

# **Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School**

Newsletter

Friday 31st January 2025

Dear Parents,

Over the last week, we have really celebrated our 'Lifelong Readers' aim. Last week, our newly elected Reading Ambassadors met with Miss Armstrong for the first time and on Friday, they visited different classes to share a story. They are now busily preparing for Book Week in March. Our reading adventures continued on Monday, with Reception and Year 1 visiting Catterick Library. They had a great afternoon and got to tick off one of our 'H&A 36' experiences — to visit a library and borrow a book! It was also great to welcome Reception parents on Monday to watch a Phonics lesson; a big thank you to Mrs Dozéy for leading the session. We even rounded off the week with our half-termly 'Big Read' where the children shared some of their favourite books with their assembly partners.

Please could we ask that you check your child's PE kit over the weekend? Over the last couple of weeks, we have noticed children missing various pieces of kit – it is really important that trainers, shorts and t-shirts are in school each day.

Finally, we were delighted to welcome Mrs. Pearson to our teaching team this week who will be joining us on a temporary basis to provide cover; the children have already started to make her feel incredibly welcome!

Have a good weekend,

Mr. Donaldson & Mr. Cope

# London Residential / Staffing

All of our Year 5 and 6 children are very excited about their residential to London next week. As you can imagine, the visit does require a large number of staff. As a result, some children will be spending time with different teachers on Wednesday and Thursday.

- -Miss Weeks will be teaching the Reception and Year 1 children on Wednesday and Thursday next week, assisted by Mrs. Webster and Miss Jones.
- -Mrs. Hollocks and Mrs. Pearson will be teaching the Year 2, 3 and 4 children, assisted by Mrs. Kennedy.

A huge thanks to the staff both on the visit and back in school for helping everything to run smoothly.

# <u>Let's Celebrate!</u>

See who has been awarded in Celebration Assembly this week!									
	Mrs.	Mrs.		Mr.		1rs.	Miss	Mrs. Kawai-	Mr.
	Dozēy	Tunmo	re	Cope	но	locks	Weeks	Calderhead	Donaldson
Above & Beyond (Care – Aspire	Teddy	Eric		Thomas B	F	inn	Grace E	Thomas	Rafe
– Excel)									
	Robin (Rec		Kingfisher Class (Y2)		Partridge Class (Y4/5)		Woodpecker Class (Y6)		
Curriculum Award	Freya	Jack		Cora			Rafe	Sop	ohie
Aims Award	Albie	Edward	dward Kai			Charlie R		Grace	
Team Points	Bolton								
Tidy									
Classroom	Woodpeckers								
Golden Spoon	Harry								
Monarch	Esmae								

#### **Dodgeball Competition**

You may have noticed that we had a Dodgeball Competition penciled in for a Y3/4 team next week. This has been postponed and we will keep you posted when a new date is arranged.

### Online Safety Event

A reminder that Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Cope will be holding an online safety information event for parents on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February between 9.10-9.30am. Anyone is welcome to join us.

# **Mid-Year Reports**

Teachers are working hard on children's mid-year progress reports, which will be sent home on Friday 14th February. These will include information on children's current attainment, behavior and progress.

### **Diary Dates**

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

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Y3/4 Dodgeball Competition	¥3/4	Information to follow
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> – Thu 6 <sup>th</sup> February	London Residential	Y5/6	Information sent
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Online Safety Workshop – 9.00am	All	See newsletter
Monday $10^{th} - 12^{th}$ 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
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Spring Concert – 9.00am	All	Information to follow
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
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	School Closes for Easter Holiday	All	See newsletter

#### Around the Classes...

Robin Class (Reception): We had a wonderful start to our week, ticking off one of our Hunton and Arrathorne '36 before Year 6' goals by visiting the library and borrowing a book! We have enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year. The children have been highly engaged re-enacting 'The Great Race' story, learning about traditions and why it is celebrated. It was lovely to see so many of you at our Phonics morning. We really appreciate your support so thank you to anyone who was able to attend.

Robin Class (Year 1): We have had lots of fantastic learning this week! A stamp has been put into our 'H&A 36 Book' as we had a trip to the library and we thoroughly enjoyed sharing different texts and borrowing a book. In Maths, we have been delving deeper into place value and exploring numbers 11-20. Our English work has involved a new text 'Send for a Superhero!' where we have used adjectives to describe Filthy! Finally, we enjoyed ending the week with our 'Big Read'. Kingfisher Class: The Kingfishers have continued focussing on dividing in Maths this week, sharing and grouping objects and using their counting skills to complete division problems. In English, we have continued to explore our new story 'The Last Garden', using skills such as expanded noun phrases to add more description and conjunctions to help sequence instructions. The children were exploring solids in Science, investigating how they can bend, twist, stretch and squash whilst in P.E., they were 'happy and healthy' during our much-enjoyed dodgeball lessons.

Partridge Class: Partridges have had a very exciting week this week. In English, we started our new text 'High Rise Mystery' and had a crime scene at the back of our classroom! We are all really looking forward to becoming sleuths and investigating the crime. We had cake on Monday as an introduction to our fractions topic, helping us to recognise a range of fractions. The children also enjoyed learning their water cycle by singing along to Taylor Swift. A successful, fun week of learning!

Woodpecker Class: Year 6 have produced some wonderful writing this week – completing their narrative stories based on 'The Boy in the Tower' and practising a range of speech punctuation. In Maths, they have focussed on calculating with decimals and started to investigate percentages. In Geography, we have continued to think about climate change and in PE enjoyed our first dodgeball session (now that the ice has finally melted!) A great week all round!

#### 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.