

Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 15th January 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

It is very strange writing this newsletter and not having everyone in the school building! All of the staff really appreciate how hard you are working at home with remote learning and the challenges that this lockdown has inflicted on us all. Although we know that this is the right thing to do in order to maintain everyone's safety we do miss everyone a lot! We are incredibly grateful for the remote learning work that is shared with us via Seesaw and e-mail and can tell the children are working very hard. I do hope they managed to enjoy the snow too!

We have in fact been so impressed that several Headteacher Awards have been posted out to various houses as a reminder that even when we are at home we can still all live out our school motto of 'Caring – Aspiring – Excelling'. We had many exciting activities planned this term and are looking forward to putting them into action as soon as we can.

In school we continue to open for a small group of children who are the children of critical worker families, (it is important to keep this group as small as possible) and they too are working very hard during the sessions they are in school.

On behalf of the Governors, and myself I must also thank our wonderful team of staff. They are working incredibly hard both remotely and in school setting and responding to remote learning. I know lots of the children attended and enjoyed your Zoom sessions with your teacher this week – I had the pleasure of popping into many of them. The children had great ideas of things they would like to include in future meetings too!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!



Online Safety

PC Sharon Wilson, our school support officer, has shared an excellent link from the NSPCC. As children are spending more time online due to the lockdown you may wish to have a look at the web link below which is full of useful information:



<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/online-safety-lockdown/>

Parent Consultations

It is still our intention to go ahead with the Parents Consultations, which are scheduled for early February and will take place virtually. They will be a great opportunity for the teachers to share the progress the children made during the autumn term.

Further details will be sent out over the coming weeks with information on how to book a session with your child's teacher.

Around the Classes...

Class 1: In Class 1, we have begun our topic called 'Can You Hear the Colours?' We have heard from some very grumpy crayons and begun to explore Kandinsky's artwork.

Class 2: Every day in the Powerpoint we have Fluent in Five, the weekly maths topic, phonics, spelling, either a writing, reading or a grammar activity and then a topic activity. Monday - Science, Tuesday - Art, Wednesday - PE, PSHCE, Thursday - D.T and Friday - Geography.

Class 3: In their remote learning this week, Class 3 have begun to investigate a new topic of statistics in maths. They have learnt how to read, interpret and draw line charts. In our English lessons we have used an animation called 'Pigeon Impossible' as a basis for some excellent creative writing. They have researched a state of the USA in Geography and found out lots about Forces in our Science lessons; with P.E, Computing, Art and Music thrown in for good measure!