



Dear Parents & Carers,

Last Friday we had a visit from Susan Marshall, our School Improvement Adviser, from North Yorkshire County Council. The focus of her visit was on Safeguarding and she spent the day talking to leaders, staff, parents, pupils and governors about safeguarding and personal development in our school. She was absolutely thrilled with the strong safeguarding culture we have created and the opportunities your children have to develop. I'm very proud of her report and the way it reflects the hard work of everyone.

Earlier this week, we sent out a link to our annual Parent Survey. Thank you to those of you who have already responded. We'd be very grateful to have any further responses by Thursday 1st December.

Have a super weekend,
Mr. Donaldson

Crucial Crew

Our Year 6 children embodied our vision of 'Caring – Aspiring – Excelling' on Monday as they visited Crucial Crew at Carlton Lodge, a PSHE event organised by North Yorkshire Police. Whilst there, the children took part in a range of workshops including road, water and online safety. A big thanks to NY Police for inviting us – it really does help consolidate all of the work on safety that we have done in school. Mrs. Tunmore and Miss Laws were delighted with the behaviour of Year 6.

Class Museums

I am sure everyone received Mr. Cope's letter last week about our Class Museums on Thursday 1st December.

You will be able to visit interactive exhibits in your own child's class, before touring around the rest of the 'exhibits' to find out more about the immersive history learning we have been busy with this term!

After School Clubs

This week was the last week of our after-school clubs for this term: there will be no more Netball, KS2 Sports, Craft or Forest School Clubs until January. Due to cancellation because of bad weather, there is one remaining Rec – KS1 Sports Club on Tuesday 29th November.

Let's Celebrate!

Find out who is celebrating this week!

	Woodpecker Class	Partridge Class	Kingfisher Class	Robin Class
Above & Beyond (Care – Aspire – Excel)	Jude	Sophie L	Abigail	Ivo
	Woodpecker Class (Y5/6)	Partridge Class (Y3/4)	Kingfisher Class (Y2)	Robin Class (R/Y1)
Curriculum Award	Oscar (Writing)	Sam (Writing)	Faye (Reading)	Max (Phonics)
Aims Award	Georgia (Risk taker)	Ronnie (Risk taker)	Poppy (Risk taker)	Emily (Creator)
Team Points	Richmond			
Tidy Cloakroom	Partridge			
Golden Spoon	Georgia			

Diary Dates

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Monday 21 st November	'Crucial Crew'	Y6 Only	Information sent
Thursday 1 st December	Class Museums – Parents Welcome 2.45pm	All	See newsletter
Wednesday 7 th December	Rec – Y2 Nativity 2.00pm and 6.00pm	Rec – Y2	Information to follow
Friday 9 th December	Christmas Lunch	All	Information to follow
Tuesday 13 th December	Whole School Visit to Darlington Hippodrome Pantomime 'Peter Pan'	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 14 th December	Christingle @ St Patrick's Church 6.00pm	All	Information to follow
Friday 16 th December	H&A Christmas Jumper Day	All	Information to follow
Friday 16 th December	End of Autumn Term	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 2 nd January	Staff Training Day	All	Parents informed
Wednesday 3 rd January	Start of Spring Term	All	Parents informed
2 nd – 3 rd February	Y5/6 London Residential	Y5/6	Parents informed

Relationships & Sex Education

Back in summer 2020, the Governing Body consulted parents regarding the Relationships & Sex Education Policy in our school. Some of you may remember this, however newer parents may not be aware of how we teach RSE, which (apart from some elements of sex education) is a statutory part of the National Curriculum. Comprehensive information can be found within the RSE Policy and PSHE Progression Document on our school website: www.huntonarrathorne.n-yorks.sch.uk which includes an overview of which elements of RSE are taught in each year group through the 'Healthy Relationships' and 'Growing and Changing' strands of the PSHE curriculum.

If you have any questions regarding the RSE curriculum, Mr. Cope and Mr. Donaldson are the Curriculum Leaders and would be happy to discuss with you.

Around the Classes...

Robin Class: This week the children have loved being explorers in the den, they have been on all sorts of adventures, and they have been extremely inquisitive. We've seen some independent writing going on and the children have been very creative. Dough Disco has been so much fun this week too, exercising our fingers. It is a pleasure to see that the children have been reading lots at home, so thank you very much as this really helps towards the children's fluency and develop their love of reading to become lifelong readers.

Kingfisher Class: Apologies – last week's update from Kingfisher Class seemed to disappear on publication! Needless to say we have had another super week this week. We have been investigating how to write effective character descriptions, inspired by our class text 'Planet Omar' in English; in Maths we have been busy consolidating our addition and subtraction skills which are key to helping us further progress this year. We have continued to enjoy finding out more about great history-makers in History – with us finding out lots of new knowledge about Hatshepsut and Margaret Thatcher. We have a few more famous people to investigate before we decide 'Who is the greatest history maker?'

Partridge Class: Partridge Class turned into detectives in history this week. We had to solve the case of the tomb robbers, looking at a range of evidence to try and work out who each of the tombs belonged to. We are off to a flying start with our new maths topic, multiplication and division. We have been learning strategies to help us multiply and divide. In English we have produced some fantastic fantasy stories this week! We are becoming experts at writing descriptive sentences!

Woodpecker Class: The Woodpeckers have produced some amazing writing this week, as they have written formally to inform and persuade based on our class text The Boy at the Back of the Class. They have worked incredibly hard with their vocabulary and punctuation and really got into their writing this week, with a great final product! In Maths, we have moved onto statistics, interpreting data from bar graphs and line graphs; as always, the children have really challenged themselves with their work. In History, we have continued to explore whether the Trojan Horse Story is fact, legend or myth and in science we have investigated how a solution of salt and water can be separated using evaporation. As always, the Woodpeckers have cared, aspired and excelled across each of their curriculum subjects.

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.