



Dear Parents,

It hardly seems two minutes since the Harvest Festival, Pumpkin Parade and everyone feeling ready for a restful half-term and now we're back and gearing up for the second half of the autumn term. It is always a favourite in school as we look ahead to Christmas and all of the exciting events in school – a full list of these can be found overleaf, please do take time to have a look.

The children have returned eager and ready to learn – there's been a great sense of inquisitiveness in all classes. Partridge Class also had the opportunity to be inquisitive yesterday as they were joined by the team from the School of Archaeology at Durham University to launch their 'Who were the Saxons' topic? We also had Chris, our Artist in Residence, return for an Art Workshop on Tuesday ahead of our exhibition at Richmond Station in the spring.

Finally – we welcome Olivia in Year 5 who has joined Woodpecker Class this week and had a super start!

Have a fantastic weekend and thank you for your continued support.

Lest we Forget

Following our Remembrance Assembly in school this morning, Year 2 have placed a poppy wreath at the war memorial in Hunton. Mrs Kennedy, Mrs Thewsey and Mrs Smeeton (one of our governors) have also joined Key Stage 2 'Hunton Heroes' at the Service of Remembrance in Ripon. We are very proud of all the children who we know will represent our school brilliantly.

Friendship Week

Next week, we will celebrate our 'Friendship Week' in school. **Monday will begin with Odd Socks Day** where we celebrate individuality (no donations needed, but children may wear odd socks). We will end the week by fundraising for **Children in Need on Friday** – this year the Pupil Leadership Team have decided on a 'Crazy Hair Day' – normal uniform should be worn, with the craziest hairstyle the better!

Donations can be made directly to Children in Need or sent into school. Thank you.

Big Read

Just a reminder that parents are welcome to join their children for the next 'Big Read' on Tuesday 14th November from 9.00 – 9.30. We hope to see you there.

Harvest Donations

Many thanks for all of your donations given at the Harvest Festival. We have donated these to a local church and they will be distributed to where they are needed the most.

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)	Max	Margot	Kai	Margot
	Woodpecker Class (Y5/6)	Partridge Class (Y3/4)	Kingfisher Class (Y2)	Robin Class (R/Y1)
Curriculum Award	Georgia	Pippa	Livy	Cora
Aims Award	Olivia	Evie	Kirsty	Ivo
Team Points	Richmond			
Tidy Classroom	TBC			
Golden Spoon	Pip			

Hello & Welcome

We officially welcome Mrs. Rosey Walker as our new Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator. Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Cromey-Hawke spent a considerable amount of time together before the half-term break to ensure Mrs. Walker is ready to hit the ground running. She will be arranging opportunities to meet parents over the next couple of weeks, and we will be holding another SEND Parent Drop-in towards Christmas. I am sure Mrs. Walker will be made to feel very welcome and settle in very quickly to Hunton & Arrathorne!

Diary Dates

<u>When?</u>	<u>What?</u>	<u>Who?</u>	<u>How?</u>
W/C Monday 13 th Novemb	'Friendship Week' / Odd Socks Day	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 14 th November	'Big Read' with Parents	All	See newsletter
1 st December +	'Nativity Trail' at Parish Churches	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 13 th December	Reception / Key Stage 1 Nativity – 2pm and 6pm	All	Information to follow
Thursday 14 th December	Pantomime Visit @ Darlington Hippodrome	All	Information to follow
Monday 11 th December	Festive Film Night	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 20 th December	Christingle @ St Patrick's Church, 6pm	All	Information to follow
Friday 22 nd December	Break up for Christmas Holiday	All	See newsletter
Monday 8 th January	School Closed – CPD Day	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 9 th January	Start of Spring Term	All	See newsletter
Wednesday 10 th January	Science Visit – Life Centre	All	Information to follow
Monday 22 nd January	Y5/6 Residential Parents Information Session	Y5/6	Information to follow
Thursday 1 st Feb +	Art Exhibition at Richmond Station	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 7 th February	Parliament Visit	Y3/4	Information to follow
19 th Feb – 21 st Feb	Y5/6 Residential to Newby Wiske	Y5/6	Information sent

Around the Classes...

Robin Class (Reception): Autumn 2 in Reception has started off with a bang! We have been discussing our half term holidays, all about Bonfire Night, and amazing firework displays! We have been getting creative with an exciting visitor- our resident artist Chris, who explored fruit and vegetable face printing with us! On Thursday we looked at what Armistice Day is and why we celebrate it each year. We made our own display to show respect to all the fallen soldiers. A great first week back - the children have settled straight back into routine amazing well! Well done Reception Robin Class!

Robin Class (Year 1): It has been fantastic to get back into the routines of our learning this week. We started the week with 'No Outsiders,' where we read a story called 'What the Jackdaw Saw'; the children had a little introduction to sign language. We have begun our addition journey in maths – using our knowledge of number bonds. In English, we have shared the story 'The Great Explorer,' writing short sentences and we even went on a verb hunt! We were extremely lucky to have Chris our school artist pay us a visit and create some wonderful, printed portraits using fruit and vegetables. In History this term, we will be investigating 'Who is the greatest explorer?' and we started our learning by finding out all about Ranulph Fiennes! We are all looking forward to learning more about our exciting new topics.

Kingfisher Class: Kingfisher Class have settled back into school incredibly well following the half-term break! In Maths, we have moved onto addition and subtraction, initially focussing on number bonds to 10 and fact families. We have been using a lot of concrete resources and pictorial representations to help with their understanding and they have picked these skills up brilliantly. In English, we have started to look at recounts, with a particular focus on writing in the past tense which will help the children with their own recounts next week. In History, we have been considering how someone can 'make history' which will then be built on by learning more about some famous 'history makers' from the past. This is always an incredibly busy but exciting half-term and I am sure the children will continue to excel as they have this week.

Partridge Class: We have had a great first week back at school with lots of visitors and exciting activities. We kickstarted our week with a tri-golf session led by Chris, a coach from Bedale Golf Club. Then on Tuesday, Chris Layfield, our artist, worked with the children to create some fantastic pieces of graffiti pop art inspired by Andy Warhol. The children made an excellent start on these and we are really looking forward to seeing the finished product. On Wednesday, we had an action-packed afternoon as we enjoyed a Forest School inspired by Bonfire Night. On Thursday, we enjoyed an online session with Durham University all about our new history topic the Anglo Saxons. The children asked some really interesting questions and become historians for the afternoon, looking carefully at a range of Anglo-Saxon artefacts.

Woodpecker Class: Woodpeckers have had a fantastic first week back at school. On Monday, the children enjoyed learning new golf skills in our TriGolf workshop. This week we have begun our new history topic focusing on the Battle of Britain and World War Two. We also had a visit from our artist in residence, Chris Layfield, who helped the children create some superb graffiti art.

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.