

# **Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School**

Newsletter

Friday 9th May 2025

Dear Parents,

With only a fortnight to go until half-term, things certainly seem to be moving quickly! Next week, Year 6 will have their SATS – this will then be followed by statutory assessments for Year 1 (in Phonics) and Year 4 (in Multiplication Tables) after half-term. Following this, we will be holding our 'British Values Day' next Friday, before launching our much-anticipated end of year production with Year 2 – Year 6.

You should have received an email earlier this week regarding the PTFA AGM on Monday, which will take place in Hunton Village Hall. If you are available to join the meeting, please do so.

It was wonderful to see Year 6 parents join us for our Computing session on Wednesday to learn how to use micro:bits alongside their children. This week, we have also launched our new multiplication initiative the 'Diamond Dash' with the children. We have our parent information session next Thursday at 2.30pm.

Mr. Donaldson & Mr. Cope

#### Year 6 SATS

We would like to send our wonderful Year 6 cohort a big 'good luck' ahead of their end of Key Stage 2 Assessments (SATs) next week. We are very lucky to have such a fantastic group of children as role models for the rest of the school, and they have worked so hard throughout their seven years at H&A. We are very proud of them all!

## V.E Day

We had a lovely time commemorating the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Victory in Europe yesterday. We are so grateful to Phil Morgan (one of our parent governors) for organising the activities during the morning alongside the Armed Forces. We are sure your children have told you all about the fantastic events – I'm sure the military fly-past at 250ft will certainly live in everyone's memories for a very long time! In assembly, we reflected on the poignancy of the phrase, 'They gave their tomorrow, for our today'.

# Tesco 'Stronger Starts'

We're delighted to announce that we came in 1<sup>st</sup> place during the recent Tesco 'Stronger Starts' programme. Thank you to the PTFA for organising and everyone who supported school by popping their tokens in our box when shopping! We will receive £1,500, which will go towards improving the outdoor environments across our school.

#### Let's Celebrate!

See who has been awarded in Celebration Assembly this week!

	Mrs.	Mrs.		Mr.		1rs.	Miss	Mrs.	Mr.
	Dozēy	Tunmo	re	Cope	Но	locks	Weeks	Pearson	Donaldson
Above & Beyond (Care – Aspire – Excel)	Amelia E	Jack		Chloe	1	Kai	Evie	Fiona	Jay
	Robin ( (Rec /	8		_	Woodpecker Class (Y6)				
Curriculum Award	Ava	Edward		Jaiden			Rosa	Bar	naby
Aims Award	Sebby	Eric	Eric Thomas			Grace		Amelia	
Team Points	Richmond								
Tidy Class	Woodpeckers								
Golden Spoon	Holly								
Monarch		Tilly							

# **Rhubarb Stall**

A huge thank you and well done to Arthur in Year 1 who set up a pop-up rhubarb stall in school last week to sell his homegrown rhubarb! We were so grateful and are thrilled to announce that Arthur raised over XXXXX for school funds. Thanks to everyone who supported the stall.

# **Diary Dates**

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

When?	What?	Who?	How?	
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS Week	Y6	Information sent	
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Mental Arithmetic Parent Session @ 2.30pm	All	Information sent	
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Y2/3 Class Assembly @ 9am	Y2/3	Information sent	
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	'24 Maths Challenge' @ Richmond School	4 x Y4/5	Information to follow	
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	School Closes for Summer Half-Term	All	See newsletter	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Y4 Multiplication Check Begins	Y4	See newsletter	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	'Outdoor Learning Week'	All	See newsletter	
W/C Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 Phonics Screening Check Begins	Y1	See newsletter	
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Y4/5 Class Assembly @ 9am	Y4/5	Information sent	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Morning	All	Information to follow	
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Reception Class Assembly @ 9am	REC	Information sent	
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 Class Assembly @ 9am	Y1	Information sent	
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Y1 Fun Run	Y1	Information to follow	
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Y2/3 Drumming Concert @ 2.30pm	Y2/3	Information to follow	
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Middleham Team Visit to Middleham Castle	M'ham	Information to follow	
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Y2 – Y6 End of Year Production	Y2-Y6	Information to follow	
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	July End of Year Reports Home		See newsletter	
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly <mark>@ 2:30pm</mark>	Y6	Information sent	
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	School Closes for Summer Holiday	All	See newsletter	

# Around the Classes...

Robin Class (Reception): This week, Reception have enjoyed the story of the week 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. In Maths, we have been looking at measurement - specifically height. We have been comparing height using the vocabulary 'taller than' and shorter than. We celebrated VE day as a whole school on Thursday by having a wonderful morning on the village green. We met soldiers, looked at some of the weapons and listened to some wonderful music including bagpipes and drums! Robin Class (Year 1): This week, we have loved the text 'Beegu' and this helped us to write a narrative about our own alien. 'Diamond Dash' has commenced... we are very excited to take on the challenge, focussing on the 2s, 5s and 10s. We have continued our enquiry question, 'Why do we love to be beside the seaside?' where we have explored rock pools. I am so proud of each of the children working on their prosody in our reading sessions, the expression and meaning is really standing out. And what a wonderful way to nearly end the week with VE Day celebrations, it was a privilege to show our support. Kingfisher Class: Kingfisher Class kicked off the week by continuing to explore how the location of Nevada is different from our own, this week focussing on the vastly different environments across the state and identifying human and physical features. We have also enjoyed some outdoor learning in Maths this week, using objects found in the Nectar Café to make pizzas and represent various fractions. We also had a brilliant morning to mark VE Day when we were joined by the Infantry Training Centre from Catterick Garrison for lots of demonstrations; the children were inquisitive and impeccably behaved as always! Partridge Class: Partridges have had a week filled with History, with VE day and our English topic exploring the Empire Windrush. The children had an amazing time at the VE celebrations and really enjoyed every activity. They have also enjoyed exploring how those on the Empire Windrush felt when they arrived in England, being creators by using brilliant language to describe setting. In Science, the children planned and conducted their own scientific enquiry, exploring, 'What happens to sound as the distance from the sound source increases?'

**Woodpecker Class:** As SAT's Week approaches, Year 6 have worked very hard consolidating their understanding of everything they have learnt this year – we're sure their hard work and dedication will pay off! They have also really impressed in their English lessons by creating wonderfully persuasive descriptions for a luxury restaurant. Well done!

## 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.