



Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 16th May 2025

Dear Parents,

It was great to see some of you join us for our mathematics session yesterday to find out more about our new 'Diamond Dash Challenge'. 'Diamond Dash' fever has definitely gripped the school and it is great to see so many children receiving certificates and pin-badges already. If you weren't able to make the meeting, and would like a copy of the presentation, please let Mrs. Godlee know.

Whilst Year 6 have been busy completing their assessments, it has been great to see so many other fantastic things happening in school. From outdoor reading to science experiments, there has been lots of fantastic learning taking place.

On Tuesday, Robin Class had some exciting visitors as some chicks arrived to spend some time with the Reception children. Furthermore, Thursday saw three lambs arrive to live in the Nectar Café for a week or so which always brings great excitement! All of the children will get chance to pop out and see them and the Robins in particular will be helping with looking after them whilst they are with us.

Mr. Donaldson & Mr. Cope

Class Assembly

Our wonderful class assemblies begin again next Monday with Year 2 & 3 hosting first! Parents and family of Kingfisher Class are welcome to join us on the playground at 9.00am to find out what their children have been up to!

British Values Day

Today we have celebrated 'British Values Day' in school – with children throughout school completing a range of activities, which have celebrated: individual liberty; tolerance and mutual respect; the rule of law; individual liberty and democracy. We were delighted that our equalities governor, Mrs. Smeeton, also joined us.

Year 6

A huge 'well done' to Year 6 who have worked very hard this week on their end of Key Stage 2 assessments (SATs). They have shown fantastic drive and determination to demonstrate the skills and knowledge they have gained throughout their time in school. We are very proud of them for trying their best!

Goodbye & Good Luck!

Last week we said 'goodbye and good luck' to Miss Pugh who has been completing her teaching placement with Kingfisher Class. Miss Pugh has now returned to continue her studies – she will be missed!

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)	Mary	Ralph	Thomas J	Evie	Noah	Max	Year 6
	Robin Class (Rec / Y1)		Kingfisher Class (Y2)		Partridge Class (Y4/5)		Woodpecker Class (Y6)
Curriculum Award	Amelia-Rose	Jessica	James		Thomas		Fiona
Aims Award	Indiaana	Lucas	Esmae		Theodore		Ronnie
Team Points	Bolton						
Tidy Class	Woodpecker						
Golden Spoon	James						
Monarch	Kai						

IMPORTANT: SICKNESS

Please could we remind all parents of the 48-hour rule regarding sickness from Public Health England: **In general, it is recommended that any staff member or child with diarrhoea and/or vomiting symptoms must stay away or be excluded from the school or early years setting until they have been free of symptoms for 48 hours (the '48-hour rule') and feel well. Personal hygiene whilst ill must be very strict.** If children return to school and share with staff that they have been absent with diarrhoea or vomiting then parents will be called to collect them until the 48-hour period has expired.

Diary Dates

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

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Monday 19 th May	Y2/3 Class Assembly @ 9am	Y2/3	Information sent
Wednesday 21 st May	'24 Maths Challenge' @ Richmond School	4 x Y4/5	Information to follow
Friday 23 rd May	School Closes for Summer Half-Term	All	See newsletter
Monday 2 nd June	Y4 Multiplication Check Begins	Y4	See newsletter
Monday 2 nd June	'Outdoor Learning Week'	All	See newsletter
W/C Monday 9 th June	Y1 Phonics Screening Check Begins	Y1	See newsletter
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
Tuesday 24 th June	SEND Drop-in	All	See newsletter
Monday 30 th June	Y1 Class Assembly @ 9am	Y1	Information sent
Wednesday 2 nd July	Y1 Fun Run	Y1	Information to follow
Thursday 3 rd July	Y2/3 Drumming Concert @ 2.30pm	Y2/3	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

Around the Classes...

Robin Class (Reception): This week, we have enjoyed lots of outdoor learning spending most of our mornings exploring and learning in the nectar cafe! We have planted seeds to watch grow over the coming weeks, met some baby chicks and enjoyed our new sand pit areas! Following the children's interests, this week we put on a class show, creating tickets, snacks and all taking it in turns to perform a group song. In Maths, we have been continuing our work on height and number bonds to 5! To finish the week, we had a focused day on 'British values' and how we promote these every day.

Robin Class (Year 1): We have enjoyed the introduction of the Diamond Dash this week; the children may have brought home a little note explaining which numbers will help them to chant at both school and home. In Maths, we have explored arrays whilst in R.E. we have been thinking about places of worship and the features of a mosque. For Geography, we know where in the world Saltburn-by-the-Sea is and how people affect the beach. Finally, we loved meeting some chicks, showing love and care!

Kingfisher Class: This week, we have spent some time practicing for our class assembly, which takes place at 9:00am on Monday – hopefully you will be able to join us, as we are excited to perform it for you! In English, we have continued with our new unit about 'The Owl and the Pussycat', exploring skills such as apostrophes for contraction and possessive pronouns. We have also explored sketch maps in geography, working together to create some of our own based on the key features of Nevada. Another great week and lots of art to look forwards to next week – well done to all.

Partridge Class: Partridges have had a very busy week! On Monday, we thoroughly enjoyed our PE lesson in the sun. We developed our skills of working as a team and using tactics to support each other. In Maths, we have been exploring decimals; the children have been amazing and have worked extremely hard. We finished our week with British Values Day. We looked at what it means to follow our British values in school and as a British citizen through voting, debates and writing about what 'respect' means to us as individuals.

Woodpecker Class: We are very proud of Year 6 and their efforts in their assessments this week – fantastic evidence of our vision in action. As well as their assessments, Year 6 have immersed themselves in their History learning by investigating 'Why do so many people live in megacities', including investigating population and settlements. They've even found time to get plenty of fresh air during their cricket and rounders sessions and have investigated internet systems in Computing.

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.