

# Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

It is quite unbelievable that this is the last newsletter of January – and what a strange January it has been! The children have all worked immensely hard with their remote learning and we know how hard parents too are working in order to keep them engaged. Please remember that we are here to support you – please do email your class teacher or contact the School Office if you require any support with anything. I do hope the ‘Screen Break’ day provided the children with a rest from the routine and still provided plenty of learning opportunities.

Many of our children have taken part in the North Yorkshire ‘Sumdog’ competition this week. It is also great to see that our school still stands ‘top of the league’ amongst local schools in the Times Table Rockstars league. Well done everyone! Keep playing – regular practise really does make all of the difference.

Many thanks for all of your hard work and support.  
Mr Donaldson

### Testing in Schools

You may have seen on the news that school staff will begin to partake in rapid lateral flow Covid testing. In our school, staff will begin to do this next week. If a staff member receives a positive LFD result, they will be required to self-isolate.

We are really pleased to be doing this in order to make our community as safe as possible.

### Parent Consultations

Please contact your child’s teacher using their Seesaw email address to reserve your slot for a telephone call or Zoom consultation to discuss your child’s progress.

Meetings will take place during the W/C 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

### Governors’ Corner

The full governing body met last week and we were presented with a positive picture of the care and effort that all school staff are giving to the children during this lockdown. Mr Donaldson and his team have worked hard to ensure that all children are being thought of and reached out to. From Zoom meetings to bespoke learning resources (even including cups of tea for weary parents), the FGB were pleased to note all the important things happening within the school community.

I hope you have had a chance to explore the new school website. It is easy to navigate, it contains some wonderful images of young learners, and it keeps our good school in a strong position locally. The Governors were unanimous in passing on sincere thanks to Mr Donaldson and his team during this challenging term.

Patrick Barber  
Chair of Governors

### Around the Classes...

**Class 1:** Class 1 have been busy exploring more about music from Carnival of the Animals. We have listened to The Elephant and The Aviary this week. We have created our own version of Kandinsky's artwork by playing a dice game! We are busy memorising poems and rhymes.

**Class 2:** Class 2 have been writing some fabulous newspaper articles about flooding this week to complete our topic of Wacky Weather. We are moving onto reptiles next as requested by one of our year 2s. This week's Zooms saw a quiz, 2 assemblies and a farm tour. Impressive stuff from all involved, well done!

**Class 3:** Class 3 have been very busy this week continuing their newspaper reports in English. There has been some super journalistic writing. Maths this week has continued to focus on area and perimeter; ending with finding the area of compound and complex shapes. It really challenged us. We all enjoyed our Thursday Zoom catch-up too!