



# Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2026

Dear Parents,

This week, we have held our 'Design Technology Days'. Whilst our Reception and Year 1 children focussed on sculptures, Year 2 – Year 6 developed their textile skills. We hope you are able to join us to see the final products at our open event this afternoon.

Our Pupil Leaders have really shone this week. Firstly, our Team Captains held 'Team Assemblies' on Monday, sharing the work of our termly charity, Hambleton Foodshare, in preparation for our Harvest Festival. They were very confident! Our Pupil Leadership Team also held their 'Jar Tombola' fundraising event – thank you for the support. It is great to see our young leaders in action!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr. Donaldson & Mr. Cope

### Governors' Corner

On Monday, we had a visit from the Robin Class for pumpkin picking. The children were well prepared and loved shared their knowledge about pumpkins. They were very well-behaved and well-mannered, demonstrating good listening skills and respect for the environment.

I also joined Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Cope for a learning walk around school on Wednesday. It was great to see how focussed and engaged the children in each class were and I was impressed by the work in their books, which clearly followed a consistent approach and was well-presented. All children were very keen to share what they were learning about with me.

Andrea Peacock,  
Chair of Governors.

### Harvest Festival

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Harvest Festival next Thursday at 2.30pm. It will be a lovely way to end the term together and each class will take part in the service. The event will take place on the school playground, so please dress appropriately for the weather. Donations of dried or canned food are welcome and will be shared with local food banks.

### Welcome

This week we have welcomed Miss Archer to our team. She will be working as a teaching assistant in Key Stage 1!

### Halloween Film Night

It's not too late to book onto our 'Halloween Film Night' next Wednesday. Entry costs £5 per child, which includes a film and refreshments! It's guaranteed to be 'spook-tacular!'

### Special Educational Needs & Disabilities

Just a reminder Mrs. Cromey-Hawke (our SENDCo) is in school each Thursday. She will be on the school playground either in the morning or the afternoon if your child is on the Special Educational Needs Register, or if you have concerns about your child. If you are unable to catch her at these 'drop-in' events, please contact the school office to make an appointment for a convenient time.

### Relationships & Sex Education

Our Relationships & Sex Education Policy is available in the 'Curriculum' section of the school website if you would like to find out about it in more detail.

### Let's Celebrate!

There is no 'Celebration Assembly' this week due to our Design Technology event.

### School Closed – CPD Day

A polite reminder that school is closed next Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October for staff training.

### Diary Dates

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

| When?                                                 | What?                                               | Who?    | How?                  |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------|
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October                    | Halloween Film Night                                | All     | Information to follow |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October                     | Harvest Festival @ 2.30pm                           | All     | Information to follow |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October                     | School Closes for October Half-Term                 | All     | See newsletter        |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October                       | School Closed – CPD Day                             | All     | See newsletter        |
| Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November                       | School Opens                                        | All     | See newsletter        |
| Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November                    | Yorkshire Wildlife Park Visit – KS1                 | KS1     | Information to follow |
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> November                       | Festival of Remembrance @ Ripon Cathedral           | H-H KS2 | Information to follow |
| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November                   | Parents' Evening                                    | All     | Information to follow |
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> November                      | Odd Socks Day / Anti-Bullying Week                  | All     | Information to follow |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November                   | Maths Information Event @ 2.30 – Reception Parents  | REC     | Information to follow |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> November                    | Torchlight Treasure Hunt @ 5.00pm                   | All     | Information to follow |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> November                      | Big Read @ 2.30pm                                   | All     | Information to follow |
| Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December                      | Y5/6 Visit to Richmond                              | Y5/6    | Information to follow |
| Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December                    | Christmas Fair @ 3.30pm                             | All     | Information to follow |
| Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December                    | Reception & KS1 Nativity @ 2.00 and 6.00pm          | REC/KS1 | Information to follow |
| Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December                    | Christmas Film Night                                | All     | Information to follow |
| Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December                     | Pantomime @ Darlington Hippodrome                   | All     | Information to follow |
| Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December                   | Christingle @ St Patrick's Church, Patrick Brompton | All     | Information to follow |
| Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December                    | Christmas Party                                     | All     | Information to follow |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December                      | School Closes for Christmas Holiday                 | All     | See newsletter        |
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January                        | School Closed – CPD Day                             | All     | See newsletter        |
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January                       | School Opens                                        | All     | See newsletter        |
| Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> & Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb | Y5/6 London Residential                             | Y5/6    | Information sent      |

### Around the Classes...

**Robin Class:** The highlight of our week was our visit to 'Peacock's Pumpkin Patch' where the children had a great time picking their own pumpkins! We have been learning about various types of pumpkins and how they aren't all the same. In phonics, we have been writing our first words! WOW - the children absolutely blew us away with how well they did. In maths, we have been talking about weight, using our subitising skills within groups (I can see a 2 and a 2. 4 altogether!) In music, we have been busy practicing our Harvest Festival song – you're in for a real treat!

**Kingfisher Class:** It has been another week of hard work in Kingfisher Class! We have enjoyed demonstrating all we have learnt in phonics this year during our assessments. In maths, we have focussed on sharpening our addition skills – using number bonds, composition and known facts. In English, we have enjoyed thinking about moon-related questions and in geography, we have created our own maps. Finally, we thoroughly enjoyed our Design Technology days, investigating stability by making pen pots!

**Goldfinch Class:** We have continued with addition and subtraction in maths this week, exploring how we can use the inverse to find missing numbers and how we can use known number facts to generate further calculations. In geography, we learned about the four compass points whilst in English, we continued to consider what it would be like to explore the world using our text 'Dear Earth'. We ended the week with our Design & Technology days, developing our sewing skills which, definitely required lots of resilience and determination. Well done everyone!

**Partridge Class:** We started the week with our 'House Team' assembly and ended with DT! We were 'creators' and 'risk takers' making our applique cushions. We finished place value in maths, ending with Roman Numerals, before we move onto addition and subtraction next week. We started a new text in English - 'The Mysteries of Harris Burdick' - which will lead to us producing a fantasy narrative. We continued with our landscape artwork based around David Hockney and for reading, we have enjoyed texts linked to DT.

**Woodpecker Class:** Woodpeckers have had a brilliant week. They've been working so hard and are living up to being role models. In maths, we became human numbers to help with multiplying and dividing - ask your children what this means! We also thought about what influences people's views in RE, and how that can determine their religion or beliefs. The children also enjoyed designing, creating and evaluating their own stuffed toy in our DT days where they were incredibly creative. 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.