Richmond in the 1100s?' And finally, a little plea to continue to use Numbots at home, it is a great learning resource for the children.

Kingfisher Class: The Y2s have had another great week, which has included several rehearsals for the end of year production of 'The Jungle Book'. In class, we have continued to use 'Grandad's Camper' for our focus in English, this week using simple past tense and the past progressive to write postcards whilst in Maths our shape unit has seen us exploring vertical lines of symmetry. In History and through our reading, we have learned more about what life was like in Rome during the reign of the Roman Empire as we work towards the destruction Vesuvius caused when it erupted. A great week for our 'busy bees'. **Partridge Class:** This week Partridge class have been finding out more about the Maya. We have been looking at the ancient city of Chichen Itza and finding out as historians what this place can tell us about the people who lived there. We enjoyed finding out about Kukulkan, the feathered serpent god, and Chaac the rain god. In maths, Year 4 have been reading and interpreting line graphs and Year 3 have been looking at bar charts. On Wednesday, our Hunton Hero children had a fabulous day at Armed Forces Day.

Woodpecker Class: 'Jungle Book Fever' has well and truly hit Woodpecker Class this week, with our rehearsals really ramping up. The children continue to really impress with their dedication to learning their lines and the songs – it really is going to be something special! We have enjoyed writing our setting descriptions to describe the seaside – we're so impressed with the figurative language they have used. We have finished our Science learning about 'Evolution and Inheritance' and have learnt lots! Over the next few weeks, Woodpecker Class will begin their transitions to secondary school -we know how excited they are about this and can't wait to hear about their adventures!

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.