



Dear Parents,

It was fantastic to see the children on Tuesday return to school with such enthusiasm. The staff also returned enthusiastically on Monday, where our CPD (continuous professional development) session focussed on active learning and questioning, as our team continue to make our teaching and learning the best it can be.

A really proud moment came on Wednesday, when our Key Stage 2 'Hunton Heroes' represented our school community at the Children's Service of Remembrance at Ripon Cathedral. Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. Webster were enormously proud of them, and the respect they showed. Our Year 6 children also visited the War Memorial in Hunton earlier this week to place a memorial wreath on behalf of our school community.

As our thoughts turn towards Christmas, there is a lot to look forward to – but also a lot to remember! Please do take notice of the diary dates over the page so you don't miss any key information about upcoming events. There is also an additional letter with further information, which you should have received yesterday.

We would like to say a big 'well done' to all of the children for a brilliant first week back and we are looking forward to all of the exciting opportunities that are planned for the rest of term.

Mr. Donaldson & Mr. Cope

Key Dates for Parents

Please find some key dates about events where parents and families are invited into school – a full list of dates can be found overleaf.

Date	Event
Wednesday 20 th November – 3.30pm	Christmas Fair
Wednesday 4 th December – 2pm / 6pm	Reception & Year 1 Nativity
Friday 6 th December – 2:30pm	French Open Afternoon (Y2-6)
Tuesday 10 th December – 9am	Drawing Club Open Morning (Rec)
Thursday 12 th December – 9am	Reception Parents Open Morning
Thursday 12 th December – 2.30pm	H&A Museum (Parents Welcome)
Wednesday 18 th December – 6pm	Christingle Service

'Harrogate Advertiser'

You may have seen a recent article in the Harrogate Advertiser celebrating the highest achieving schools in North Yorkshire based on 2023 end of Key Stage 2 results – we were the fifth highest in the county and are thrilled that this recognises the hard-work of the children and how they have excelled!

Let's Celebrate!

See who has been awarded in Celebration Assembly this week!

	Mrs. Dozēy	Mrs. Tunmore	Mrs. Hollocks	Miss Weeks	Mrs. Kawai-Calderhead
Above & Beyond <i>(Care – Aspire – Excel)</i>	Chloe	Jack	Erin	Evie	Cate
	Robin Class <i>(Rec / Y1)</i>		Kingfisher Class <i>(Y2)</i>	Partridge Class <i>(Y4/5)</i>	Woodpecker Class <i>(Y6)</i>
Curriculum Award	Lottie	Edward	Kai	Harry	Sophie
Aims Award					
Team Points	Bolton				
Tidy Classroom	TBC				
Golden Spoon	Amelia E				
Monarch	Grace S				

Diary Dates

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

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Wednesday 13 th November	Year 6 'Crucial Crew'	Y6	Information sent
Monday 18 th November	Chocolate Day	All	Information to follow
Monday 18 th November	'Big Read' with Parents – 9.00am	All	See newsletter
Monday 18 th November	Open Evening for September 2025 Starters	All	See newsletter
Wednesday 20 th November	Christmas Fair	All	Information sent
Wednesday 4 th December	'The Wiggly Nativity' @ 2pm and 6pm	R/Y1	Information sent
Friday 6 th December	'French Open' Afternoon for Y2-Y6 – 2.30pm	Y2-Y6	Information sent
Monday 9 th December	Christmas Film Night	All	Information to follow
Tuesday 10 th December	Reception 'Drawing Club' Session for Parents	Rec	Information sent
Wednesday 11 th December	'Sleeping Beauty' @ Darlington Hippodrome	All	Information sent
Thursday 12 th December	H&A Museum	All	Information sent
Friday 13 th December	Christmas Lunch	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 18 th December	Christingle @ St Patrick's Church – 6pm	All	Information sent
Friday 20 th December	School Closes for Christmas Holiday	All	See newsletter
Monday 6 th January	School Closed – CPD Day	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 7 th January	School Opens – Spring 1	All	See newsletter
Wed 5 th – Thu 6 th February	London Residential	Y5/6	Information sent
Mon 3 rd – Tue 4 th March	Y2/3/4 Stargazing Residential	Y2/3/4	Information sent

Around the Classes...

Robin Class (Reception): This week, we have been celebrating differences through our key text and No outsiders link 'It's okay to be different'. In addition to this, we celebrated Diwali, learning about why it is a significant event in Hindu faith and also discussing why we celebrate Bonfire Night and our own experiences! In Maths, we have been developing our knowledge of the number 5 with the '5 little peas in a pea pod press' rhyme. We have started our reading focus groups this week where we have been reading in a small group 3x a week. Please do help your child with reading their new book at home and returning each day (these will be changed each week on a Thursday). We have also started rehearsing our Nativity 'A Wiggly Nativity' and finding out our parts! A very exciting and busy first week back into Autumn 2!

Robin Class (Year 1): It has been wonderful to get back into the routines of our learning this week, the children loved sharing with me their tales from the half-term break. We started the week with 'No Outsiders,' where we read a story called 'Mommy, Mama and Me'; the children shared about their families and activities they enjoy. We have begun our addition journey in Maths using our knowledge of number bonds. We have all excelled with part, part whole. In English, we have continued to share the story 'I Want My Hat Back!' writing sentences using the prefix un. And PE has seen us continue our dance lessons, with the focus on imaginative toys! Have a lovely weekend.

Kingfisher Class: The Kingfisher Class have had a brilliant first week back. We kicked the week off with a No Outsiders lesson, using the story 'This is Our House' as a way of exploring discrimination. We also started our new History unit, 'What can pyramids and tombs tell us about the past?' which will see us delve deeper into the Ancient Egyptians and their customs. In Maths, we have progressed onto subtraction and we have been so impressed by their attitude as we have tackled the tricky concept of column subtraction. A great start to what is an exciting half-term ahead!

Partridge Class: Welcome back, Partridges! I hope everyone had a lovely half-term. The children have had an amazing week back to school, ready for lots of new learning. In Maths, we have started our multiplication topic and are becoming brilliant at 'speaking like mathematicians'. The children enjoyed recreating a street festival in Rio, combining their samba dancing with props in PE. We have continued our French topic of 'Ice Cream' and have begun writing scripts, imagining we are in a French Cafe. A really great first week back so well done to all.

Woodpecker Class: It has been wonderful to see Year 6 return after half-term full of energy and being driven to achieve everything we have thrown their way! We enjoyed 'No Outsiders Day' on Tuesday, where our text 'Where the Poppies Now Grow' linked with Remembrance and helped us explore equality. We have also enjoyed furthering our understanding of calculations in Maths and continuing to write persuasively in English. We have also begun our new story, 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' and look forward to finding out what happens to Ahmet as we go forwards!

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.