



Dear Parents,

We seem to have crammed a lot into the last five days! Our delayed British Values Day on Monday was a great success, and we have exciting plans for how we can continue to interweave this important part of our curriculum into our school life going forward – more information will follow.

We have also been celebrating Science Week in school which has involved visitors including a Doctor, a Helicopter Pilot and a vet to help children see how science can lead to interesting careers. Not to mention the competition organised by Miss Pole (our Science Lead).

It was wonderful to see so many of you join us for our Spring Concert on Wednesday and find out more about what we get up to in our weekly Singing Assembly. We have plans to share the children's instrumental learning (particularly the saxophone skills of Year 3/4) in the summer term.

Have a great weekend,  
Mr. Donaldson  
Headteacher

### Parents Evening

Appointments for Parents' Evening were sent home earlier this week. If you have not made one, or cannot make the dates specified, please contact the School Office. We look forward to discussing your child's progress with you.

### Coffee Morning

Don't forget the PTFA Coffee Morning tomorrow between 10am – 12pm at Newton-Le-Willows Village Hall. They would be grateful for the support.

### Hello & Welcome

On Monday we will welcome Mrs. Abigail Kennedy to our team as General Teaching Assistant. Mrs. Kennedy will work mainly with Partridge Class, as well as assisting each class with their PE lessons and running Wraparound Club on a Tuesday.

We also welcomed Miss Moran to our school. Miss Moran is a student teacher from York St John University and will be working with Miss Pole and Partridge Class over the next few weeks as she completes her teaching practice.

### Let's Celebrate!

Find out who has been caring, aspiring or excelling this week!

|   | Mrs. Dozey                               | Mrs. Tunmore                            | Mr. Donaldson                          | Miss Pole                           | Mr. Cope |
|---|--|---|--|-------------------------------------|----------|
| <b>Above &amp; Beyond</b><br><i>(Care – Aspire – Excel)</i> | Ottie                                    | Max                                     | Fiona                                  | Grace                               | Jay      |
|   | <b>Woodpecker Class</b><br><i>(Y5/6)</i> | <b>Partridge Class</b><br><i>(Y3/4)</i> | <b>Kingfisher Class</b><br><i>(Y2)</i> | <b>Robin Class</b><br><i>(R/Y1)</i> |          |
| <b>Curriculum Award</b>                                     | <i>Jude- PE</i>                          | <i>Charlie</i>                          | <i>Pippa (PE)</i>                      | <i>Bernard (Science)</i>            |          |
| <b>Aims Award</b>   | <i>Emily (Y6)- Inquisitive</i>           | <i>Annabel</i>                          | <i>Faye -Reader</i>                    | Isobel- Risk taker                  |          |
| <b>Team Points</b>  | Bolton                                   |   |  |                                     |          |
| <b>Tidy Classroom</b>                                       | Robin Class                              |   |  |                                     |          |
| <b>Golden Spoon</b>   | Henry S                                  |   |  |                                     |          |

### Diary Dates

| When?   | What?  | Who? | How?                  |
|---|--|------|-----------------------|
| Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> March                   | PTFA Coffee Morning – Newton Le Willows        | All  | Information sent      |
| Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> / Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> March | Parents Evenings                               | All  | Information to follow |
| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March                   | Class Photographs                              | All  | See newsletter        |
| Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March                  | Whole School Visit to Baltic Centre, Newcastle | All  | Information to follow |
| 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 |
| Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April                     | Staff Training Day                             | All  | See newsletter        |
| Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April                    | Start of Summer Term                           | All  | See newsletter        |
| W/C Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May                   | Year 6 SAT's Assessments                       | Y6   | Information to follow |

### 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](http://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.

#### Around the Classes...

**Robin Class - Reception:** This week we started our week learning about British values- and what it means to be British! The children enjoyed making tea, cards for special people and thinking about what we do in school to meet these values. We have been very busy practicing for the wonderful Spring concert over the weeks and we are very proud of the children's performance on Wednesday! Well done Robin Class! The children enjoyed finishing the week off supporting Comic Relief in free dress and celebrating St Patrick's day! Exploring lots of activities in provision! Another busy week!

**Robin Class - Year 1:** I must start by saying how proud I was of all the children in our Spring Concert. The children worked extremely hard learning all the words of the Spring poem and proudly stood up and shared with everyone. Science week has been very exciting. We welcomed in a Doctor and a Vet to our assemblies, who shared lots of interesting knowledge with us. I think many of the children were excited to understand how science is used within many job roles. And we must not forget our British Values Day which started off the week, where we took part in activities to help us understand British Values and how they link to our school life.

**Kingfisher Class:** It has been another really busy week. It began with our British Values Day, and the children were so impressive with their depth of understanding. We have worked in the classroom completing our assessments in reading and maths – we will share the results of them at Parents Evening next week. We have continued to explore why animals were important during World War 1 in our History lessons – thinking about how children in England would know a war was taking place. We have really enjoyed our week being punctuated with science assemblies – the helicopter pilot, doctor and vet were huge hits with Year 2!

**Partridge Class:** This week Partridge Class have really enjoyed our assemblies celebrating British Science Week. We have had visits from a doctor, a vet and a helicopter pilot, and we have all been very inspired by their work! In Science this week we have been making our own switches to make a circuit work, thinking about which materials would be good conductors. We have also been working hard on our assessments in maths, spelling punctuation and grammar and reading. All of the children have impressed me with how hard they have worked. You are all superstars Partridge class! Well done for another great week!

**Woodpecker Class:** We kicked off the week by learning more about our 'British Values' and the children participated incredibly enthusiastically in each of the planned activities, especially when considering what they would do as Prime Minister! It has also been science week with some fascinating assemblies. We started with a Doctor on Monday, we had a Vet on Wednesday and finished with a Helicopter Engineer today; a huge thank you to each of our scientists as the children were fascinated by some of the ways Science can be used in the real world! As it has been assessment week also, the children have worked exceptionally hard in the classroom, all aspiring to do their very best and impressing me immensely by their attitudes. A well-deserved weekend after a very busy week - well done everyone!

### 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.