

# North Mundham Primary School

The Heron Newsletter



Welcome to our weekly newsletter

Autumn Term 1

10th September 2021

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In this newsletter, find out about:

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A message from Mrs Gordon



#### Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new term. We have had a busy and enjoyable first week back at North Mundham. It has been a pleasure to see the children interacting with each other and spending time with other year groups.

We have welcomed our new Class R children who have had a very successful first week that culminated for most pupils today with their first full day. They are lucky to be playing in our new improved outside area that has been designed to enhance their play and learning. They have met their Year 6 buddies who have done an amazing job helping them to settle into the new environment.

The children have all transitioned very well into their new classes and settled quickly back into the daily routine. In most classes they have talked about their class rules and formed a class charter that is based on our Jigsaw PHSE programme. This is a vital part of the early school year so that all children agree and buy into the expectations that are set.

We hope that this year will be less disrupted than the last two years have been and plan for exciting learning that will challenge the children as well as address the gaps that have arisen due to the circumstances of the pandemic.

For me, this week it has been very exciting to be able to welcome (nearly) the whole school into assembly on Monday and today to celebrate our achievements for the week. On Monday we discussed our core values of Belong, Believe, Achieve and how central they are to everything that we do. This term we will particularly focus on **Belong** and the associated attributes.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Zoe Gordon

The first week back!





































## More fun!





### Reminders and Notices



#### **School Uniform**

Thank-you to everyone who has ensured that their child is coming to school in the correct uniform. It is very important that all children continue to wear the correct clothing. We expect this to be the case every day. If you are having difficulty getting hold of uniform for any reason, please let us know as we may be able to help. The PTA have a large collection of pre-loved uniform which will be available next week from Wed-Fri before and after school. We only ask for a small donation for this as we feel it is very important that every child has the right to same clothing as others. Correct uniform includes footwear which should be black and not trainers.

#### **Adventure trail and Pirate Ship**

Please remember that children MUST not use the school play equipment before or after school when there is not a school member of staff available to supervise. All children have plenty of opportunities to use the play equipment during the school week.

#### Dogs on school grounds

Whilst we are a dog friendly school and have our own school dog, we ask that, if possible, you don't bring your dog onto the school grounds. If it is necessary, then please ensure that you can carry your dog. We will, of course, make exceptions for working dogs.

#### Bringing in belongings from home.

We are still restricting additional items that are brought into school. Firstly, because we are still trying to limit contact with unnecessary additional potential Covid risks and secondly, because additional items can cause a distraction, get lost easily or cause arguments. Mr Murray and Mr Tran

have spent time this week sorting all of our PE and playtime equipment and we have plenty! Please do not allow your child to bring balls into school.

#### Google form for consent

We will be sending out a link to a Google form for updated permissions for a number of key areas. This will include local walks so that if we plan a short walk in the local vicinity, we can do this without requiring additional permission. Please complete this promptly.

Many thanks for your understanding on all of these matters

## Dates for the diary



 $13 th \ September \ 1 st swimming \ session \ for \ Y3$ 

week of 20th September- meet the teacher- please complete the <u>google form</u> so we can arrange these at the most convenient time for the majority of parents (please note this is not for YR)

23rd September-Y3 visit to Butser

Week of 27th Sept-Outside Learning Week - more information to follow

28th September Y2 visit to Queen Elizabeth Country Park

29th September-Harvest Service at St Stephen's church

#### INSET Days 2021-2022

22nd October 2021

28th February 2022

27th May 2022

(All INSET days are either at the beginning or end of a school holiday, we ask that you take advantage of these for family holidays or long weekends and DO NOT book holidays in term time.)

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