



Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 6th September 2024

Dear Parents,

A huge welcome back to the start of the new academic year (and a huge welcome to those parents new to H&A this week!) There has been a wonderful atmosphere in school and I hope your children have had the energy to share a little of what they have got up to this week with you at home! This week has largely been about establishing routines, holding our first 'No Outsiders Day' and of course lots of Design Technology! It was great to go around school and see how enthusiastic the children were about their Design Technology work and their final products have been brilliant, they have each definitely lived up to our curriculum aim as 'creators' and 'risk-takers'!

Your child should have brought home a pack of letters today with lots of information including logins, visits, reading incentives and class newsletters. Hopefully everything you need to know should be within this pack but if not, please come and see us and we will be happy to help.

Just a reminder that our newsletter is sent home weekly each Friday. The 'Diary Dates' section overleaf is incredibly useful – please ensure you look carefully and copy important dates down onto calendars etc. at home. We try to communicate in advance as much as possible and know you also appreciate this at home. We are both available on the school playground at the start and end of every day – please do stop and have a chat.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend (and a well-earned rest!)

Mr. Donaldson & Mr. Cope

Welcome to Team H&A!

A huge welcome to our wonderful new Reception children who have made a great impression this week – Hettie, Freya, Ava, Amelia, Indiana, Sebastian, Albie, Lottie, Amelia-Rose, Oskar, Siena, Mary, Seb, Theo, Teddy and Daniel. It is wonderful to have so many new children join us and I am sure they and their families will be made to feel very welcome! We also welcome Thomas into Year 2 and are sure he will be very happy here!

We'd also like to welcome back Miss Armstrong who joins us officially as a General Teaching Assistant after covering absence last year (Miss Armstrong will work in Kingfisher Class alongside Mr. Cope on a Monday & Tuesday); Mrs Thewsey who we're delighted is returning as a GTA with Robin Class each afternoon, and two trainee teachers who will work with us this term – Miss Hayden who will work with Robin Class and Miss Beer who will work with Woodpecker Class. A big welcome to them all!

School Website & Facebook Page

Our school website www.huntonarrathorne.n-yorks.sch.uk and Facebook page (Hunton & Arrathorne Primary School) are full of information about the curriculum and things we get up to in school. Please do take time to explore both!

September 2025 Starters

Are you, or is someone you know, looking for a school place for September 2025? We will be holding an Open Morning on Saturday 12th October between 9.30-11.00. Please email admin@huntonarrathorne.n-yorks.sch.uk to book a place! We look forward to seeing you then.

Congratulations!

A big congratulations to Mrs. Donnelly and Mrs. Kennedy who have both successfully passed their Higher-Level Teaching Assistant qualifications. We had no doubt they would, but we are delighted that their hard work and expertise has been recognised!

Fundraising / Bag a Bottle

A big thank-you for supporting our 'Bag a Bottle' Day. We will be having our own fundraising stand at the Hunton Steam Gathering tomorrow – please do pop by and say 'hello' if you are visiting over the weekend. All profits made will go straight back into the school fund to pay for experiences and activities for the children.

Let's Celebrate!

Our first Celebration Assembly will take place next week...watch this space!

Diary Dates

Please keep checking the dates below as some may change at short notice!

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Monday 16 th September	Phonics Meeting – Reception Starters	REC	Information sent
Wednesday 18 th September	Yorkshire Water Workshops	All	See newsletter
Thursday 19 th September	Aysgarth Falls Fieldwork Visit	Y4/5/6	Information sent
Monday 23 rd September	Foxglove Covet Visit 1	Y1/4/5	Information sent
Wednesday 25 th September	Foxglove Covet Visit 2	Y2/3/6	Information sent
Friday 27 th September	European Day of Languages	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 2 nd October	KS2 Cross Country	KS2	Information to follow
Wednesday 9 th October	Parents Evening	All	Information to follow
Friday 11 th October	School Photographs (Individual)	All	Information to follow
Monday 21 st October	Halloween Film Night	All	Information to follow
Thursday 24 th October	Harvest Festival & Pumpkin Parade – 2.30pm	All	Information to follow
Friday 25 th October	School Closes for Half-Term	All	See newsletter
Monday 4 th November	School Closed – CPD Day	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 5 th November	School Opens – Autumn 2	All	See newsletter
Wednesday 6 th November	Service of Remembrance – Ripon Cathedral	KS2 HH	Information to follow
Wednesday 13 th November	Maths Parent Information Evening – 4.00pm	All	Information to follow
Monday 18 th November	‘Big Read’ with Parents – 9.00am	All	Information to follow
Monday 9 th December	Christmas Film Night	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 11 th December	‘Sleeping Beauty’ @ Darlington Hippodrome	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 18 th December	Christingle @ St Patrick’s Church – 6pm	All	Information to follow
Friday 20 th December	School Closes for Christmas Holiday	All	See newsletter
Monday 6 th January	School Closed – CPD Day	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 7 th January	School Opens – Spring 1	All	See newsletter
Wed 5 th – Thu 6 th February	London Residential	Y5/6	Information sent

Around the Classes...

Robin Class (Reception): In Reception, we have had the most wonderful week settling into our new environment and forming new friendships. The children have been highly engaged exploring their provision and getting to know our school rules, 'Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Driven' alongside all our other daily routines. We have enjoyed getting out on the bikes for the first time, making delicious concoctions in our outdoor kitchen, role playing in the cafe and home corner and lots of creating! We also had a very exciting visit from a Steam Engine on Friday which sparked lots of play! We are very proud of the children for a fabulous first week of Primary School. Well done Reception Robin Class!

Robin Class (Year 1): What a super start to the year Robin Class! The children have all settled into the Year 1 classroom beautifully, following our school rules exceptionally well. We simply love our new outdoor area to explore and learn. They have been extremely busy, sharing our 'No Outsiders' story, 'Red Rocket and Rainbow Jelly' and we have ended the week being super designers making a sliding lever!

Kingfisher Class: What a super start to the year Kingfisher Class! Their attitude has been fantastic, and we have been so impressed with them! On Tuesday we had a No Outsiders lesson where we looked at a brilliant book called 'Big Bob, Little Bob.' We have also loved our DT days, particularly seeing our final pieces develop from the design stage to the finished product. The children have created their very own moving monster using pneumatics. We have had lots of creators and inquisitive children. On Friday, we enjoyed our first French lesson where we found out lots about France.

Partridge Class: Welcome back Partridges! We have had a brilliant start to Year 4/5 and the children have been amazing. Although it has only been the first week, we have been extremely busy with our DT days. The children have researched the inventor James Watt, exploring how he improved Steam Trains as well as designing and making their own moving Steam Train image. We will begin delving into the curriculum next week where I am sure Partridges will continue to impress me!

Woodpecker Class: A super first week for our Year 6 pupils! They have really impressed us with their dedication and mature attitudes, as well as taking on leadership responsibilities and supporting younger pupils. They have immersed themselves in mechanical structures and created wonderful carousels using pulleys and gears and thought about how important the Equality Act is to our lives. Well done, Woodpeckers!

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.