



North Mundham Primary School

The Heron Newsletter



Welcome to our weekly newsletter

Autumn Term 7

22nd October 2021

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A message from Mrs Gordon



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached half term following a challenging couple of weeks for us all. The outbreak of Covid in school has had a significant impact on our whole school community. I wish everyone who has been affected well and hope that after half term we will enter more settled times. As you are aware it has been difficult to navigate the guidance and to maintain a balance and I thank you for your support and patience. I remain committed to the health and safety of all the children as well as to their education. As a state maintained Primary School Headteacher, I am of course bound by government and local authority guidance as well as our whole school risk assessment. This is an ongoing and ever changing situation that we continue to have to manage as best we can.

Yesterday all pupils brought home a tube of smarties (or dairy free alternative) provided by the PTA. The aim is that, once they have eaten their treat, they fill the tube with coins that they have earned over half term. We will then use the money for the benefit of the whole school. We have kept smarties for all of the children who weren't here and they will receive them on their return. Perhaps they could still raise some money to put in the tube and return for the 5th November.

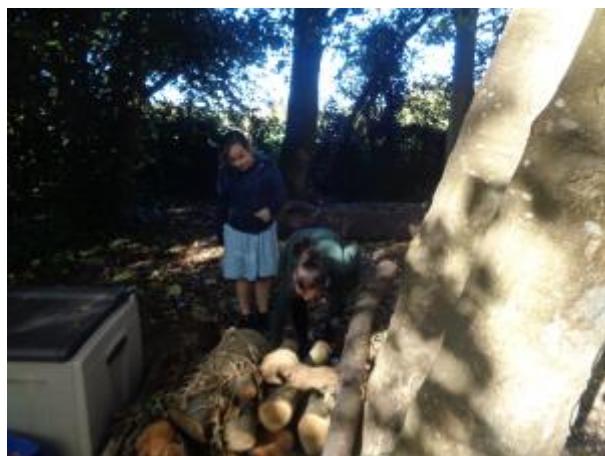
In staffing news, we are very sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Julie Cole on the 4th November. Julie has worked at the school for over 15 years since her own children attended. She has been an amazing member of our team, working hard to support children with additional needs, supporting in Early Years and using her creativity to deliver lessons when covering for teachers. We will really miss Julie and wish her every success with her own family business.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and healthy half term and I look forward to seeing you all on the 1st November.

Best wishes

Zoe Gordon

Year 4- Anglo Saxon inspired natural art













Reminders and Notices



Organisation after half term

As a precautionary measure we will be staying in class bubbles after half term with the hope that, with fewer cases, we will be able to ease away from the tight restrictions as soon as possible. There will be no clubs that week and we will hope to resume them in the second week. However, this might have to be reviewed.

Forest School

Year 2 have finished their forest school sessions for this term so parents can take their wellies home.

Year 1 and 3 will have forest school sessions on a Wednesday for the second half of the term. As we move into less settled weather, it is vital that your child is dressed appropriately for this activity.

They should be wearing a warm, waterproof coat, waterproof trousers (or an all-in-one), welly boots, hat and gloves (not scarves as they are a fire hazard). If children are not dressed appropriately, we may have to call you to bring clothes in as we only have a limited amount of spare kit.

YR Settling in Meeting

We will be holding a 'settling in' meeting for all Year R parents on Thursday 11th November at 2.15. This is a group opportunity for you to find out about what your child is learning, how they are learning and the types of things that you can support them with at home. This is not an individual parents" meeting (see below).

Parents' Evenings

These will be on the evenings of 16th, 17th and 18th November (depending on classes). A google form will be circulated regarding this after half term when a decision will be made regarding whether they will be in person or virtual.

Chichester Eco Festival

You may like to take your children to this event that is being held on 6th November to coincide with the COP26 Conference. It is being held at Newell Centre from 3-8.30. We will be contributing to an art display of postcards to world leaders as part of this event.

Friends of Chartes photo competition

If your child is a budding photographer, they might like to take a picture that can be part of our school entry to the above competition. The theme is 'My City's Sporting Life' and so photos should be taken that reflect any kind of sport that you have seen in Chichester and the surrounding area. Photos should be emailed to the school office and we will put them together as a collage for a joint entry.

Individual school Photographs

These were cancelled this week and have been rearranged for the 19th November.

Many thanks for your understanding on all of these matters

Dates for the diary



1st November- return to school after half term

5th November- Creepy Cakes and Bonfire bakes (Classes R and 1 to provide cakes, more info to follow)-TBC

3rd November- 1st Forest School for Year 1 and Year 3 (see above)

11th November- Yr R 'Settling in' Meeting

16-18th November- Parents' Evenings

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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