



Dear Parents,

This week, Mr. Cope or myself have spent time in each of the classrooms watching some of the brilliant teaching and learning in action – it has been great to spend time with each class and appreciate how lucky we are to have such brilliant children (and teachers!)

Our Key Stage 2 Hunton Heroes were lucky to have a visit from our Service Children’s Champion, Mrs. Campbell, on Thursday. They worked on some collaborative art work which we will share with you all during Remembrance Week. Just a reminder that Mrs. Kennedy is our Service Pupils Lead and is the first point of contact for service families. Please do let us know if you’d like to speak to Mrs. Kennedy to support your children.

Although there are only two weeks left, they are very busy indeed. A letter from Mr. Cope was sent home earlier this week with all of the information you need, but if you would like more information please don’t hesitate to get in touch.

Wishing everyone a great weekend,  
Mr. Donaldson

### Governors’ Corner

I’m thrilled to be taking on the role as parent governor. I am a primary school teacher and a mum of two, one of which is in Reception. I have been teaching for over 10 years and have gained a great amount of knowledge and experience. I am also involved heavily within our local community, including the Hunton Steam Gathering and the Village Hall.

I am passionate about creating inspiring learning environments which are accessible to all and create a love of learning for life. I want to support and help shape their futures, ensuring every child has the happy and healthy environment they need to thrive at school. I am grateful for the opportunity to join the governing body at Hunton and to be able to support all the amazing work that they do.

*Victoria Jobling*  
Parent Governor

### Sporting Successes

It was a very sporty week last week and we’re very proud of all of our children. Firstly, nearly all of our Key Stage 2 children took part in the Cross Country at Richmond School, with an impressive five children going through to the county finals – including two children in first place overall!

Secondly, our Y5/6 football team took part in a tournament in Bedale on Friday. Although they faced some stiff competition, they cared, aspired and excelled in all they did. Well done everyone!

### Let’s Celebrate!

See who has been awarded in Celebration Assembly this week!

	Woodpecker Class (Y5/6)	Partridge Class (Y3/4)	Kingfisher Class (Y2)	Robin Class (R/Y1)
Above & Beyond (Care – Aspire – Excel)	Evie	Poppy	Ruby-Mai	Ralph
	Woodpecker Class (Y5/6)	Partridge Class (Y3/4)	Kingfisher Class (Y2)	Robin Class (R/Y1)
Curriculum Award	Barnaby	Harry	Tai	Evie
Aims Award	Pip	Grace S	Henry W	Austin
Team Points	Middleham			
Tidy Classroom	Partridge			
Golden Spoon	Tilly			

### This is Me Week / Free Dress Friday

Just a reminder that next week, we celebrate our 'This is Me' week in school, where we celebrate why it is great to be us! The week will end with a 'Dress as Yourself' day on Friday. Any donations to our termly charity, The Yorkshire Agricultural Society, would be very much appreciated by the House Captains.

#### Diary Dates

<u>When?</u>	<u>What?</u>	<u>Who?</u>	<u>How?</u>
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Open Morning (Reception 2024)	Rec 24	See newsletter
W/C Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	'This is Me' Week	All	Information sent
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening – 4pm – 7pm	All	Information sent
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	'This is Me' Non-Uniform Day	All	Information sent
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Y5/6 Visit to Eden Camp	Y5/6	Information sent
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Halloween Disco	All	Information sent
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Pumpkin Parade / Harvest Festival at 2.30pm	All	Information sent
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	CPD Day – School Closed	All	Information sent
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Service @ Ripon Cathedral	KS2-HH	Information to follow
W/C Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> Novemb	'Friendship Week' / Odd Socks Day	All	See newsletter
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception / Key Stage 1 Nativity – 2pm and 6pm	All	Information to follow
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime Visit @ Darlington Hippodrome	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle @ St Patrick's Church, 6pm	All	Information to follow
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Break up for Christmas Holiday	All	See newsletter

#### Around the Classes...

**Robin Class (Reception):** This week the children have enjoyed exploring the Autumn season and have taken a particular interest in ensuring our outdoor area is clean and tidy from all the falling leaves. We've been working hard to develop our gross motor skills sweeping, picking and transferring whilst working as a team!

In Drawing Club our book focus has been Christopher Pumpkin. We are so proud of not only the children's enthusiasm for Drawing club, but also how all the children's pencil grip, control, imagination, and detail in their drawings are developing each and every week! It's by far our highlight of the day! In PE this week we have been doing cricket with our cricket coach - the children enjoyed learning skills needed for cricket and showed great determination and perseverance!

**Robin Class (Year 1):** We have had an exciting week this week with lots of fun things going on. We loved participating in the first Cricket skills afternoon with coach Joe. We have been looking at the book of poems 'Out and About' by Shirley Hughes in our English lessons this week, we look forward building skills to write our own Autumn poem next week. It has been wonderful to see all the children being enthusiastic with their reading books, sharing both at home and in the classroom. This is why we are 'Lifelong readers' at Hunton school. Our class read, 'Dogger' also by Shirley Hughes has been fully enjoyed. We have been looking at fewer, more and the same in maths this week. The children have really impressed me with their efforts on Numbots too!

**Kingfisher Class:** The Kingfishers have continued to work incredibly hard this week. In English, we have been writing letters based on The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch, giving advice on how to protect their lunch from 'pesky seagulls'! In maths, we have moved onto comparing and ordering objects and numbers, developing our understanding of the inequality signs. In both geography and reading, we have been learning more about how symbols can be used to help us with map reading whilst in PE we had an exciting cricket workshop with a coach from the Yorkshire Cricket Board which will continue each Tuesday for the next few weeks. Another great week for our Year 2s!

**Partridge Class:** We have had another brilliant week in Partridge class. On Tuesday, we had our first session with Joe the cricket coach from Yorkshire Cricket Board. The children demonstrated excellent behaviour and enjoyed developing their cricket skills. In maths, we moved onto our new topic 'addition and subtraction.' The children continue to impress with their Times Table Rockstars skills and are enjoying competing in the tournaments. In English, we have been looking at a discussion text called 'Do we need zoos?' In science, children became scientists for the afternoon and created a model of the human digestive system using crackers, bananas, orange juice and tights among other things. It was a creative (and also rather gross!) way to show how food moves through the body. The children had lots of fun learning about the part that the stomach, small and large intestines play in the digestive system.

**Woodpecker Class:** This week in Woodpeckers we have started our new maths topic 'four operations' and learned how to complete column addition and subtraction. The children improved their cricket skills on Tuesday during their cricket session ran by the Yorkshire Cricket Board. This activity was enjoyed by all and the children are very excited to keep practicing cricket over the next few weeks. In English, we have been looking at how we, as authors, can paint a picture in the readers mind by using figurative language. The children have been fantastic at this and came up with some great similes and metaphors.

#### 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.