



Dear Parents,

It has been great to get back to school this week and spring is definitely in the air! It was great to mark the start of spring with our Spring Concert on Wednesday – we were very impressed with the children’s singing, the fabulous drumming from Partridge Class and the poem performed by the Robins. It was also lovely to see so many parents and family members join us; thank you for your continued support and please keep an eye out for upcoming dates with more opportunities for you to join us in school.

Next week, twenty-eight children in Year 2, 3 and 4 will be joining six staff for our ‘Stargazing Residential’ in Northumberland – please let’s all hope for clear skies on Monday evening! We are sure they will have a fantastic time (please see overleaf the plan for those children remaining in school). It has been an excellent first week back with lots of caring, aspiring and excelling which we are certain will continue throughout the term – well done to all of the children.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr. Donaldson & Mr. Cope

Hello and Welcome

We have officially welcomed Mrs. Sophie Pearson to our team this week, who will be teaching Year 6 alongside Mr. Donaldson in Mrs. Kawai-Calderhead’s absence. We have also say a big ‘hello and welcome’ to Lily who has joined Kingfisher Class this week. We know they will both settle into school quickly!

Book Week

Mr. Cope has sent a letter earlier this week with exciting information regarding our annual ‘Book Week’ celebrations. We’re really excited about what’s in store!

Important - Attendance

Attendance is very important at Hunton & Arrathorne School. If unauthorised holidays are taken during term time – and exceed the 10-day limit set by North Yorkshire Council – we will be following the fining procedure. This is cumulative, and can be for multiple periods of unauthorized absence across a year. The council are also able to fine parents who claim that their child is absent due to legitimate illness, but, where evidence such as social media posts suggest this is not the case.

Let’s Celebrate!

See who has been awarded in Celebration Assembly this week!

	Mrs. Dozēy	Mrs. Tunmore	Mr. Cope	Mrs. Hollocks	Miss Weeks	Mrs. Pearson	Mr. Donaldson
Above & Beyond (Care – Aspire – Excel)	Amelia-Rose	William R	William R	Annie	Bea	Grace	Finn
	Robin Class (Rec / Y1)		Kingfisher Class (Y2)		Partridge Class (Y4/5)		Woodpecker Class (Y6)
Curriculum Award	Daniel	Eric	Emily		Poppy		Fiona
Aims Award	Ava D	Austin	Evie		Evie		Amelia
Team Points	Middleham						
Tidy Classroom	Robins Y1 & Woodpeckers						
Golden Spoon	Pippa						
Monarch	Abi						

Diary Dates

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

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Mon 3 rd – Tue 4 th March	Y2/3/4 Stargazing Residential	Y2/3/4	Information sent
W/C Monday 10 th March	Book Week	All	Information to follow
Tuesday 25 th March	Y2/3 Stone Age Day	Y2/3	Information to follow
Tuesday 25 th March	Parent Appreciation Morning	Rec	Information to follow
Wednesday 26 th March	Parents' Evening	All	Information to follow
Monday 31 st March	Easter Film Night	All	Information to follow
Tuesday 1 st April	Easter Baking Night	All	Information to follow
Thursday 3 rd April	Easter Labyrinth	All	Information to follow
Friday 4 th April	Decorated Egg Competition	All	Information to follow
Friday 4 th April	School Closes for Easter Holiday	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 22 nd April	School Opens for Summer Term	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 29 th April	Y1 Pony Trekking Visit	Y1	Information to follow
Monday 12 th May	KS2 SATS Week	Y6	Information to follow
Friday 23 rd May	School Closes for Summer Half-Term	All	See newsletter

Next Week

As most of our Year 2, 3 and 4 children will be attending their exciting Stargazing Residential next week, some children will be spending Monday and Tuesday with different members of staff. Thanks, once again, to our team both in school and in Northumberland, for their flexibility which mean exciting opportunities like this can take place. Reception will be taught by Mrs. Doz y as normal; Year 1 (and the remaining Year 2, 3 and 4's) will be taught by Mrs. Tunmore and Mr. Cope and Year 5 and 6 will work with Mr. Donaldson and Mrs. Donnelly.

Around the Classes...

Robin Class (Reception): This week, we started the week with our 'No Outsiders' Day and our text '10 Little Pirates' where we focused on how gender doesn't define what, or who, we can play with. The children put on a wonderful performance in our Spring Concert, sharing their poem 'Flowers'. We are so proud of them! We have enjoyed beginning our new theme 'Terrific Toys' where some of the children have shared their special toys from home. Our key text 'The Three Little Pigs' has captured the children's interest this week- we conducted an experiment which inspired lots of discussion about 'which material would be the best to make a house for the pigs?'. A great first week to kick start Spring 2!

Robin Class (Year 1): It's wonderful to see all the children settling back after what we hope was a restful half-term! We started the week with our 'No Outsiders' text, 'Ten Little Pirates', where we considered gender equality. We have continued our text in English, 'Send for a Superhero' and we delved into the suffixes -ed and -ing. The Spring Concert was wonderful, the children showcasing their singing skills, even singing along to a song in French! Gymnastics was fantastic this week, we created a sequence using 'balance, travel, balance.'

Kingfisher Class: We have had a great first week back with lots of exciting things to celebrate. On Wednesday, the children were brilliant as we performed in our Spring Concert with lots of beautiful singing. We have started a new unit in History, exploring the Stone Age, with this week's lesson focussing on whether they were simply 'hunter gatherers'. We also had an exciting Science lesson; the children were challenged to create the slowest marble run and they had great fun as they explored different ways of adapting their course. A great first week back with lots of excited children ready for next week!

Partridge Class: Welcome back! We have had a lovely week learning lots of new skills. The children became geologists in Science and categorised different forms of rock by exploring them with magnified glasses. In English, we have been crime journalists and began identifying features of a newspaper to help us write our own newspaper article, based off our key text. We started a new unit in History, all about York, and the children had some very interesting predictions about what a 'head pot' may have been used for!

Woodpecker Class: It has been a great first week back in Year 6 and thank you to those who were able to join us on Monday for the SATs information meeting. We have continued to investigate ratio in our Maths lessons, and after deconstructing aspects of Grimm's fairy-tales, have begun to look forward to planning our own. We have enjoyed starting our new History unit of learning all about Ancient Maya and our new PE focus on Orienteering. Year 6 have also made Mrs. Pearson feel very welcome during her first week.

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.