



North Mundham Primary School

The Heron Newsletter



Welcome to our weekly newsletter

Autumn Term 10

19th November 2021



In this newsletter, find out about:

- **Mrs Gordon's message and school news**
- **Reminders and Notices**
- **Upcoming events**

A message from Mrs Gordon



Dear Parents and Carers,

Although we weren't able to hold Parents' consultations in school this week, I'm glad that so many of you were able to attend the virtual meetings. I know that teachers have worked hard to reach as many of you as possible despite some technical difficulties. I hope that you have found the meetings useful and that they have given you a flavour of what the children are achieving at school at the moment. If you weren't able to organise a meeting, please contact the school office to see if it is possible to arrange one.

It has been great to be able to see the children interacting with different year groups once again this week. The Year R children were reunited with their buddies on Monday and it was lovely to see them playing together again.

Yesterday we dressed in spots, Pudsey ears and all things yellow to recognise the amazing things that the Children in Need Charity achieve. Many thanks to you all for your donations for this cause.

On Tuesday, the Year 5 and 6 Boys' football team played in a tournament at Chichester University. Due to Covid restrictions they had not had much opportunity to practice and so we were delighted with the outcome. They came 4th after a very close play off for third place. We are very proud of this achievement and look forward to more similar opportunities.

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Tew at the end of term. Mrs Tew has been amazing receptionist at North Mundham and will be very sadly missed by us all. Her friendly, helpful nature has been a real asset to the school and she will be hard to replace. She is leaving to have some more flexibility in her life, go travelling and spend some time with her family. We wish her lots of luck on her new ventures.

Mrs Ayling has been in school this week helping the children create some beautiful Advent windows for our Winter Wonderland event on the 3rd December. Please see below for more details.

Finally, I am delighted that the final total of the Smarties challenge was an amazing £592 - this is a significant amount of money that we will be able to put towards additional activities and equipment for the children. We also raised £175 from last week's cake sale, which is fantastic. Many thanks to all those who made cakes, helped sell cakes, donated money and helped with the money counting!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Zoe Gordon

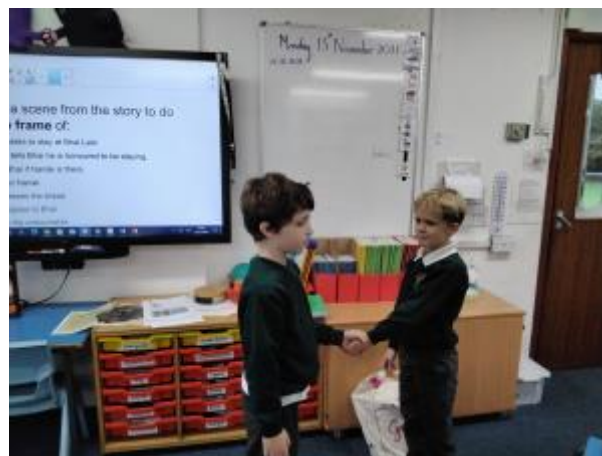
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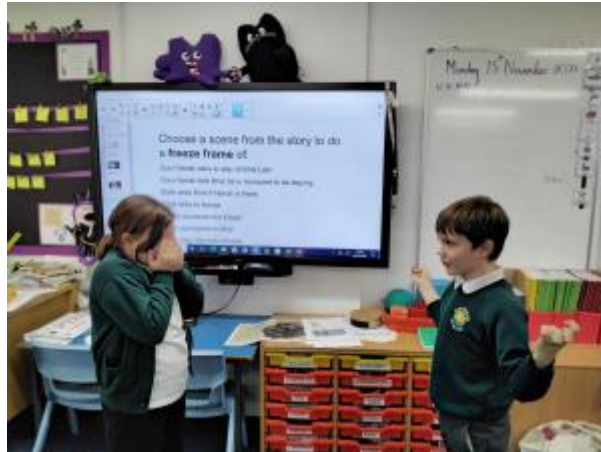






Year 3 explore the miracles of Guru Nanak



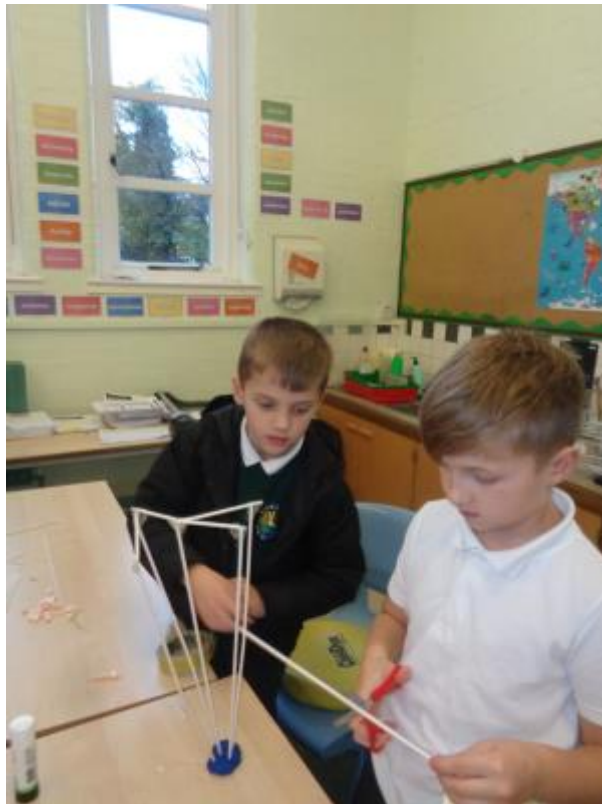


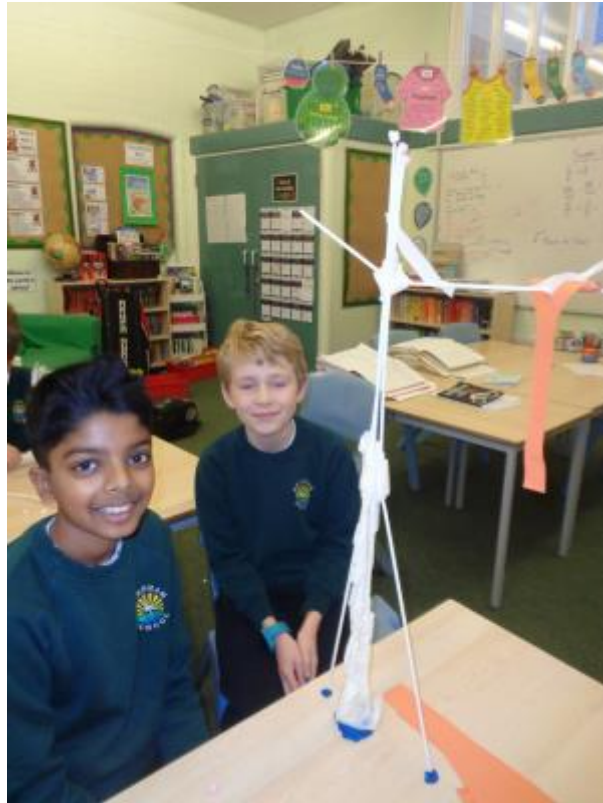
Year 5/6 Boys' Football A team



STEM Club become engineers







The start of our Advent windows





Children in Need comes to North Mundham







Reminders and Notices



Library Competition

This month's library competition is based on this weeks' 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 Performances

The children in Classes R, 1 and 2 have started practising for their performances in the week of the 6th December. We hope that we will be able to have a small audience at these events. However, this will be dependent on the number of Covid cases, risk assessment, guidance and restrictions at this time. As always, the health and safety of our whole community will be at the centre of any decisions made. There will be more information about this in next week's newsletter. If we are unable to perform live we will of course be recording performances so that they can be shared with parents and carers.

REMINDERS

Book Sharing

Reminder:

This will occur in the week beginning the 22nd November., this event will be held in the hall to allow for social distancing. This will be an opportunity for your child to share the work that they have done so far this term with you.

Monday 22nd November - 2.45- Year 5

Wednesday 24th November- 9.00- Year 6

Wednesday 24th November- 2.45- Year 4

Thursday 25th November - 2.45- Year 3

Friday 26th November- 2.45- Year 2

Advent Window Wonderland

We will be holding an Advent Window Winter Wonderland Christmas event on **Friday 3 December from 3.30pm – 5.30pm**. It will be an outdoor event that will include a magical Advent Window treasure hunt, the chance to visit Santa in his Grotto, a performance from The North Mundham School Choir and an array of games, activities and festive refreshments for everyone to enjoy. We will be providing more details very soon. In the meantime, please put the date in your diary and if you would like to help out at the event please let the office know.

Glass Jars

The PTA is collecting glass jars for a crafting activity at the Christmas event on 3 December. Please could you bring your clean glass jars to the office from Monday where there will be a box to place the jars. We need as many as possible so do spread the word among friends and family. Thank you.

Donate a Raffle Prize

Do you own a company, or could your place of work donate a raffle prize this year? The PTA would be delighted and grateful to receive any prizes for the North Mundham Christmas Raffle being drawn on Friday 10 December. In the past, gifts such as vouchers, haircuts, dog walking/grooming, gift sets and experiences have been donated – everything is very much appreciated. If you can donate a prize, please follow the link to let us know about your donation:

Dress Down Friday / Class Christmas Hampers

Donate a gift to the Class Christmas Hampers in exchange for wearing non-school uniform on Friday 26 November. The final incredible hampers will be part of the Christmas Raffle on Friday 10 December (tickets on sale soon).

Each class has a theme and a colour for their hamper:

Year R: Sweet Treats / Red

Year 1: Crafting / Orange

Year 2: Cooking / Yellow

Year 3: Gardening / Green

Year 4: Movie Night / Purple & Pink

Year 5: Spa Pamper / Black & White

Year 6: Food & Drink / Gold & Silver

Ideas for donations include: drinks, candles, sweets, Christmas nibbles, preserves, stationery, toys, hair accessories, pamper sets and toiletries, chocolates, games, crafts, cooking and gardening essentials, books...the possibilities are endless.

Hunston Christmas Market

This community event is being held Sunday this Sunday 21st November . With lots of activities it will help you to get into the Christmas spirit it promises to be a fun event. Our choir will be singing some Christmas songs at this event.

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.**

Many thanks for your understanding on all of these matters



FRIDAY 26 NOVEMBER

Dress Down Friday

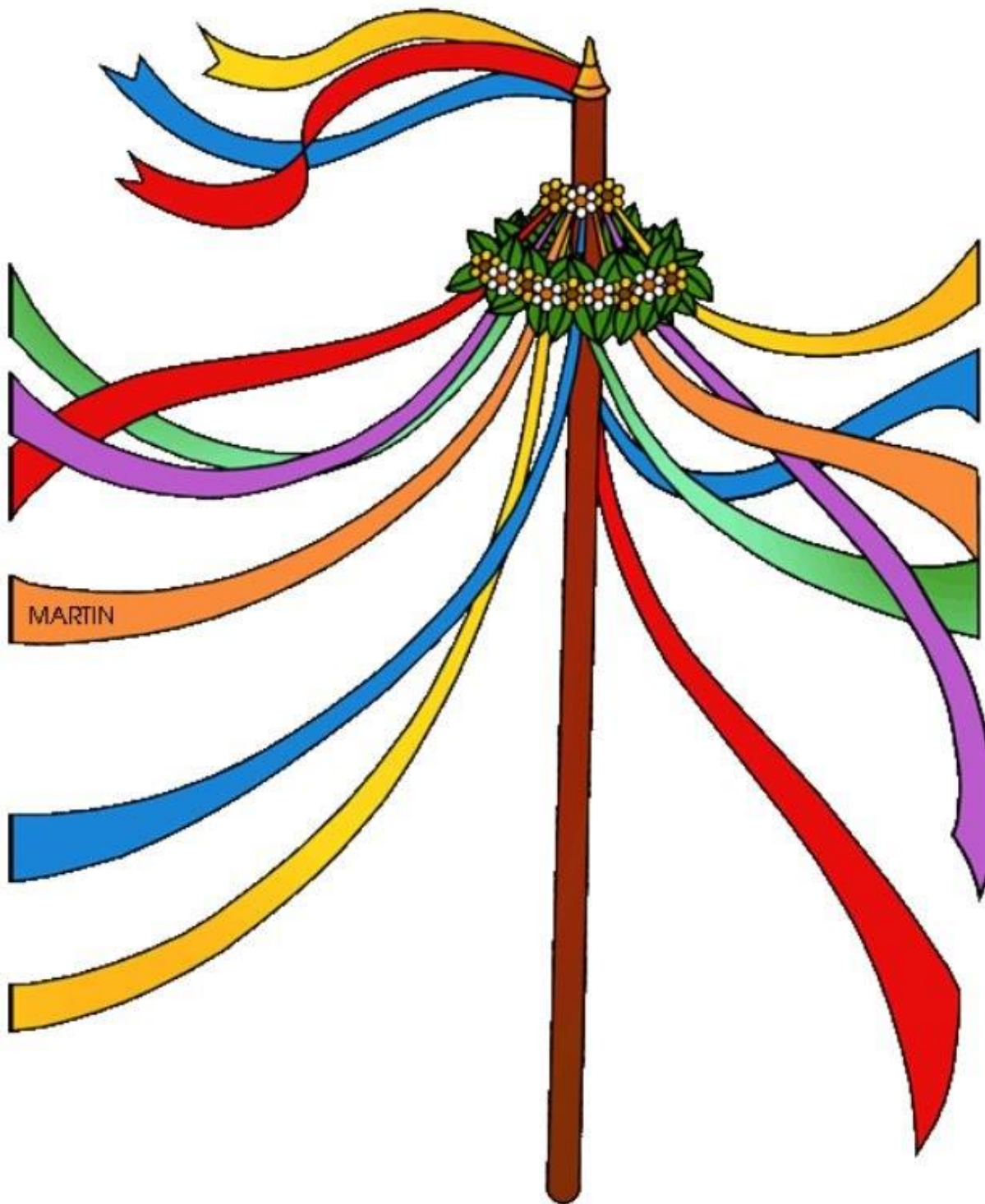
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Dates for the diary



w/b 22nd November- Book Sharing sessions (see above)

26th November- dress down day for raffle donations (see above)

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

w/b 6th December- Y1 and 2 Christmas performances

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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