



# Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

A visit to the pantomime, a Christingle, Christmas Jumper Day, parties, a general knowledge quiz and this afternoon a big Christmas singalong – we've certainly had a busy final week to launch us into the festive season.

The staff and I are immensely proud of the children's achievement, behaviour and attitudes throughout all of these events – and indeed, throughout the whole of the autumn term. We have had a wonderful time in school crammed full of exciting learning opportunities and we have much to look forward to in the first month of 2023 – not least our Stargazing evening, launch events and our Year 5/6 visit to London.

None of this would be possible without working with **the** best staff and governors, who go above and beyond day-in-day-out for Hunton & Arrathorne School. However, none of it would be possible without your support. On behalf of all of the team, I'd like to thank you all.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Mr. Donaldson

### Governors' Corner

What a lovely occasion it was at the Christingle Service at St. Patrick's on Wednesday evening. In the wake of another wonderful event where all the children excelled, I would like to say a few thank yous. Firstly, to all parents: your trust and love and care ensures all the young people at the school have the very best of beginnings. Secondly, to all members of the governing body: your commitment to high standards in supporting and challenging school leaders is a key part of school life.

Additionally, I must offer huge thanks to Mr Donaldson and his team of committed, talented and caring staff. Those early days in September seem a long, long time ago! A recent visitor to the school – who visits very many schools across the county – described Hunton and Arrathorne as a 'powerhouse' of a school. Such acclaim is just not achievable without a fantastic team of staff who go the extra mile.

On behalf of all the governors, we hope that everyone in the school community enjoys a very peaceful Christmas and we wish you all the very best for 2023!

*Patrick Barber*  
*Chair of Governors*

### Spring Term

Just a reminder that we return to school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023 for the start of the Spring Term.

### Diary Dates

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Staff Training Day	All	Parents informed
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Start of Spring Term	All	Parents informed
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Whole School Stargazing (TBC)	All	Information to follow
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Y5/6 London Residential	Y5/6	Parents informed
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Mid-Year Reports / Break up for Half Term	All	Reports to follow
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 1 <sup>st</sup> March	'Change-Makers' -Art Exhibition @ Richmond Station	All	Information to follow
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Return from Half Term	All	See newsletter
W/C Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Book Week	All	Information to follow
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Class Photographs	All	See newsletter
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Labyrinth	All	Information to follow
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Break Up for Easter Holidays	All	See newsletter
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter Egg Competition	All	Information to follow

