



Dear Parents,

We have had another wonderful week in school as we quickly approach the final week of this half-term! We have spent some time rehearsing for our Harvest festival; the singing is sounding great and each class is working hard on their own contribution so hopefully you will all be able to join us next week!

On Wednesday morning, it was lovely to see the Robin children being 'creators' and 'inquisitive' as they enjoyed some outdoor learning which included a 'Bear Hunt' and some Halloween-inspired potion experiments! The Kingfisher, Partridges and Woodpeckers had an exciting morning too on Thursday with our termly intra-school competition. Congratulations to Richmond who were the winning house!

Finally, we will end the week with some workshops led by the fire service today who will be holding sessions with each of the classes about fire safety in the lead-up to Bonfire Night.

Mr. Donaldson & Mr. Cope

Halloween Film Night

Don't forget it's our Halloween Film Night on Monday – children are still able to sign up by returning the permission slip and payment. The evening will conclude at 5pm where all children can be collected from the main entrance door.

Harvest Festival

We look forward to welcoming you to our **Harvest Festival & Pumpkin Parade next Thursday at 2.30pm**. Please remember the event will take place outdoors! Any donations of dry / tinned food for the Food Bank will be gratefully received and should be brought to school on Thursday morning, along with any entries for our Pumpkin Parade!

Calculations Evening for Parents

You may have noticed in 'Diary dates' that we had an evening for a Maths Parent Information Session scheduled for Wednesday 13th November. Unfortunately, we have had to postpone this until the Spring Term; the new date is **Wednesday 29th January**. Apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused.

New Starter Open Afternoon

It was great to welcome prospective families to our open morning last week. We will also be holding an additional 'Open Afternoon' on **Monday 18th November** from 3:30pm until 4:30pm so please share with anyone who may be looking at schools for September 2025!

Let's Celebrate!

See who has been awarded in Celebration Assembly this week!

| | Mrs. Dozēy | Mrs. Tunmore | Mr. Cope | Mrs. Hollocks | Miss Weeks | Mrs. Kawai-Calderhead | Mr. Donaldson |
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| Above & Beyond <i>(Care – Aspire – Excel)</i> | Theo | Ralph | Henry W | Livy | Faye | Amelia | Sebastian M |
| | Robin Class (Rec / Y1) | | Kingfisher Class (Y2) | | Partridge Class (Y4/5) | | Woodpecker Class (Y6) |
| Curriculum Award | Albie | Eric | Thomas | | Rosa | Grace | |
| Aims Award | Amelia-Rose | William M | Tilly | | Harry | Ronnie | |
| Team Points | Richmond | | | | | | |
| Tidy Classroom | Partridge | | | | | | |
| Golden Spoon | Thomas B | | | | | | |
| Monarch | River Smith | | | | | | |

CPD Day

School will close on Friday 25th October and reopen for pupils on Tuesday 5th November (Monday 4th November is a staff training day). Further information regarding school term dates can be found on our school website

www.huntonarrathorne.n-yorks.sch.uk

Diary Dates

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

| When? | What? | Who? | How? |
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| Monday 21 st October | Halloween Film Night | All | Information sent |
| Thursday 24 th October | Harvest Festival & Pumpkin Parade – 2.30pm | All | Information sent |
| 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 sent |
| Wednesday 13 th November | Maths Parent Information Evening – 4.00pm | All | Rescheduled |
| Monday 18 th November | 'Big Read' with Parents – 9.00am | All | Information to follow |
| Monday 18 th November | New Starter Open Afternoon – 3:30pm | 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 |
| Thursday 12 th December | H&A Museum | 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 |
| Wednesday 29 th January | Maths Information Session for Parents | All | Information to follow |
| Wed 5 th – Thu 6 th February | London Residential | Y5/6 | Information sent |

Around the Classes...

Robin Class (Reception): This week, we have enjoyed the book 'What's in the Witch's Kitchen?', making lots of interesting rhyming potions in the outdoor area and using them to spark creativity in writing and drawing. We have investigated the insides of a pumpkin, been on a bear hunt with Mrs. Donnelly and zoomed through the week with 'The Room on the Broom'. We have been re-enacting the story using actions and creating a story map. To celebrate 'Recycling Week' and our aim of being 'Change Makers', we have been re-using junk modelling to create new things such as spooky castles and musical instruments.

Robin Class (Year 1): We have had a highly productive week where we have most certainly lived up to our ethos of Care-Aspire-Excel, both in and out of the classroom. Handwriting has become 1% better and we have all excelled with our curly caterpillar letters. We've taken care of each other and the classroom, which saw us achieve the shiny scrubbing brush! And finally, we aspired to ask wonderfully imaginative questions during our English lessons all about hats! We loved wearing each of the different hats and recognising their various roles.

Kingfisher Class: This week, Kingfisher Class have been working hard on their column addition skills, moving from more pictorial and concrete methods to using a formal written method – they have shown great resilience and have done a great job! In English, we experimented with using noun phrases to create some poetry based on our text 'Dear Earth' and we also had a great time in our intra-sport competition on Thursday morning, representing our house teams and being 'happy and healthy'.

Partridge Class: In Partridges this week, we have started exploring our new English text 'The Mermaid of Zennor'. The children have been discussing how humans negatively impact the environment in Science and have done a brilliant job exploring how we can support the local environment. They also enjoyed their sports tournament, competing in their house teams. We also finished our Geography unit, learning all about National Parks and we have been so impressed with how inquisitive they have been!

Woodpecker Class: Another fabulous week in Year 6! We have continued our work on the four operations in Maths, working hard to perfect our understanding of division and solving division problems. We have enjoyed our new writing journey based on the text 'Can We Save The Tiger?' after publishing our biographies based on George Méilés. In RE, we have been working hard to understand how Mother Theresa helped others through her service and in PE we have enjoyed using our TAG Rugby skills to develop small-sided games. We have also completed our Geography learning for this half-term and are looking forward to Art Week next week!

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.