



Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 14th November 2025

Dear Parents,

It has been another busy and exciting week, in school. It was amazing to see our school on 'The One Show' on Wednesday, and it will certainly go down in the history of Hunton & Arrathorne School. Thank you to those of you that joined us to cheer Jude on. We have also enjoyed completing our 'Strictly Dance Challenge' each day to raise money for Children in Need. We know lots of families will have donated via the website, so thank you.

As we approach the middle of November, our thoughts are slowly turning to Christmas (as we dig out the Christmas lights ahead of our Christmas Fair!) All information regarding the various festive events in school has been sent home. This begins with our Christmas Fair on Wednesday 26th November. It would be great to see lots of you there, and raise lots of money for school.

Finally, we hope to see you at our 'Big Read' next Friday – more information can be found below.

Thank you again for your continued support and we hope you have a lovely weekend,

Mr. Donaldson & Mr. Cope

Chocolate Tombola

Children may bring in 2 bars of chocolate (one to eat, one to donate to our tombola at the Christmas Fair) next Friday (21st November).

'Odd Socks Day'

On Monday, we will celebrate 'Odd Socks Day' as part of our anti-bullying and kindness week. Children are invited to come to school wearing odd socks and we will have a special assembly on Monday morning, followed by short activities throughout the week to discuss the importance of being kind to one another and celebrate that we are all different.

'Big Read' for Parents

We will be holding our next 'Big Read' for parents on Friday 21st November. Parents are welcome to come into school to share a story or book with their children from 2.45pm on this date.

Let's Celebrate!

See who has been awarded in Celebration Assembly this week!

	Mrs. Dozēy	Mrs. Hollocks	Mr. Donaldson	Mrs. Tunmore	Miss Weeks	Mrs. Kawai-Calderhead	Mr. Cope
Care – Aspire – Excel Awards	Angus	Amelia E	Austin	Bill	Rose	Charlie R	Thomas B
	Robin Class (Rec/Y1)	Kingfisher Class (Y1 & Y2)		Goldfinch Class (Y3)	Partridge Class (Y4 & Y5)		Woodpecker Class (Y6)
Curriculum Award	Douggie	Arthur		Jaiden	Holly		Joey
Aims Award	Grace	Oskar		Margot	Thomas		Rafe
Team Points	Bolton						
Presentation Prize	Evie (Y6)						
Golden Spoon	Lacie-Mae						
Monarch	Annie						
Tidy Class	Kingfisher						

Diary Dates

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

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Tuesday 18 th November	Y3/4 NERF Festival @ Richmond School	TBC	Information sent
Friday 21 st November	'Big Read' for Parents – 2.45pm	All	See newsletter
Wednesday 26 th November	Christmas Fair	All	Information sent
Tuesday 2 nd December	Y5/6 Netball @ Bedale School	TBC	Information to follow
Wednesday 3 rd December	Christmas Film Night	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 3 rd December	Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics @ Richmond School	TBC	Information to follow
Monday 8 th December	Christmas Postbox Opens	All	Information sent
Wednesday 10 th December	Reception & Key Stage 1 Nativity @ 2.00 & 6.00pm	REC-Y2	Information sent
Tuesday 16 th December	Pantomime @ Darlington Hippodrome	All	Information sent
Wednesday 17 th December	Christingle @ St Patrick's Church – 6.00pm	All	Information sent
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas Party	All	Information sent
Friday 19 th December	School Closes for Christmas Holiday	All	See newsletter
Monday 5 th January	School Closed – CPD Day	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 6 th January	School Opens	All	See newsletter
Thursday 8 th January	Y3/4 Parliament Visit	Y3/4	Information sent
Thursday 12 th February	Richmond Station Art Exhibition	All	Information to follow
Friday 13 th February	School Closes for Half Term	All	See newsletter
Monday 23 rd February	School Opens	All	See newsletter
26 th – 27 th February	Y5/6 Residential to Carlton Lodge	Y5/6	Information sent

Around the Classes...

Robin Class: We started the week by learning about Remembrance, creating our own poppies and marking the event with a 2-minute silence to show our respect. On Tuesday, the children arrived to a very messy classroom...the children have been investigating clues to try to work out who they think has made the mess. Within provision, they left out traps to try and catch 'Goldilocks' and received a letter from her in return! Following this, our key text in 'Drawing Club' has been Goldilocks and the Three Bears! We have been using fantastic codes to create places for Goldilocks to hide and maps for the bears to follow.

Kingfisher Class: Kingfisher Class have worked very hard all week. They have enjoyed further developing their addition skills – learning how to use number lines to count on. Year 1 have worked hard with adding to teens numbers, whilst Year 2 investigated larger 2-digit numbers. In English, they have written emails and in Science, they have investigated what changes happen between autumn and winter. The children really enjoyed their first History lesson on Monday – creating a timeline of their own lives using the photographs sent in from home. They look fantastic!

Goldfinch Class: A beautiful start to the week with a Remembrance Assembly to show respect to all the fallen soldiers. We linked our reading comprehension to a class favourite text: Stubby – A True Story of Friendship. In Maths, we have started to develop our column subtraction skills. Our History investigation has started as we consider 'Who is the greatest history maker?' We've been 'happy and healthy' daily, co-ordinating a 25 step dance for Children in Need.

Partridge Class: Partridges have been amazing this week. They've worked so hard in all lessons! In English, we have started our new book 'FARThER' and have asked some interesting questions about the front cover. We have been showing brilliant sportsmanship in PE, supporting our peers in football. In Maths, we have been developing our additions skills, using concrete resources to model the process of column addition before moving on to written methods. We also loved the excitement of Children in Need and being on TV! Another great week, well done to all.

Woodpecker Class: We kicked off the week with a Remembrance Assembly on Monday morning with the children paying respects with a 2-minute silence. In Maths, we have consolidated our use of long division before moving onto BODMAS and we have once again been incredibly impressed by their attitudes. In English, we have been distinguishing between 'facts and opinions' whilst in History, we explored how the major city-states of Ancient Greece (Sparta and Athens) were similar and different. And finally, the children were brilliant during our 'Crucial Crew' visit on Wednesday afternoon, learning about how to keep safe in a variety of contexts.

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.