



Dear Parents & Carers,

And just like that December arrives! There has certainly been a wintery chill in the air this week and it feels like Christmas has come early at school as preparations for both 'Baarmy Bethlehem' and our Christingle service are underway. Aside from the events out of school, there are many other events within school where we look to assess the knowledge which children have gained over the past term. This week Year 1 – 6 have completed their assessments, and over the final two weeks we will be hosting a 'Christmas Quiz' for the children where we work in mixed age teams to check how much we have remembered – I'm particularly looking forward to the music round! That's not to mention the Christmas parties, craft mornings amongst lots more!

It was lovely to see many of you at the 'H&A Museum' yesterday. The exhibitions were excellent and it was a great opportunity for the children to share their learning with you.

If you have any questions, we are always happy to help.

Have a super weekend,
Mr. Donaldson

Message from Mrs. Cromey-Hawke

Calling all 'needle-handy' parents, we need your help!

During the first week back, we will be undertaking our termly Design & Technology Projects which are focused on sewing. We are looking for some parents to come into school to support our children to complete their sewing projects. If you can thread a needle and do a running stitch, you qualify! Can you spare some of your time on Thursday 5th Jan 1:15-3:15pm and/or Friday 6th Jan 9:00-12:00pm to support our children? If so, please get in touch, we would very much appreciate. Your children need you!

Regards

Mrs Cromey-Hawke (DT Lead)

'Baarmy Bethlehem'

We are very much looking forward to Robin and Kingfisher Classes performances of 'Baarmy Bethlehem' next Wednesday. The two performances will take place at Hunton Village Hall at 2pm and 6pm. There is no need to purchase tickets, however donations would be very much appreciated and help fund further productions.

Christmas Post

The Christmas Postbox will be in operation from Monday. Please ensure names and classes are written clearly on envelopes!

Let's Celebrate!

Find out who is celebrating this week!

	Woodpecker Class	Partridge Class	Kingfisher Class	Robin Class
Above & Beyond (Care – Aspire – Excel)	Lilly	Fearne	Pippa	Emily B
	Woodpecker Class (Y5/6)	Partridge Class (Y3/4)	Kingfisher Class (Y2)	Robin Class (R/Y1)
Curriculum Award	Ava (History)	Bea (Maths)	Abi (Writing)	Ruby-Mai (Phonics / Writing)
Aims Award	Emily Wh (Happy & Healthy)	Isaac (Happy & Healthy)	Noah (Lifelong Reader)	Isabelle T
Team Points	Richmond Castle			
Tidy Classroom	Partridge Class			
Golden Spoon	Sophie L			

Diary Dates

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Monday 5 th December	Wellbeing Warriors 'Book Swap'	All	Flyer Sent
Wednesday 7 th December	Rec – Y2 Nativity 2.00pm and 6.00pm	Rec – Y2	Information Sent
Friday 9 th December	Christmas Lunch	All	Information Sent
Tuesday 13 th December	Whole School Visit to Darlington Hippodrome Pantomime 'Peter Pan'	All	Information Sent
Wednesday 14 th December	Christingle @ St Patrick's Church 6.00pm	All	Information Sent
Friday 16 th December	H&A Christmas Jumper Day	All	Information Sent
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
Monday 8 th January	Whole School Stargazing (TBC)	All	Information to follow
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: The children have been working extremely hard on their assessments this week. It has been wonderful to see the progression. An exciting end to the week with our History museum, showing off our knowledge about the famous explorers we have been learning about. The nativity practice is well underway. We cannot wait to share this with you all. You will be amazed.

Kingfisher Class: It has been another super busy week in Kingfisher Class. The children have been working hard on not only the Christingle but also 'Baarmy Bethlehem'. Their performance skills are really improving and it is great to see their confidence growing. In our Maths work we have continued to focus on addition and subtraction and in English we have investigated poetry – reading a poem about Eid and then planning our own Christmas poems.

Partridge Class: We are really getting into the Christmas spirit in Partridge Class. We have been enjoying rehearsing for our Christingle service as well as reading some Christmas poems, ready to write our own next week. This week has been assessment week. I am so impressed with all of the class and how much progress they have made this term! We also finished our history topic this week and enjoyed sharing some of our learning with our adults in our history museum.

Woodpecker Class: The children have continued to work hard as we enter December and therefore the beginning of all of the fun festive activities that we have planned. In English, we have been learning the classic poem 'Twas the Night Before Christmas and we had a go at adapting it with some of our own rhyming couplets to great effect! In History, the children worked in groups to prepare activities for the History Museum which went down really well with all who attended so a big well done to them as it was all of their own ideas and designs. Finally, our Christingle rehearsals have begun and the children, as always, have impressed us with their enthusiasm and talent for performing!

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.