



Dear Parents,

Everyone in school has thoroughly enjoyed 'Book Week' – more information can be found below, but it has been brilliant to immerse ourselves in all things reading. A big thank you to the staff and our wonderful Reading Ambassadors for pulling all of the events together.

As well as our Reading Ambassadors leading activities this week, we have also introduced some new roles for our Year 6 pupils who continue to develop their social responsibility. Several children are acting as mentors, supporting younger children, in various aspects of school life – and we are very proud of them. Our Head Boy and Head Girl have also been working hard behind the scenes creating gifts for visitors to our school.

Yesterday, we were visited by an adviser from North Yorkshire Council to conduct a Safeguarding inspection. After spending time with us, and time in the classrooms, she was very impressed with all aspects of Safeguarding at Hunton & Arrathorne School.

Mr. Donaldson & Mr. Cope

Red Nose Day

The Pupil Leadership Team are organising our Red Nose Day activities. Children are welcome to wear red on Friday 21st March. There will also be the opportunity to share our favourite jokes during the day – with prizes for the funniest! Please make any donations directly to Comic Relief using their website or Just Giving link.

Book Week

A big thank you to everyone who joined in with the range of activities linked to our love of lifelong reading during 'Book Week'. The bakes were fantastic; the Reading Ambassadors performed a whole-school story; we loved seeing a buzz about books at our 'Book Fair'; and the children performed their poems brilliantly. Well done everyone!

Governors' Corner

What a busy week in school! It began when another governor and myself were asked to judge the baking competition. What a difficult job that was, there were some very creative entries and we took a long time to decide. Well done to all the children who baked a cake, I hope they enjoyed eating them.

I then went to see a computing lesson. The children were all very enthusiastic about learning programming, I learnt a lot too! The children were able to mime the SMART rules and explain words such as micro bit and algorithm.

On Wednesday, I enjoyed a cup of coffee and a piece of cake in the Village Hall. Year 5 children were there and they were very friendly, helpful and engaged in conversation with people from the village. They represented the school very well.

Louise Wyatt.

Governor

Easter Labyrinth

Our Easter Labyrinth is always one of our favourite events. Thank you to those families who have already returned their request for slots for the event on Thursday 3rd April. If you haven't already returned yours, and wish to attend, please return them as soon as possible.

Parents' Evening

Letters regarding our Parents' Evening on Wednesday 26th March were sent home earlier this week. If you didn't receive yours, please do let us know. Teachers will send home appointment times next Wednesday. We look forward to sharing your child's progress with you.

Polite Parking

Please could we remind all parents to park respectfully. Please avoid parking outside The Countryman's due to access being required – however you are very welcome to use the car park at the rear of the pub (through the archway). Equally, please avoid driveways of nearby houses.

Let's Celebrate!

There is no Celebration Assembly this week due to our 'Big Read'. We hope to see you there!

Diary Dates

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

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Friday 21 st March	Red Nose Day	All	Information sent
Tuesday 25 th March	Y2/3 Stone Age Day	Y2/3	Information sent
Friday 28 th March	Non-Uniform Day (Bring an Easter Egg)	All	Information sent
Wednesday 26 th March	Parents' Evening	All	Information sent
Monday 31 st March	Easter Film Night	All	Information to follow
Tuesday 1 st April	Easter Baking Night	All	Information to follow
Wednesday 2 nd April	Easter Treasure Hunt Night	All	Information to follow
Thursday 3 rd April	Easter Labyrinth	All	Information sent
Friday 4 th April	Decorated Egg Competition	All	Information sent
Friday 4 th April	School Closes for Easter Holiday	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 22 nd April	School Opens for Summer Term	All	See newsletter
New Date: Monday 28th April	Monk Park Farm Visit	Reception	Information sent
Tuesday 29 th April	Y1 Pony Trekking Visit	Y1	Information to follow
Monday 12 th May	KS2 SATS Week	Y6	Information to follow
Friday 23 rd May	School Closes for Summer Half-Term	All	See newsletter

Y2/3 Stone Age Day

Next Tuesday, Year 2 and 3 will spend the day outdoors, with Wilderness Outdoor Education, on an exciting 'Stone Age Day' linked to their History topic. Children in Kingfisher Class should come to school dressed in outdoor clothes and shoes for the day. We'd be very grateful for a small donation of £3 per child to help us cover the cost of this day. Donations can be made via Parent Pay. Without your support we wouldn't be able to offer such enriching activities for the children so thank you!

Around the Classes...

Robin Class (Reception): This week, our key text 'The Tiger Who Came To Tea' has prompted lots of excitement. We have been creating lots of wonderful tea parties, writing invitations, and even had our own Forest School-inspired tea party. In Drawing Club, the children are working really hard to extend their creations and also write sentences and use patterns as their codes for the magic to happen! In Book Week, we really enjoyed sharing our love of reading, as we always do, by sharing a range of books and joining in whole school events across the week.

Robin Class (Year 1): Book Week has been wonderful - we've shared many favourite class texts, viewed the delicious 'Book Bakes,' recited the poem 'Mudlark' by Shirley Hughes and ended with the 'Big Read!' In Maths, we've been working on subtraction – using number bonds and counting back. In PSHE, we have been given a plant to take care of and we have daily roles to help. For History, ask us about the last Disney movie Walt Disney made in the 1960s! In gymnastics we have been jumping and landing with control, working hard to create a straight and star jump sequence. Another wonderful week!

Kingfisher Class: We have thoroughly enjoyed Book Week this week and I was so impressed by the children's performance of 'Scissors' by Allan Ahlberg on Wednesday – ask them to recite it to you at home! In English, we have continued to explore our new story named 'Black Dog', focussing on using speech punctuation accurately whilst in Maths we have completed our measures unit, where we have been comparing, ordering, adding and subtracting units of length. Another great week for the Kingfisher Class so a big well done to all!

Partridge Class: Year 4/5 have been very inquisitive this week! In Science, we created chocolate rocks to help us understand the process that sedimentary and metamorphic rocks go through to be created. We have also started our new Computing topic, physical programming. The children explored 'crumble' micro controllers and learnt how to make the LED light change colour. They also recited their poem 'Someone' by Walter de la Mare beautifully to the rest of the school. Finally, we have had lots of reports about how amazing our Year 5 children were when helping with the Coffee Morning so a big well done!

Woodpecker Class: Year 6 have worked really hard all week, completing their practise SAT assessments ahead of the 'real' assessments in May. We have been so impressed with their hard-working attitudes and determination to show off their skills in all subjects – well done Year 6. Alongside this, the children have enjoyed publishing their final drafts of their Grimm-inspired fairy tales, and begun to investigate algebra in Maths. In History, they have explored how what Mayan artefacts tell them about life in Ancient Maya.

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.