



# Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents,

Another week has absolutely flown by! Once again, it has been great to see so much learning taking place. Over the past couple of weeks, we have interviewed groups of children about Maths and Handwriting – it is always wonderful to hear how much they enjoy their learning. Throughout school, we are also having a big focus on presentation and outcomes within books. This is having a huge impact as the children are driven to be the best they can be and take pride in every piece of work they produce. Because of this, we have introduced our 'Top Banana' prize for handwriting – we have already had two winners and are sure there will be many more!

We'd also really like to celebrate our whole-school attendance, which so far this year is 98.5%. Being in school each day is so important and I am sure you have seen in the news recently that attendance at the beginning of the academic year is particularly beneficial to children. Hopefully this brilliant attendance will continue throughout the year!

The children have had a great first few weeks back, with some looking incredibly tired by the end of the week so hopefully they will have a lovely, restful weekend!

Mr. Donaldson & Mr. Cope

### Reception Phonics Event

We will be holding our Phonics Information Evening for our Reception families on Thursday at 4pm. We would love for as many families to join us as possible, to find out all about how they can support their child's reading journey at home.

### River Bus

Year 4 and 5 had a great morning on Tuesday with the Rivers Trust, completing activities on the 'River Bus' which really helped them further their understanding of their geography learning.

### Governors' Corner

Time is already flying by, and we are halfway through September. We had our first meeting of the academic year last week and we are pleased to inform you that we appointed Rosey Walker as a member of the Governing Body. Rosey is not a stranger to school as she previously worked in the school for a year as Special Educational Needs Coordinator and I am sure she will bring lots of skills as a member of our team. It was lovely to see the new starters when I popped into school last week, they were really enjoying their activities - lots of smiling faces. The school looks amazing, and the children have all settled into the new school year. Thank you all for your continuing support of the school.

### 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	Grace	Amelia E	Lacie-Mae	Esmae	Henry S	Rafe	Ralph
	Robin Class (Rec/Y1)	Kingfisher Class (Y1 & Y2)		Goldfinch Class (Y3)	Partridge Class (Y4 & Y5)		Woodpecker Class (Y6)
Curriculum Award	Angus	Seb M		Emily	Livy		Harry
Aims Award	Thomas	Thomas		Nancy	Tai		Bea
Team Points	Middleham						
Presentation Prize	Pippa						
Golden Spoon	Cora						
Monarch	Amelia C						
Tidy Class	Woodpecker						

### Diary Dates

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

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Phonics Information Event @ 4pm – Rec Parents	Y1	Information sent
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Yorkshire Dales Visit (Year 6)	Y6	Information to follow
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Richmond Visit (Year 3)	Y3	Information to follow
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	River Swale Visit (Year 4 & 5)	Y4/5	Information to follow
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Bedale Visit (Year 1 & 2)	Y1/2	Information to follow
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Glasshouse Gateshead Visit (Year 4,5 & 6)	Y4/5/6	Information to follow
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Phonics Information Event @ 4pm – Y1 Parents	Y1	Information to follow
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual Photographs	All	See newsletter
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Design Technology Parent Event @ 2.45pm	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Football Event @ Colburn Sports Hall	TBC	Information to follow
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening – 4.00-6.00pm	All	Information to follow
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival @ 2.30pm	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Cross Country @ Richmond School (Key Stage 2)	KS2	Information to follow
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	School Closes for Half Term	All	See newsletter
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	School Closed – CPD Day	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	School Opens	All	See newsletter
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Festival of Remembrance @ Ripon Cathedral	TBC	Information to follow
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Y3/4 NERF Festival @ Richmond School	TBC	Information to follow
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics @ Richmond School	TBC	Information to follow
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception & Key Stage 1 Nativity @ 2.00 & 6.00pm	REC-Y2	Information to follow
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime @ Darlington Hippodrome	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle @ St Patrick's Church – 6.00pm	All	Information to follow
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	School Closes for Christmas Holiday	All	See newsletter

### Around the Classes...

**Robin Class:** This week, we have been sorting in Maths - looking at different ways to sort objects by different properties. Our story of the week 'What if we were all the same?' has followed on our discussions of similarities and differences...which we have coupled with exploring differences around the world. In Drawing Club, we had some amazing ideas with our story 'Mixed', which tied in to celebrating differences and being unique! We've been enjoying large movements through our handwriting journey, including beginning to write our graphemes this week! A copy of these has been sent home for the children (by special request).

**Kingfisher Class:** Kingfisher Class have continued to impress us with their attitudes to learning. They are adapting well to their new classroom and are working really hard to be driven – working on their letter and number formation has been a particular focus. In Maths, Year 1 have worked hard on recognising 1 more and 1 less when working with teen numbers whilst Year 2 investigate numbers to 100. In English, they have enjoyed creating fact-files for pets and have learnt about human and physical geography!

**Goldfinch Class:** This week, we have ended on a high with our 'Big Read' with our new assembly partners, showing off our 'lifelong reader skills'. Please remember to let me know in the reading record that 5 reads have been completed over the week, this gets children a raffle ticket for the exciting prize basket, and we are hoping to fill our pasta jar to the brim for an end of term class treat! In P.E. we have been 'happy & healthy' on the village green exploring cricket skills. In R.E. we focused on the story 'Moses and the Burning Bush' thinking of others and reasons why they pray.

**Partridge Class:** What a brilliant week! Partridges were very lucky to have a rivers workshop on Tuesday, consolidating our knowledge about our local river, The River Swale! We also worked on our sportsmanship during a rounders tournament in PE. The children have impressed with their amazing language in English, writing their final piece, explaining how an electric pencil sharpener works. Well done Partridges!

**Woodpecker Class:** In Maths this week, we have progressed onto addition and subtraction, calculating with numbers up to 8-digits using formal written methods and applying these skills to solve problems. We have explored main and subordinate clauses in our spelling, punctuation and grammar work, identifying them and applying them to our own work. We had a lot of fun researching why tourists visit the Yorkshire Dales on Monday, with our 'winning fact' informing us that Pateley Bridge is home to one of the country's oldest sweet shops! We continue to be really impressed with the children's attitudes to learning, particularly the care they are taking with every piece of work.

### 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.