



North Mundham Primary School 14.1

The Heron Newsletter



Welcome to our weekly newsletter

Spring Term 2

14th January 2022



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Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been a very challenging week for the staff at North Mundham due to the rising numbers of Covid cases in both pupils and staff. I hope that those of you who have been suffering at home or looking after children are ok and that everyone is getting over it without being too unwell.

Since Sunday I have been isolating and I have spent the longest continual time in my home since I moved here 20 years ago! It has been very strange and I am itching to get out and about in the lovely winter sunshine. I was reflecting on what I have missed most about school and it is most definitely the people. The staff and children make my day worthwhile- children popping into to show me their work, colleagues with a question, assemblies and the teaching I do. Whilst I have been able to make some management and operational decisions from home, I have relied hugely on the team at school. I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank-you to everyone who has played a role in helping the school to run so well this week. I am once again very proud of our school community.

For the children who have been in school, learning experiences have continued and children have focused well and been well motivated. On Tuesday the Year 2 children took a walk around the local area for their topic 'Street Detectives'. They looked at all of the different houses and other buildings in the area and discussed their similarities and differences. Miss Grounds was very proud of their behaviour and involvement on the walk.

In Year 6 they had a slipper day this week which everyone enjoyed. In Science they investigated penguin blubber to see if keeps them warmer than our skin. By recreating blubber with a rubber glove and margarine they tested whether the ice was as cold as when they put their bare hand in. They all agreed that penguins are very lucky to have that additional layer of warmth.

Many thanks to all of you for your understanding and support this week.

Here's hoping for a bit more stability next week.

Have a lovely weekend

Zoe Gordon



Year 2 Street Detectives











Year 6 investigate the blubber









Reminders and Notices



Notices

Covid

We will continue to keep you updated with the situation in school. The initial spread seems to have slowed so hopefully we are over the worst. We have managed the staffing situation this week with 9 members of staff absent. Unfortunately, we had to close the Year R bubble today as we had no other option. This was done using our risk assessment and considering the safety of the children in the school. Hopefully, most of them will be back next week and we will return to some sort of normality. However, I will continue to keep you posted on arrangements and if we have to make any significant decisions. We will continue to be in bubbles next week and until such a time that this wave of Covid passes.

If your child is away from school due to Covid but is well enough to work, there is work on our remote school. This will be reviewed weekly. There is a timetable with ideas and links to websites as well homelearning ideas for each topic. If teachers are in working in school they will not be able to upload all classwork but there will always be some ideas that children can access at home.

Clubs

We have postponed the start of clubs this term until the current Covid wave passes. However, we will start Dancehouse club this week for selected children on Tuesday as we need to start practising our dance.

Bag2School

Please see the separate letter about Bag2school. The PTA have arranged for class reps to collect bags from anyone who is isolating so if you have had some additional time to have a new year sort out then please contact your class rep.

Parking

Please use the North Mundham Playing Fields car park and avoid parking in the local residential roads. This is much safer and less disruptive to our immediate neighbours.

Promise Day

We are going to postpone promise day until Thursday 27th January and hope that we will have more children back in school by then who can use up their promises or buy new ones.

PE Days for this term

Year R- Monday and Wednesday

Year 1- Thursday and Friday

Year 2- Monday and Thursday

year 3- Monday and Tuesday

Year 4- Tuesday and Friday (Forest School Wed)

Year 5- Monday (swimming) and Wednesday

Many thanks for your understanding on all of these matters

Bag 2 School Letter - January 2022



Dear Parents and Carers

We are pleased to announce that North Mundham Primary School PTA has organised a clothes & shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for the school.

Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 2001 it has now paid out over £36 million.

As well as raising vitally needed funds for our school, it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. A recent DEFRA report has shown that textile collection

schemes are helping to reduce the volume of textiles discarded as municipal solid waste. However it is a fact that as a nation we still send 350,000 tonnes of textiles to landfill every year.

Bag2School will be collecting from the school on 20th January.

By getting involved in our **Bag2School** collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can include adults’ and children’s clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys. Please see our posters around the school and on our Facebook Page for a full list of items you can include. In addition to raising much needed funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

If you fill the donation bag and still have more then you can use any other bag to donate your items and don’t forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

Bag2School will be collecting from the school on **20th January**. Please bring your bag (or bags!) to the **school office** between 17th and 20th (final drop before 9am on Thursday 20th) and help us have a really good collection.

If you are currently self-isolating but have items you would like to be collected please bag them up in a clean bin liner and contact your class rep via Whatsapp and they will happily come and collect it for you.

Many thanks indeed for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity.

Yours faithfully,

Dates for the diary



19th January- Bags2School

19th January Year 5/6 Sportshall athletics (postponed)

27th January- Promise Day (changed date)

28th January- Year 1 Great Fire of London experience day

4th February- Eco day (more details to follow)

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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