

Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 4th April 2025

Dear Parents,

What a fantastic final week in school! It has been lovely to celebrate the end of term in so many ways, from enrichment activities after school, to our fantastic 'Easter Egg Raffle' today. We must thank our Team Captains who have sold raffle tickets each day to raise money, not just for school, but also for our termly charity — Great Ormond Street Hospital. A big well done to them! Our Easter Labyrinth is always a favourite event in the school calendar and I think it's fair to say that this year was the best ever. There was a fantastic array of dancing, singing and acting. It is such a special way of bringing the story of Holy Week, and the true meaning of Easter, to life.

At the end of term, we always reflect as leaders about the successes of the past term, and there have been many. Alongside our residentials, enrichment activities and celebrations, we have also had the privilege of seeing the fantastic learning opportunities inside the classroom your children have access to on a daily basis. This of course wouldn't be possible without a fantastic team of staff and we are very lucky at Hunton & Arrathorne.

On behalf of all of the staff, governors and children, we would like to wish you a restful holiday and a Happy Easter. We return to school on Tuesday 22nd April.

Mr. Donaldson & Mr. Cope

Wear Something Purple Day

To mark the 'Month of the Military' child (which is April) the Hunton Heroes are inviting all children to wear something which contains purple (the colour of the military child), or a purple accessory, on Friday 25th April. This may be a pair of socks, a t-shirt, a hair bobble etc. alongside their uniform.

Governors' Corner

Life continues to be busy and productive in school, the weeks seem to fly by, and the children have had so many exciting and valuable learning opportunities this term. This final week of the Spring Term has been no exception with lots of Easter themed activities which I am sure the children have enjoyed. On behalf of the Governors, I would like to thank all of our wonderful staff for their hard work and commitment and wish them a Happy Easter and a restful break. Also, a big thank you to all of our parents, families and friends for your continuing support.

Happy Easter to you all, Andrea Peacock

Winning Decorated Eggs

Well done to everyone who entered our 'Decorated Egg Competition' – there were some amazing history-themed entries and choosing the winners was an incredibly difficult job. Luckily for us, Miss Lynn, one of our Governors, was tasked with the challenge of choosing a first, second and third for each class though she was incredibly impressed with every entry – a lot of hard work obviously went into them. Please see a selection below!

























<u>Safeguarding Reminders</u>

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.

Diary Dates

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

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Tuesday 22 nd April	School Opens for Summer Term	All	See newsletter
Friday 25 th April	'Wear Something Purple' Day	All	See newsletter
Monday 28 th April	Reception Monk Park Farm Visit	REC	Information sent
Tuesday 29 th April	Y1 Catterick Saddle Club Visit	Y1	Information sent
Wednesday 30 th April	Y4/5 Parent Computing Session @ 9am	Y4/5	Information sent
Thursday 1 st May	Y2/3 Parent Computing Session @ 9am	Y2/3	Information sent
Wednesday 7 th May	Y6 Parent Computing Session @ 9am	Y6	Information sent
Monday 12 th May	KS2 SATS Week	Y6	Information to follow
Thursday 15 th May	Mental Arithmetic Parent Session @ 2.30pm	All	Information sent
Monday 19 th May	Y2/3 Class Assembly @ 9am	Y2/3	Information sent
Friday 23 rd May	School Closes for Summer Half-Term	All	See newsletter
W/C Monday 9 th June	Y1 Phonics Screening Check Begins	Y1	Information to follow
Monday 9 th June	Y4/5 Class Assembly @ 9am	Y4/5	Information sent
Tuesday 17 th June	Sports Morning	All	Information to follow
Monday 23 rd June	Reception Class Assembly @ 9am	REC	Information sent
Monday 30 th June	Y1 Class Assembly @ 9am	Y1	Information sent
Wednesday 2 nd July	Y1 Fun Run	Y1	Information to follow
Friday 4 th July	Middleham Team Visit to Middleham Castle	M'ham	Information to follow
Wednesday 9 th July	Y2 – Y6 End of Year Production	Y2-Y6	Information to follow
Friday 11 th July	End of Year Reports Home	All	See newsletter
Friday 18 th July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly @ 9am	Y6	Information sent
Friday 18 th July	School Closes for Summer Holiday	All	See newsletter

Around the Classes...

Robin Class (Reception): This week, the children have enjoyed our Supertato book of the week. The vegetables have invaded our classroom including 'Evil Pea'! We have created wanted posters and wrote speech bubbles, thinking about what the characters might say On Wednesday, we finished our 'Terrific Toys' theme with the most wonderful 'Teddy Bear Picnic' at the village green and park. We were risk takers, persevering and trying new things, pushing ourselves to be 1% better. We ended the week excelling in our fantastic Easter Labyrinth performance, enjoying a range of Easter themed hunts!

Robin Class (Year 1): This term has flown by! The children have all 'cared,' 'aspired' and 'excelled' in taking care of each other, the classroom and the plant! We had a police car visit us at the beginning of the week; this prompted us to learn about being 'safe'. Phonic assessments went well, the precision grids are for you to keep at home and have a little practice. The effort the children put into the Easter Labyrinth was wonderful, they went from strength to strength telling their part of the story. We were all 'risk takers' and 'creators', giving an outstanding performance. Art Week has seen us create some fabulous creations, from paper sculptures to a tree of life, and even a 'sculptured three-dimensional spider!' Have a wonderful Easter break.

Kingfisher Class: A very busy week to end the term and the children have definitely been 'creators'! For 'Art Week', we have been exploring pre-historic art, investigating a range of textures such as lentils and salt and using a variety of spices to add some colour. We also enjoyed performing our Easter Labyrinth, with the Year 2s kicking things off with their Palm Sunday song before the Year 3s acted out the crucifixion. The Kingfishers have had a great term and I can't believe they are already heading into their final term of the year. Have a lovely break (with lots of chocolate I'm sure) everyone!

Partridge Class: Partridges have had a brilliant final week of term, I can't believe Easter is here already! Art Week has been extremely creative, the children have expressed themselves through mood boards which helped them design their own tiedye t-shirt! They also did a brilliant job during the Easter Labyrinth, acting out 'The Last Supper' through poetry. Well done to all of the children for all of their hard-work this term; I hope you have a restful, fun Easter break and I look forward to seeing you all for the Summer Term!

Woodpecker Class: It has been a great end to a very busy term for Year 6. They have continued to work hard revising grammar and punctuation concepts, whilst also continuing to investigate volume by using formulae in Maths. They have worked very hard in preparation for the Easter Labyrinth, and enjoyed reflecting on their time in school by creating memory boxes in Art (as well as some fantastic Emma Bridgewater inspired plates!).