

Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School

Newsletter Friday 7th June 2024

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a fantastic half-term break.

This half-term is always very busy, but full of fun and adventures! Thoughts of September have already started as Mrs Dozey has begun to visit our new starters in their preschool settings. They will visit school with their families over the next couple of weeks to get to know our setting – we can't wait to welcome them. The Year 6 children look fantastic in their hoodies (thank-you PTFA!) and are also starting to think about their new adventures in September.

On Tuesday, Susan Marshall (our School Improvement Adviser) from North Yorkshire Council spent the day in school. She watched lessons and talked to subject leaders and was thoroughly impressed with what she saw, summarising her day with, 'Children are very lucky to come to Hunton School': this, of course, is a team effort on behalf of our fantastic children and staff.

I know Mrs. Tunmore was very impressed with the way Year 1 lived out our school vision during their visit to Richmond Castle yesterday, and it was great to hear about their historical enquiry learning. Back in school, all classes have had the chance to think about our global citizenship work and change-maker aim as we have celebrated 'World Week' by completing various activities.

As we approach a really busy period in school, please do make sure you familiarise yourselves with the diary dates overleaf so you don't miss out on any important information!

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

Sports Afternoon

Our 'Sports Afternoon' will take place next Wednesday. Parents and carers are welcome to join us from 1.30pm at the Village Green to join in the fun! Children should come to school wearing their school PE kit, with long hair tied back and earrings removed. Water bottles are also essential!

In order to safeguard children at the event, **all children should stay with school staff at all times**. Please do not encourage your children to come to you during the event; there will be plenty of time to celebrate successes after the event

<u>Clubs</u>

Most of our extra-curricular clubs have started again this week – KS1 Sports Club and KS2 Art Club will begin next week.

Earrings in P.E

A reminder that an email was sent today regarding the new North Yorkshire guidance the wearing of earrings for PE lessons. Please support us in this by ensuring they are removed or removable.

Partridge Class Assembly

The Partridge Class Assembly will take place on Monday at 9.00am!

Let's Celebrate!

This week there has been lots of caring, aspiring and excelling! See who has been rewarded below.

	Woodpecker Class (Y5/6)	Partridge Class (Y3/4)	Kingfisher Class (Y2)	Robin Class (R/Y1)	
Care – Aspire - Excel	Sophie L	Abi	Margot	Tilly	
Curriculum Award	Oscar-French	Margot-Science	Kai-Maths	Austin-PE	
Aims Award	Sophie L-All	Pippa-Lifelong reader	Tai-Lifelong reader	Margot-Inquisitive	
Team Points	Middleham				
Tidy Classroom	Partridge				
Golden Spoon	Rollo				
King or Queen			Jack		

Caring – Aspiring - Excelling

Diary Dates					
When?	What?	Who?	How?		
Monday 10 th June	Partridge Class Assembly @ 9am	Y3/4	Information sent		
Wednesday 12 th June	KS1 Fun Run @ Bedale High	Y1/2	Information sent		
Wednesday 12 th June	Sports Afternoon	All	Information sent		
Friday 14 th June	Y3/4 Dance Workshop @ The Station	Y3/4	Information sent		
Friday 14 th June	Y5/6 'Speak Out Stay Safe' Workshop	Y5/6	Information sent		
Wednesday 19 th June	Armed Forces Day	HH	Information sent		
Thursday 20 th June	Summer Film Night	All	Information to follow		
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 to follow		
Wednesday 10 th July	'The Jungle Book' 2pm and 5pm	Y2-6	Information to follow		
Friday 12 th July	End of Year Reports	All	See newsletter		
Wednesday 17 th July	Y3/4 Skipping Festival @ Richmond School	Y3/4	Information to follow		
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): A very curious discovery was made in Robin class this week...A letter arrived from Butterfly World asking for our help to care for some caterpillars. We wrote back to them to let them know we would love to help! We hope they will arrive soon- watch this space! Following the children's interest, we have enjoyed working together and creating our own post office role play - we even made our own post van to deliver our parcels and letters! In Maths, we have started using the Rekenreks to help us with number bonds to ten! We have also been working really hard on doubles this week!

Our story of the week 'You Choose' has prompted lots of imagination and discussion about how we make our own choices.

Robin Class (Year 1): What a super first week back! We have been so busy with trips, 'No Outsiders', World Environment Day and of course lots of learning! We started the week with our 'No Outsiders' lesson on Monday, which was all about text Spacegirl Pukes by Katy Watson. We shared some lovely, positive comments about our families! We continued with our maths work on recognising equal groups, using toes and stars! We celebrated World Environment Day, using the text Dear Earth and discussed why it is good to recycle for our environment. Our new History topic started 'Who used to live in Richmond Castle?' We came up with questions to ask at our visit to the Castle. The trip to Richmond Castle was a wonderful learning opportunity and we were extremely inquisitive. And finally, we have been busy with phonics ahead of the Phonic Screening Check next week.

Kingfisher Class: The Kingfishers have settled back in brilliantly well as we begin our final half-term of the year! We have finally finished the second instalment of 'Planet Omar' during story time which the children have thoroughly enjoyed whilst in English we have been focussing our writing on the short story 'Grandad's Camper', using the story to make predictions, make lists and use conjunctions. In maths, we have concluded our time unit, learning time to the nearest five minutes whilst in Science, the children have continued their unit on plants, learning more about a plant's life cycle.

Partridge Class: We have had a great first week back after the half-term. We started the week by celebrating World Environment Day followed by exploring our No Outsiders book 'My Name Is Not Refugee' on Tuesday. In science, we focused on the intriguing question of 'Why do plants need flowers?' and we enjoyed finding out all about nectar, pollen, pollinators and pollination. We have been working really hard on our upcoming assembly, and we can't wait to share our efforts with you all on Monday.

Woodpecker Class: It has been a great start to the final half-term for Woodpecker Class. We enjoyed marking the start of 'World Week' on Monday with some exciting activities. We have also enjoyed joining a virtual 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' lesson with the NSPCC – visitors will join us next week for the second part of this work which is an important part of our safeguarding curriculum. In History, we have started our new enquiry topic which involves looking at how art work has been important throughout history. In Maths, we have continued to develop our understanding of shape and space and in English we have used the text 'The Silver Swan' by Michael Morpurgo. We're going to use it to inspire our writing. It goes without saying that 'Jungle Book Fever' has definitely hit Woodpecker Class as our rehearsals for the end of year production get underway.

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.