



North Mundham Primary School 19 nov

The Heron Newsletter



Welcome to our weekly newsletter

Autumn Term 11

26th Dec



In this newsletter, find out about:

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A message from Mrs Gordon



Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe that this is the last newsletter of November and that there are only 3 weeks left of the term. It has been another busy week at North Mundham.

*In assemblies we have been thinking about Equality and Equity and linking those to our school value of **Belong**. We discussed giving people opportunities to thrive and not treating them differently. However, the children were also able to articulate that this doesn't mean treating everyone the same and that equitable opportunities are vital for everyone to be successful.*

Sadly we have had another Covid outbreak in school, this time in class 5. The class have been isolated in their own bubble this week to slow the risk of infection into other classes. In the [following letter](#) from Paul Wagstaff, director of Education for West Sussex, you will see that the numbers of cases are rising again across the county. This is obviously a concern in the run up to Christmas. Whilst we do not wish to cancel events and activities and will make every effort to continue as normal, we must face up to the fact that for the protection of the community, it may be necessary to cancel or postpone some of our events. We will be in touch with you nearer the time to let you know.

In other news, we have had a visit from the Dogs' Trust this week. Steph Butler visited all the classes and talked to them about looking after dogs as well as staying safe around dogs. As a dog friendly school we always feel that spreading these messages is very important.

Thank-you very much to all the parents who contributed to the Poppy Appeal this year. We raised £155.71 which will go towards the British Legion and all of the work that they do with their vital welfare and benevolent work.

Thank-you very much for all of your kind donations for our raffle hampers - they are looking fantastic!

Zoe Gordon

Year 6 prepare for Christmas





Reading with our buddies- year 6 and Year 1





Helping Mr Burroughs with a project for Class 6









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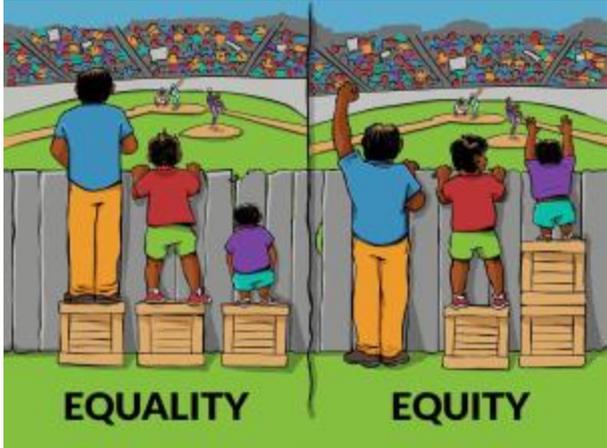


Fun with Science Club try out their catapults





Year 1 are growing hyaciths



Reminders and Notices



REMINDERS

Library Competition

This month's library competition is based on last week's anti-bullying theme of 'One Kind Word'. Children are invited to write a poem on the theme of kindness or friendship. Entry forms are available in the library and in class. The closing date is Friday 26th November. If you visit the school, please have a look at some of last month's entries that are displayed in the entrance and library area.

Class Assemblies

We are hoping to hold the following class assemblies.

Year 5- December 2nd

year 6- December 3rd

Year 4- December 9th

These will be at 9.05 and we hope that we will be able to have a live audience but that will depend on Covid numbers and restrictions.

Xmas jumper Swap Shop

At our Advent Window Wonderland event on 3 December (see below) there will be a Christmas Jumper Swap Shop. The aim is to try to encourage the reuse of 'preloved' Christmas jumpers.

Please bring in and donate your Christmas jumpers that are now outgrown or you no longer wish to wear, into school between Monday 25 and Thursday 25th. Jumpers (Xmas tops, dresses and adult size jumpers also welcome) need to be **clean** and in a **good condition** for resale, please.

The PTA will then sort them into age categories so you can buy a new (preloved) jumper on 3rd November for just £1.

Thank you for your support.

Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas lunch this year will be on **Thursday 16th December**. The children may bring a special Christmas packed lunch or order a hot school meal direct from Chartwells, on line at www.mealselector.co.uk (**Please note – only parents who pay for meals need to book these on-line**). The cost of the meal is £2.35 and **orders MUST be made, on-line by Sunday 5th December. (CHARTWELLS DO NOT ACCEPT LATE ORDERS)**

If your child is in Class R, 1 or 2 and you have already ordered a hot meal for Thursdays, your child will automatically receive the Christmas lunch (you do not have to pay for this). **Please check at the school office if you are not sure and we can either order or cancel the Christmas lunch. Friday 3rd December is the last day that orders can be amended.**

Christmas Performances

Provided we do not have an increase in Covid cases the plans for productions are as follows:

A google form will be sent out next week.

Year 1 parents and carers are invited to see the Christmas production on **Tuesday 7th December 2pm**- 2 tickets per family are available.

Year 2 parents and carers are invited to see the Christmas production on **Thursday 9th December 2pm**- 2 tickets per family are available

Year R parents and carers are invited to see the Christmas production on **Wednesday 8th December at 2pm**- 2 tickets are available

The performances will be recorded so that they can be shared with other family members.

Unfortunately we are **not** able to accommodate siblings at these performances.

Winter Wonderland event- message from the PTA

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you so much for all the amazing donations brought in today for class hampers.

We will be making up the hampers on Monday and they will form part of the **Christmas Raffle**.

Raffle tickets have gone home today. Each child has received 2x books of tickets to purchase and to share with friends and family.

Families with siblings at school will have more tickets but should not feel obliged to buy them all. Please simply return unsold tickets to the school office.

If you need more tickets, these are available from the office and will be on sale at **The Advent Window Wonderland** event **after school on 3 December** 🎄🎅🎁

The Raffle will be drawn on Friday 10 December.

🎊🎊**Volunteers** 🎊🎊We still need volunteers to help make our Christmas event on 3rd December happen.

If you can lend 30 minutes of your time at the event to man a stall or stay afterwards to help pack away it would be much appreciated.

The event is 3.30pm - 5.30pm.

Please contact your Class Rep via Whatsapp and they can put your name on our volunteers list.

🎊**Jars and Jumpers** 🎊There's still time to bring in jars and Christmas jumpers. Please bring them to the front of the office and put them in the box.

🎊**Santa's Grotto Pre-Booking** 🎊We've had lots of bookings over the last two days. If you have not booked a visit to see Santa at **The Advent Window Wonderland on Friday 3rd** please contact your class rep via your WhatsApp group and they can help you.

We are really excited to be able to hold a Christmas event this year and we really appreciate all your support in helping to make it a special event for everyone to enjoy.

We will be in touch early next week with final details on what to expect.

Best wishes

Team PTA

Many thanks for your understanding on all of these matters

Dates for the diary



Thursday 2nd December- Class 5 assembly

Friday 3rd December- Class 6 assembly

Friday 3rd December- Advent Winter Wonderland (see above)

w/b 6th December- Y1 and 2 Christmas performances (see above)

Thursday 9th December- Class 4 assembly

Friday 10th December- raffle draw

15th December- Christmas carol concert in church

15th December- Christmas magic show and discos (more details to follow)

16th December- Christmas lunch

4th January 2022- return to school after Christmas break.

INSET Days 2021-2022

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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