

Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School

Newsletter Friday 8th March 2024

Dear Parents,

This week we have celebrated our love of lifelong reading; coming together throughout the week to celebrate 'Book Week'. We have enjoyed some fantastic bakes in our 'Book Bake Off', enjoyed hearing stories read by adults, celebrated with our Reading Ambassadors, joined in virtual assemblies, held a Book Fair with Little Ripon Bookshop and this afternoon we will welcome parents and friends in for our 'Big Read'. A big thank you to Mr. Cope, Mrs. Kawai-Calderhead and our 'Reading Ambassadors' for organising the week.

Partridge Class also had a wonderful time at Bewerley Park on Thursday, taking part in a range of outdoor and adventurous activities. Their risk-taking abilities were extremely evident as were their aspirations to be the best that they can be – we are very proud of all of them.

Reception and Key Stage 1 also welcomed some lambs into school on Tuesday – a big thank you to Emily and her mum for sharing them with us! We hope to see lots of you at the Spring Concert on Wednesday.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, Mr. Donaldson

PTFA Coffee Morning

The PTFA are holding a **Coffee Morning** on **Saturday 12th March** at Newton-Le-Willows Village Hall between 10.00-12.00. It would be wonderful to see lots of parents and friends there. Donations of cakes and bakes, along with raffle prizes, will be gratefully received.

Spring Concert

Just a reminder that we invite you to join us for our Spring Concert on Wednesday at 9am. The children will present lots of songs which they have been learning in Singing Assembly. We hope to see you there.

Easter Film & Craft Night

Just a reminder that our Easter Film and Craft Nights take place on Monday 11th and 18th March from 3.15-5.00pm. It's not too late to sign up via Parent Pay to join in the fun!

Easter Labyrinth

We do hope you can join us for our Easter Labyrinth on Thursday 21st March, where visitors will be guided through the events of Holy Week as told by each class. There are slots available between 1.15-2.45pm. Please contact the School Office to book your place!

Governors' Corner

It was an absolute pleasure to visit the school on Thursday. As Link Governor for English, I accompanied Mr Cope around the school to see the wonderful reading happening and to take part in a pupil voice. It was great to see the pupils talk passionately about reading, the opportunities they have and how reading is celebrated within school. The Reading Ambassadors support the development of reading through fun, creative activities and encourage the reading for pleasure. The pupils loved sharing their favourite books which were diverse, challenging and covered a range of genres. Reading is at the heart of every subject at Hunton, which is clear to see. The pupils have thoroughly enjoyed celebrating World Book Week. Thank you for a wonderful visit! *Vicky Jobling – Parent Governor*

Due to 'The Big Read' there is no Celebration Assembly this week!

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Diary Dates				
When?	What?	Who?	How?	
Monday 11 th March	Easter Film Night	All	Information sent	
Tuesday 12 th March	Y5/6 Bikeability	All	Information sent	
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	
Friday 15 th March	Class Photographs	All	See newsletter	
Friday 15 th March	Comic Relief	All	Information to follow	
Saturday 16 th March	PTFA Coffee Morning	All	See newsletter	
Monday 18 th March	Easter Craft Night	All	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	
Monday 8 th April	School Closed – CPD Day	All	See newsletter	
Tuesday 9 th April	School Opens – Summer Term	All	See newsletter	

Around the Classes...

Robin Class (Reception): This week we have loved immersing ourselves in 'Book Week'. We started the week off with some amazing entries for our 'Book Bake'. We have hidden books around the community in the village for others to find - we hope they will enjoy this in our attempt to 'make the village smile' (one of our H&A 21) and share our love of reading!

We also enjoyed making a big 'Dear Zoo' book, taking on the Evil Pea in some Supertato role play and thinking about how we can 'fill each other's buckets' in our book 'Have You Filled a Bucket Today?' to ensure we are being 'kind' and thinking of others. We had a special visit from some small, furry friends this week. One of our Year 1 families kindly brought in some baby lambs, which was extremely exciting! To end the week, we had a 'top secret mission' to create some very special surprises for some very special people.... we hope those special people have a wonderful Mother's Day!

Robin Class (Year 1): Where do I start! Book Week has been fantastic - we've shared our favourite books, looked at all the creative 'Book Bakes,' ordered the story sequence of the 'The Three Little Pigs!' T-Rex even replied to our letters! In Maths we've been looking at subtraction – using number bonds to help us. We are trying hard to understand doubles. In History we have continued to travel back in time to 1960s and learn why there were no smart toys or games. We had a special visit from two little lambs: Fluffy and Cinderella, a wonderful opportunity given to us. Another wonderful week!

Kingfisher Class: An exciting week in school this week with some exciting World Book Week activities throughout! Well done to any of the children who entered the 'Bake Off' on Monday as we were absolutely blown away with some of the creations. We have continued with our story writing this week, focussing on the story of Little Red Riding Hood, again looking at the well-known story from a different perspective, channelling our inner-wolf! We have continued to develop our multiplication skills in Maths whilst in Science we have explored further the seasonal changes which occur throughout the year. Alongside this, we have completed some of our termly assessments this week and I must say the children have approached these with fantastic attitudes so I will finish with a huge well done to all!

Partridge Class: Wow! What an incredibly exciting week Partridge Class have had. The children had a fantastic time on Thursday at Bewerley Park where we were canoeing on Glasshouse Dam and we journeyed back in time to glimpse the life of a lead miner by exploring the tunnels first dug in 1782. The children were risk-takers and enjoyed the day. Back in school, we celebrated Book week with a fantastic Bake Off, an activity led by the reading ambassadors and a visit from Little Ripon Bookshop. In maths we continue our work on fractions and in English the children wrote an excellent recount about our visit to London.

Woodpecker Class: This week Woodpeckers have enjoyed taking part in all the events for reading week. I was particularly impressed with the children's efforts in the Book Bake Off and even got to try some of their delicious creations. The children loved the reading carousel on Wednesday; being read to by Mrs Dozėy in story time on Wednesday and are looking forward to having the opportunity to read with family in reading for pleasure today. In addition, we have been busy preparing for our Spring Concert next Wednesday and looking ahead to the Easter Labyrinth.

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.