HUNTER HALL

PREPARATORY & PRE-SCHOOL

Newsletter Number 7
Autumn Term, 15th October 2021

Dear Parents,

Lovely to see such a turnout at breakfast this morning – many, many thanks to our parents' group and Fiona in our kitchen for organising it – it was a little chilly in the courtyard and hall, but as you are aware, we are keeping as much ventilation as possible around the school. Their next big event will be our bonfire – another open-air extravaganza straight after half term.

Great to see such a turn out at Mowden Hall on Friday and Saturday – our children of all ages acquitted themselves very well, but perhaps an extra special mention to Elle who managed to achieve first place!!

Elsewhere in school, the children have been busy completing their first formal assessments of the term. These are collated, along with teacher assessments and help us to track your children academically and indicate where, if any, intervention is needed. Parent meetings to discuss how your child is settling in, as well as meeting new teachers for some of you, and

discussing progress is on the agenda. Pre-School, Reception, Year 1 and 2 parents meetings have taken place this week, whilst Year 3 and 4 are next week. Years 5 and 6 will follow after half term and Miss Fawcett will be at the gate to book your appointment slots from Monday morning.

I wanted to bring to your attention the duty phone. After 5 o'clock the office is closed, and the duty phone comes into operation. The number has been given out before on a newsletter, but for ease of reference Miss Fawcett has now put it on the parent portal, as well as on the school noticeboard. It is worth popping it into your phone in case you are, for whatever reason, delayed after 5:30. The number is **07511 280020**

Also, regarding who is picking up your child – if there is a change to the norm (on your child's school record we have information that you have given as to who is allowed to pick up your child), please can I ask you to **call into the office - speak to Miss Fawcett/Mr White,** rather than tell a teacher – that teacher may not be on duty at the end of the day and therefore we have a system where the office will inform staff who need to know.

Mrs. Fletcher has asked me to update you on the reading challenge results. The children of Hunter Hall managed an amazing 383hours in total over the course of Book Week - achieved at home and at school. However, the winners by quite a reasonable margin were HARES with total reading time of 7248minutes! Well done to Hares, who have all been awarded with copious house points much to their delight. It was also a delight to award the first three pen licences for this year to Hubi, George and Thomas.

Mrs Fletcher has also asked me to pass on her thanks for your support with the book fair. A total of £400.96 was spent on books which means that we can also replenish library stock to the tune of £160. I am sure our librarians - Seren and Charlotte - will be soon canvassing opinion alongside Mrs. Fletcher as to which books, we should choose.

Assembly this morning included a gold award for Rafferty – after a special article in the Eden Local publication that drops through our doors. It was all about bats! If you receive this publication, take a look.

It was also good to see that Zara had used her initiative in gaining her green Blue Peter badge for looking

after the planet, by sending in evidence of things that she had completed as part of our recycling venture, including a posting of 'Scales' (affectionately called by the children), a 3metre snake that resides in Mrs. Fletcher's English room, which is made entirely out of recycled materials. Well done, to Zara.

Do not forget its Harvest Festival next Friday at 2:15 in the hall (see poster below), after which we will have our harvest sale in aid of the Children's Cancer Charity, before we break for half term. A reminder that we are unfortunately unable to run our holiday club this half term due to a variety of circumstances - apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs D Vinsome

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Parents will have been emailed the QEGs results. If you require a meeting with Mrs. Vinsome regarding senior school options, please book an appointment at the school office.

Harrogate Ladies College are hosting their open day on Saturday 6th of November. This is open to all girls in years 5 and 6. Please see the noticeboard for further details.

Ampleforth College are also holding their open day the same day – please see the link below:
https://www.ampleforthcollege.org.uk/college/open-days

In addition, they have asked me to point out their scholarship programme see below: Next month they are running a series of online events for families who would like to learn more about specific scholarships and development awards. The dates for these online events are as follows:

Art and Design & Technology - Wednesday 3 November, 7-8pm
Sport - Tuesday 9 November, 7-8pm
Academic - Thursday 11 November, 7-8pm
Music - Monday 15 November, 7-8pm

If you require further details on these please get in touch

REMINDER:

Please can all running vests borrowed for the Mowden Hall cross country event be returned to school.

Pre-School News

Pre-school has been an exciting place to be this week as we have been learning all about pets and had a very special four-legged furry friend visit us!

Miss Graham very kindly brought her 1 year old Labrador, Bella, in to see us. We talked all about how to take care of Bella, creating our own list of instructions alongside our reception friends to give to Miss Graham to take home with her, to make sure she was looking after Bella correctly.

We took Bella on a walk with her lead, taking it in turns to hold the lead and talking about why she has to wear it to keep her safe. We also played 'fetch' with her favourite tennis ball!

As well as our exciting visitor, we have explored the story Dear Zoo. We have talked about the characters and how a story has a beginning a middle and an end.

We have also been talking about similarities and differences, by investigating 'spot the difference' pictures.

What a fabulous week!

Mrs Parker

Parents' Group

100 Club

The first draw is on Friday 22 October so there are still a few days to buy your ticket. Good luck!
To buy your ticket(s), Click Here or use the QR code below.

Hunter Hall Fireworks Spectacular
Friday 12 November 6-9pm.

Tickets are selling quickly, for what promises to be a good night. But we do need wood for our bonfire. This can be delivered to the school field from Friday 22nd October.

See the poster on the school notice board for details of how to book your ticket(s).

It's that time of year again! ***Friday 22nd October*** *will be our annual Harvest Festival. The year 6s are looking forward to selling an abundance of seasonal produce, the takings from which will go to the Children's Cancer Charity. If you are able to donate food items for the Harvest Food Stall, we would love to receive the following:*

- *Seasonal root vegetables (including pumpkins, ready to carve!)*
- *Baskets of fruit*
- *Flowers*
- *Plants*
- *Freshly Bakes Bread*
- *Cakes*
- *Preserves and Chutneys*

Deliver them to the office at your convenience during the week beginning ***18th October*** *and by* ***Friday morning 22nd October at the latest.***

Week ahead

Monday 18 October 2021

10:00 - 12:00	Richard Evans (drums)
12:00 - 18:30	Barbara Gilbertson
13:30 - 15:00	Geography field trip Year 6
15:30 - 16:30	Upper school - Choir CANCELLED (after school care still available)
15:30 - 16:30	Lower school - Tag rugby
15:45 - 18:30	Year 3 and 4 parent meetings
16:30 - 17:30	Upper School- Band

Tuesday 19 October 2021

	Outdoor Ed Year 3 and 4 Group 1
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Fencing (max 10)
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School- Chess
15:30 - 16:30	Lower School - Running
16:30 - 17:30	Exam Prep Year 5

Wednesday 20 October 2021

08:00 - 09:00	Ian Butterworth (brass)
09:15 - 11:15	Year 3-6 Swimming (Penrith Leisure Centre)
14:00 - 15:30	U11 Rugby v Austin Friars (Home)
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Languages
15:30 - 16:30	Lower School - Street Dance
16:00 - 18:30	Year 3 and 4 parent meetings

Thursday 21 October 2021

	Outdoor Ed Year 5
08:30 - 15:30	Barbara Gilbertson
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Mindful colouring
15:30 - 16:30	Lower School - Colouring
15:30 - 16:30	Football

Friday 22 October 2021

08:30 - 10:30	Garry Linsley (woodwind)
11:15 - 11:45	Year 2- Swimming (Penrith Leisure Centre)
09:00 - 14:00	Andrew Roze (guitar/ukulele)
14:15 - 15:15	Harvest Festival and sale
	No clubs- after school care only

Half Term