



Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 5th September 2025

Dear Parents,

We have had another fantastic week in school and it has been great to see lots of learning take place in each class, and to see how well our new Reception children have settled into school.

You will notice from the diary dates overleaf that it is already shaping up to be a very busy term. Please do take the time to read them carefully and cross-reference them with your own calendars – we hope providing you with dates in advance will be helpful and allow you to attend as many events as possible (although thinking about the festive season in September is somewhat difficult!) You'll also notice that we have lots of extra-curricular visits taking place later this half-term – letters regarding these will be sent home on Monday.

You will hopefully have received a 'curriculum newsletter' earlier in the week which will give lots of useful information about your child's new class as well as a 'curriculum jigsaw' which will inform you of the units being covered in each subject. Please do ask if you have any further questions about your child's learning as we begin our new school year!

The children have had a brilliant first week back – we hope you all enjoy a well-deserved weekend break!

Mr. Donaldson & Mr. Cope

Non-Uniform Day

Just a reminder that children are able to wear non-uniform next Friday in exchange for prizes / donations towards our Tombola at Hunton Steam Gathering. Thank you for your support!

Welcome to Team H&A!

We say a big H&A 'hello and welcome' to lots of new faces. Firstly, our new Reception children have had enjoyed an excellent first week in school – we welcome Margot, Grace, Amelia, Letty, Thomas, Angus, James, Elizabeth, Charlie, Douggie and Heath. They have settled in beautifully. We also welcome Nancy and Lacey into Year 1; Charlotte into Year 3; Lacie-Mae into Year 4 and Joey into Year 6. We hope the children and their families are made to feel very welcome!

We also welcome Miss Sawyer who will be completing her teaching placement with us during this term. Miss Sawyer will work alongside Mr. Donaldson and Mrs. Hollocks in Kingfisher Class.

Let's Celebrate!

See who has been awarded in Celebration Assembly this week!

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	Mrs. Dozēy	Mrs. Hollocks	Mr. Donaldson	Mrs. Tunmore	Miss Weeks	Mrs. Kawai-Calderhead	Mr. Cope
Care – Aspire – Excel Awards	Heath	Indi	Arthur	Cora	Kirsty	River	Ava
	Robin Class (Rec/Y1)	Kingfisher Class (Y1 & Y2)		Goldfinch Class (Y3)	Partridge Class (Y4 & Y5)		Woodpecker Class (Y6)
Curriculum Award	Charlie P	Eric		Bill	Thomas R		Charlie R
Aims Award	Douggie	Siena		Ivo	Betsy		Grace s
Team Points	Bolton						
Presentation Prize	Joey						
Golden Spoon	Grace S & Grace E						
Monarch	Finn						
Tidy Class	Reception						

Diary Dates

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

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Friday 12 th September	Non-Uniform Day (Tombola Donations)	All	See newsletter
Saturday 13 th September	Hunton Steam Gathering	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 16 th September	Y4/5 Rivers Workshop	Y4/5	See newsletter
Thursday 25 th September	Phonics Information Event @ 4pm – Rec Parents	Y1	Information sent
Monday 29 th September	Yorkshire Dales Visit (Year 6)	Y6	Information to follow
Tuesday 30 th September	Richmond Visit (Year 3)	Y3	Information to follow
Tuesday 30 th September	River Swale Visit (Year 4 & 5)	Y4/5	Information to follow
Thursday 2 nd October	Bedale Visit (Year 1 & 2)	Y1/2	Information to follow
Thursday 2 nd October	Glasshouse Gateshead Visit (Year 4,5 & 6)	Y4/5/6	Information to follow
Thursday 9 th October	Phonics Information Event @ 4pm – Y1 Parents	Y1	Information to follow
Friday 10 th October	Individual Photographs	All	See newsletter
Friday 10 th October	Design Technology Parent Event @ 2.45pm	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 15 th October	Football Event @ Colburn Sports Hall	TBC	Information to follow
Wednesday 15 th October	Parents' Evening – 4.00-6.00pm	All	Information to follow
Thursday 16 th October	Harvest Festival @ 2.30pm	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 22 nd October	Cross Country @ Richmond School (Key Stage 2)	KS2	Information to follow
Friday 24 th October	School Closes for Half Term	All	See newsletter
Monday 3 rd November	School Closed – CPD Day	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 4 th November	School Opens	All	See newsletter
Friday 7 th November	Festival of Remembrance @ Ripon Cathedral	TBC	Information to follow
Tuesday 18 th November	Y3/4 NERF Festival @ Richmond School	TBC	Information to follow
Wednesday 3 rd December	Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics @ Richmond School	TBC	Information to follow
Wednesday 10 th December	Reception & Key Stage 1 Nativity @ 2.00 & 6.00pm	REC-Y2	Information to follow
Tuesday 16 th December	Pantomime @ Darlington Hippodrome	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 17 th December	Christingle @ St Patrick's Church – 6.00pm	All	Information to follow
Friday 19 th December	School Closes for Christmas Holiday	All	See newsletter

Around the Classes...

Robin Class: Wow what a wonderful first week we have had! The children have settled beautifully well and made lots of fabulous new relationships with their class friends and teaching staff. We have enjoyed exploring our lovely classroom, and had lots of discussions about emotions, with the support of our key text 'The Colour Monster'. Lots of other exciting learning has been happening in class, don't forget to look on Tapestry to see what else we have been up to!

Kingfisher Class: What a fabulous first week we have had in Kingfisher Class! The children have quickly learnt our new routines and enjoyed exploring our new classroom and outdoor area. In English, we have started to investigate our new story, 'Pig the Pug' and discussed our favourite pets! In our maths lessons, we have thought really carefully about the value of numbers and used different representations to show numbers to 20 (in Year 1) and numbers to 100 (in Year 2). Well done, Kingfisher Class! Have a lovely well-earned weekend!

Goldfinch Class: Welcome to the shiny, brand new Goldfinch Class. The children have all settled in beautifully, showing off high behaviour standards and working really hard. We began by sharing our 'No Outsiders' story, 'The Cow who Climbed a Tree,' where we loved sharing tales about trying something new. We even tried Yoga in the sunshine.

Partridge Class: The children have had a brilliant start to Year 4/5. We have started with place value in maths, particularly learning more about how Roman Numerals can be used to represent numbers. We have started a new book - Until I Met Dudley - in English and have considered what inventions we would like to create with some brilliant ideas. The children have really shown how hardworking they are, and I am looking forward to seeing them progress through the year! Have a lovely weekend.

Woodpecker Class: The Woodpeckers have had a brilliant first week in year 6 and everyone comments on how smart they all look in their new ties! We are really proud of how well they have settled in and are taking their new responsibilities very seriously – I am sure they are going to have a great year. In maths, we have been looking at the place value of numbers up to 8 digits whilst in English, we have been exploring 'question tags' based on our new class story, 'The Invention of Hugo Cabret'. A great first week back – well done to all!

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.