



Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 10th September

Dear Parents & Carers,

it has been so fantastic to have all of the children back in school – it is clear they all had a wonderful summer holiday! I am sure they will be exhausted and ready for the weekend after the fun-packed week of learning we have had. There has been a brilliant atmosphere in school and everyone has settled in well.

After settling into our new classes on Tuesday, we had whole school Design Technology Days on Wednesday and Thursday. Each class developed their 'structure' skills and created equipment inspired by Tokyo 2020. We will be making a whole-school display to share with you very soon. We enjoyed sharing all of these in assembly on Thursday. Today has also been a great day – each class had their 'Topic Launch' – Year 2 went to Bedale as part of their 'Brilliant Bedale' topic, and Partridges and Woodpeckers had a super 'Stone Age Day', whilst Robin Class got stuck into some 'Goldilocks and Gruffalo' activities. Everyone was enthusiastic about their future learning and we can't wait to see what happens next! Lucky Key Stage 2 get to be further immersed in their topic on Monday during their Stone Age Workshop.

It has genuinely been a very happy week in school and the children have been so welcoming to our new members of staff – Mr. Cope, Miss Pole, Mrs. Donnelly and Mrs. Smith! We have also welcomed Mrs. Jones who is an Apprentice Teaching Assistant and Mrs Dozey who is completing her teaching practice with the Red Kite Teaching Alliance. I know they already feel very welcome.

As always, our door is always open. Please do come and chat to us if we can support you or your child in any way. I hope you find the list of dates on the second page useful – I know advanced warning is always appreciated!

Have a great weekend

Mr Donaldson

Hello & Welcome!

As well as the new faces on the staff team, there are lots of new children joining us in school this week, which is very exciting. A huge 'hello' to our twelve new Reception children in Robin Class – Penny, Max, Kai, Rose F, Rose G, Leo, Seb, Livy, Toby, Bernard, Kirsty and Henry! We also welcome Margot and Theo in Year 1; Annabel and Amelia into Year 3 and Niamh into Year 5.

They have settled into our school quickly and I know their families will be made very welcome.



Let's Celebrate!



	Robin Class (R/Y1)	Kingfisher Class (Y2)	Partridge Class (Y3/4)	Woodpecker Class (Y5/6)
Above & Beyond <i>(Care – Aspire – Excel)</i>	Jude	Olivia	Matilda	Annie
Writer of the Week	Poppy	Charlie	Annabel	Niamh
Mathematician of the Week	Margot	Fearne	Isabella	Riley
Tidy Classroom	Kingfisher & Partridge			
Team Point Winners	Bolton			

Diary Dates

<u>When</u>	<u>What</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>What next?</u>
Friday 17 th September	Genes for Genes Day	Everyone	Details to follow
Monday 27 th September	European Day of Languages	Everyone	Details to follow
Thursday 30 th September	Cross Country – Richmond School	Partridges & W'pecker	Details to follow
Wednesday 6 th October	Foxglove Covert Visit	K'fishers & W'peckers	Details to follow
Friday 8 th October	School Photographer	Everyone	Details to follow
Tuesday 12 th October	Open Phonics / Spelling Morning	Parents	Details to follow
Wednesday 13 th October	Foxglove Covert Visit	Robins & Partridges	Details to follow
Tuesday 19 th & Thursday 21 st October	Parents Evenings	Parents	Details to follow
Friday 22 nd October	Pumpkin Parade	Everyone	Parents Informed
Friday 22 nd October	Art Gallery for Parents	Parents	Details to follow
Wednesday 3 rd November	Skip2bFit	Everyone	Details to follow
Thursday 4 th November	Robinwood Parents Meeting – 5pm	Y5/6 Parents	Details to follow
Tuesday 14 th December	Darlington Hippodrome Pantomime Visit	Everyone	Details to follow

Advance Notice – Pantomime Visit

We will be going on a whole-school visit to Darlington Hippodrome in December to see their pantomime, 'Cinderella'. We thought it would be useful to give as much notice as possible to avoid clashing with any plans!

P.E & Forest School Reminder

P.E kits should be brought to school on a Monday and kept until a Friday in a drawstring bag. Robin Class and Kingfisher Class require a pair of wellies and a waterproof coat on a Tuesday afternoon for their Forest School session. Please ask your child's class teacher if you have any questions about the above.

Around the Classes...

Robin Class: Robin Class have had a very busy start to school life. We have been learning where to hang our bags and store our water bottles. We have found where all our toys are kept and how to tidy away. We have especially enjoyed building horse jumps that we can really leap over! We have played lots of listening games together and have started to learn our friends's names.

Kingfisher Class: What a super start to the year! Kingfisher Class have settled in well and worked hard. They have been super designers this week – deconstructing, researching, designing, making and evaluation structures and thinking about how to make them sturdy and secure! Well done, everyone!

Partridge Class: We have had an excellent start to the term in Partridge class! We have enjoyed taking part in different activities to get to know each other a little better. We have also loved our DT days, particularly seeing our final pieces develop from the design stage to the finished product.

Woodpecker Class: The Woodpeckers have quickly settled back into school and we have had a brilliant week! We have researched and produced posters about our class bird, we have had great fun designing and creating our own Olympic stadiums and we have enjoyed learning a little about our new history topic: The Stoneage! Better still, we have our exciting Stoneage workshop to look forward to on Monday as well. Myself and Mrs Donnelly have been really impressed with the attitude and behaviour of the children so far and are really excited for the year ahead.

Lunches

Why not try one of delicious school lunches provided by our new meals provider, Taylor Shaw?

The menu is too vast (and tasty!) to include on our newsletter but can be found on the school website:

<http://huntonarrathorne.n-yorks.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Autumn-Menu-HA.pdf>