



Dear Parents,

What a fantastic week at Hunton & Arrathorne School! We had a wonderful time accompanying Year 5 and 6 on their residential to London on Wednesday and Thursday. It was a jam-packed trip including a walking tour to visit the sites; watching the fantastic 'Mrs Doubtfire the Musical' in the West-End; visiting the Natural History Museum; and riding on The London Eye. Our children were spectacularly well behaved and had a truly fantastic time, making memories which I'm sure will stay with them forever. A huge thank you to both the staff on the visit, and the staff back in school for all of their additional hard work. We genuinely couldn't do it without them.

The children back in school also had a great couple of themed days focussing on careers – a big thank you to the visitors who came in to inspire their children with their stories.

Next week, we celebrate the end of half-term in our usual way, by holding our whole-school 'Art Week'. This is always a great week where Art & Design takes the curriculum focus and we are delighted to once again welcome our 'artist in residence' Chris Layfield who will complete an exciting workshop with each of the classes.

Have a lovely, restful weekend,  
Mr. Donaldson & Mr. Cope

### Wraparound Club Spring Specials

Lots of children have already signed up for our exciting 'Spring Specials' taking place next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. If your child would like to attend our special clubs (a list is below) please just return the slip and payment!

- Monday - Spring Art Club with Chris Layfield
- Tuesday - Spring Cooking Club
- Wednesday - Spring Treasure Hunt

### Equestrian Success

As a school, we would like to wish Fiona in Year 6 and her pony Blue the best of luck as they prepare to travel to Hong Kong for the 'Shetland Pony Grand National'. To be selected to compete in such a prestigious event is an amazing achievement in itself and it will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience; we look forward to hearing all about it!

### Half-Term Holiday

We break up on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February for the half-term break. School returns on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

### Let's Celebrate!

See who has been awarded in Celebration Assembly this week! As lots of staff have been working with children across the school, it is an 'anyone from anywhere!'

	Mrs. Dozēy	Mrs. Tunmore	Mr. Cope	Mrs. Hollocks	Miss Weeks	Mrs. Kawai-Calderhead	Mr. Donaldson
Above & Beyond (Care – Aspire – Excel)	Cate	Sophie	Bea	Poppy	Holly	Harry	Siena
Curriculum Award	Freya	Arthur		Beatrice	Bertie	Fiona	
Aims Award	Amelia- Rose	William R		Henry s	Eric	Barnaby	
Team Points	Richmond						
Tidy Classroom	Robins Year 1						
Golden Spoon	Jessica						
Monarch of Manners	Margot D						

## Diary Dates

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

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Wraparound Club 'Spring Specials'	All	Information sent
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Mid-Year Reports Home	All	See newsletter
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	School Closes for Spring Half-Term	All	See newsletter
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	School Opens – Spring 2		See newsletter
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 SATS Parent Information Evening	Y6	Information sent
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Spring Concert – 9.00am	All	Information sent
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Y2/3/4 Stargazing Residential	Y2/3/4	Information sent
W/C Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Week	All	Information to follow
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Film Night	All	Information to follow
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Y2/3 Stone Age Day	Y2/3	Information to follow
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Baking Night	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening	All	Information to follow
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Easter Labyrinth	All	Information to follow
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Decorated Egg Competition	All	Information to follow
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	School Closes for Easter Holiday	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	School Opens for Summer Term	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Y1 Pony Trekking Visit	Y1	Information to follow
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS Week	Y6	Information to follow
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	School Closes for Summer Half-Term	All	See newsletter

## Around the Classes...

**Robin Class (Reception):** This week, Reception have continued to find out more about Lunar New Year, including some Chinese yoga, creating snakes (to mark the year of the snake) and lots of exploring in our Chinese restaurant. We have also been making a collaborative large-scale dragon for a whole school performance next week! In Maths, we have been looking at comparison using sentence stems such as '\_\_\_ is more than \_\_\_' and '\_\_\_ is fewer than \_\_\_'. We've also enjoyed learning about various job roles, including a retail-inspired afternoon with Miss Weeks!

**Robin Class (Year 1):** We loved starting the week off with an assembly all about 'Care' and sharing our thoughts, filling the imaginary buckets using our kindness. We also became 'scientists', experimenting with various materials to find which absorbed water the best. Geography has ended for this the term, which saw us learn about the weather being different around the world. We have explored Captain Robert Scott and his trek to the South Pole, which was over 100 years ago. Alien words have been introduced in Phonics, which the children have loved learning, using their sound talking to blend. We have also enjoyed learning about different careers, gaining an insight to lots of different job roles and completing the sentence, 'When I grow up I want to be...!'

**Kingfisher Class:** We had a rather 'normal' start to the week, which saw us continue to develop our division skills, punctuate dialogue accurately in our writing and continue our Geography topic focussing on extreme weather conditions. In R.E., we also thoroughly enjoyed learning more about the Easter Story through 'Lego Bible Stories'! On Wednesday and Thursday, we then joined together with the year 4 children and learned about various careers and considered some of our own aspirations for the future. We worked brilliantly with the older children who were great role models too!

**Partridge Class:** All of Partridges have had a fantastic week. We started the week exploring improper fractions in Maths, coding in Computing and investigating crime in English! We are all so proud of the year 5's for their maturity and sensible behaviour on their trip to London, they had a brilliant time. Meanwhile, Year 4 completed a range of fun activities with Mrs Pearson exploring all the different careers available to them! We ended the week with Science, investigating the rates of evaporation based on temperature.

**Woodpecker Class:** At the beginning of the week, Year 6 enjoyed investigating a new concept in Maths as we started our new learning on ratio – the children enjoyed exploring the language of ratio and comparing different objects. In English, we have explored commonalities in structure between different Grimm tales – great practise before writing our own! The highlight of the week has absolutely been our visit to London – all of the children had a fantastic time and were a credit to their parents and our school. We're sure they are ready for a big rest this weekend – well done Year 6!

## 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.