



Dear Parents,

We can't believe we're half-way through this half-term. There is such a lovely atmosphere in school and we continue to be proud of all our children achieve every day. All children from Year 1 – Year 6 have visited Foxglove Covert on Catterick Garrison this week and taken part in scientific enquiry workshops; a key part of our aim to 'be inquisitive'. Four children from Year 6 also represented our school at an event organised by the Service Children's Coordinator on Monday ahead of Remembrance events in November – watch this space for more information!

We have now visited each class to observe some learning in action and complete termly monitoring – we have been so impressed with all we have seen and it further cements our view that we have *the* very best teachers at Hunton & Arrathorne!

We have ended the week celebrating 'European Day of Languages' where the children have enjoyed a 'petit dejeuner' followed by lots of fun 'French themed' activities which have included artwork based on the landmarks of Paris, exploring French speaking nations around the world and investigating French words we use in our everyday lives. There is a real buzz around school at the moment as we are really promoting our new French curriculum; ask your child to tell you a story or song they have learned this term!

Mr. Donaldson & Mr. Cope

### Governors' Corner

*It was a real privilege to visit the school on Tuesday and see all of the wonderful children in each year group being taught by the fantastic teachers. The children showed the core values (caring, aspiring and excelling) at various times throughout the day and were all positive towards their learning. The school has a wonderful culture and learning environment, which allows all of the children to reach their full potential.*

*Phil Morgan (Parent Governor)*

### SEND Drop-in

Does your child have SEND (Special Educational Needs or Disabilities)? Our SENDCo, Mrs Walker, will be holding a drop-in session for parents between 9.00-9.30 on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

### Let's Celebrate!

See who has been awarded in Celebration Assembly this week!

	Mrs. Dozēy	Mrs. Tunmore	Mr. Cope	Mrs. Hollocks	Miss Weeks	Mrs. Kawai-Calderhead	Mr. Donaldson
<b>Above &amp; Beyond</b> <i>(Care – Aspire – Excel)</i>	Freya	Edward	Oskar	Henry Wall	Evie	Sophie	Grace E
	Robin Class (Rec / Y1)		Kingfisher Class (Y2)		Partridge Class (Y4/5)		Woodpecker Class (Y6)
<b>Curriculum Award</b>	Oskar	William R	Beatrice		Charlie R		Ronnie
<b>Aims Award</b>	Sebby	Arthur	Kirsty		Rollo		Isaac
<b>Team Points</b>	Richmond						
<b>Tidy Classroom</b>	TBC						
<b>Golden Spoon</b>	Max C						
<b>Monarch</b>	Erin						

### Diary Dates

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

<b>When?</b>	<b>What?</b>	<b>Who?</b>	<b>How?</b>
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	KS2 Cross Country	KS2	Information sent
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	SEND Drop-in (9.00-9.30)	All	See newsletter
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening	All	Information sent
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	School Photographs (Individual)	All	Information to follow
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Halloween Film Night	All	Information to follow
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival & Pumpkin Parade – 2.30pm	All	Information to follow
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	School Closes for Half-Term	All	See newsletter
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	School Closed – CPD Day	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	School Opens – Autumn 2	All	See newsletter
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Service of Remembrance – Ripon Cathedral	KS2 HH	Information to follow
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Maths Parent Information Evening – 4.00pm	All	Information to follow
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	'Big Read' with Parents – 9.00am	All	Information to follow
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Film Night	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	'Sleeping Beauty' @ Darlington Hippodrome	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle @ St Patrick's Church – 6pm	All	Information to follow
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	School Closes for Christmas Holiday	All	See newsletter
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	School Closed – CPD Day	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	School Opens – Spring 1	All	See newsletter
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> – Thu 6 <sup>th</sup> February	London Residential	Y5/6	Information sent

### Around the Classes...

**Robin Class (Reception):** The children have been exploring their senses with Miss Hayden in our 'Curiosity Cube' this week, sparking lots of discussions and have explored a range of activities throughout the week focusing on their senses! To extend our enjoyment of mixing colours this week, we have been adding textures and painting on different surfaces. We started our timetabled maths inputs this week and the children have blown us away with their engagement and enthusiasm! Following on from this they have shown high levels of engagement going on number scavenger hunts in the outdoor provision. Our story of the week 'The Day the Crayons Quit' has introduced the vocabulary 'fair, persistent and quit'. It's been lovely to watch the children using this throughout the week alongside our actions to be persistent and not 'quit' and notice when others are doing the same... 'They are being persistent and not giving up!' Amazing!

**Robin Class (Year 1):** What a fantastic week of learning! We loved participating in the whole school trip to the 'Foxglove Covert' to support our science learning. We loved exploring and finding clues, even in the rain! In our maths lessons, we have continued to put our place value knowledge to the test by counting on from a given number. English has seen us retell the narrative 'Cave Baby'. We thoroughly enjoyed the story 'Jonah and the Whale' in RE and learning what the bible teaches us about God. A super ending to the week, celebrating European Day of Languages and exploring France through fun sports!

**Kingfisher Class:** What an inquisitive week we have had! On Wednesday, we had a fantastic morning at Foxglove Covert where we went on a nature walk, found lots of interesting animals when pond dipping and explored different skulls. When we returned to school, we continued with our science learning by exploring the different microhabitats we had in the Nectar Cafe. We found lots of centipedes, worms and woodlice. In English, the children have impressed me with their writing skills as we have written our own circus story. The children have made their writing interesting and included all the skills we have taught the past few weeks. In Maths, we have been ordering numbers.

**Partridge Class:** What an exciting week! During our visit to Foxglove Covert, the children embraced the wet weather and were very inquisitive during pond dipping. We also explored different classifications of animals on the reserve, relating to our science topic 'living things and their habitats'. We continued being happy and healthy in PE, exploring what dance movements would best represent the theme of being a spy; the children definitely represented their sneaky side! Finally, to celebrate National Day of European Languages, the children have created beautiful continuous line drawings of French landmarks.

**Woodpecker Class:** Another great week of learning in Year 6! The children really enjoyed their morning of scientific enquiry at Foxglove Covert on Wednesday, and also brought together their findings from their Geography fieldwork visit by using their research to investigate why the Yorkshire Dales are so popular with tourists. In Maths, we have started to investigate calculations by sharpening our addition and subtraction skills. We were also really proud of the four children who represented our school at the history workshop at Green Howard's Museum on Monday.

### 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.