



North Mundham Primary School

The Heron Newsletter



Welcome to our weekly newsletter

Autumn Term 14

17th December 2021



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[A message from Mrs Gordon](#)



Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of term is upon us and also the end of a very busy week. Luckily our current Covid situation meant that we have been able to carry on with most of our celebrations (albeit with some restrictions in place) which has been a great end to the term.

On Tuesday Year 5 had their postponed Chinese restaurant and food tasting day. They created amazing restaurant style atmosphere and hosted each other and members of staff by serving up some delicious dishes. Thank-you to all of the parents who provided food- it was very tasty. Chopsticks were provided but proved a little tricky for some hungry customers. The children followed up the day by writing their own trip advisor reports.

In Year 2 on Tuesday evening it was time to come back to school in PJs and slippers and snuggle down for some hot chocolate and a story. They brought in their favourite books and spent time sharing them with each other. Some children even wanted to stay the night!

On Wednesday Key Stage 2 walked to St Stephen's church to celebrate Christmas. The atmosphere in the church was very festive and the singing was really fantastic. We had a special moment when we were able to light our christingles and spend a moment reflecting on the meaning of Christmas. Children from each year group read poems and readings. They spoke clearly with expression and meaning- no mean feat in a church filled with peers, staff and parents.

In the afternoon, parties were held in all year groups, with magic for Years R, 1 and 2 and a disco for the older year groups. Everyone had a great time- especially the staff who all enjoyed a boogie!

On Thursday our Christmas lunches were enjoyed by all. Children ate in their classes with festive music, games and of course the cracker jokes. Many thanks to the PTA who provided crackers and a treat for everyone as well the party food and drink for Wednesday.

Today started with assemblies where we celebrated all the achievements of this term of which there have been many. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the fantastic at North Mundham staff for their hard work this term to support, help and nurture all of the children in many different ways.

Sadly we have now said goodbye to Mrs Tew, who we will all miss greatly, she has been such a welcoming face to the school and it will be very strange without her. We have appointed Mrs Emily Holden who many of you will know was here previously in a teaching role. She has made a change in her career and will return as our receptionist in January.

We raised an amazing £650 with all of our Christmas fundraising. many thanks to everyone who contributed to this. All of the money raised will go towards supporting the children at our school and we will keep you informed of how we intend to spend the money.

I would like to wish all of our families, governors and other members of the community a very Happy Christmas. Thank-you so much to all of you who have sent in cards and gifts to staff. We are very grateful for your generosity. I hope that after a very turbulent year, you will manage to spend a peaceful, calm and fun time with loved ones and friends.

Best Wishes

Zoe Gordon

Year 5 become chefs and hosts in their Chinese restaurants





Year 5 Chinese lanterns





Year 2 bedtime Story evening





Our Christing service









Festive fun at our Christmas lunch







A sad goodbye to Mrs Tew



Year 6 get festive!











The magic show!





Reminders and Notices



Notices

4th January

We return to school on 4th January (3rd January is a bank holiday).

Forest School

This will be for Year 4 and Year 6 after half term. Children should wear suitable clothes to school on Wednesdays. This must include a thick waterproof/resistant coat and waterproof or thick trousers as well as wellingtons or similar style boots. It will be muddy and cold in January so please ensure the children are well equipped.

Holiday activities

Obviously the holiday is a busy time with lots going on but we encourage you to continue reading with your children. In addition, all key stage 2 children and some key stage 1 have login details for [Times Table Rock Stars](#) which they can use to practice their times tables 2 or 3 times a week (or more if keen). Check out [Pobble](#) for some writing and story ideas to motivate the children. see below for some festive activities to try at home.

PE

Year 3 will have PE on Mondays for next term. All other classes PE days will stay the same. Children should come to school dressed in school PE kit. Next term they may want to wear plain black tracksuit trousers or leggings if it is cold. They should wear their school jumpers with their PE t-shirts.

Facebook page

Our Facebook page is now up and running so please follow us to find out what we are up to in school. If you have any feedback about this, please let us know. See below for link.

January Organisation

We plan to return without being in bubbles and with some cautious mixing in January (the same as we have been for the last two weeks of term). We have a contingency plan in place for dealing with different Covid scenarios and will await any further guidance from the government. I will be in touch with families as soon as I am aware of any changes.

Many thanks for your understanding on all of these matters

The best festive homework ever!

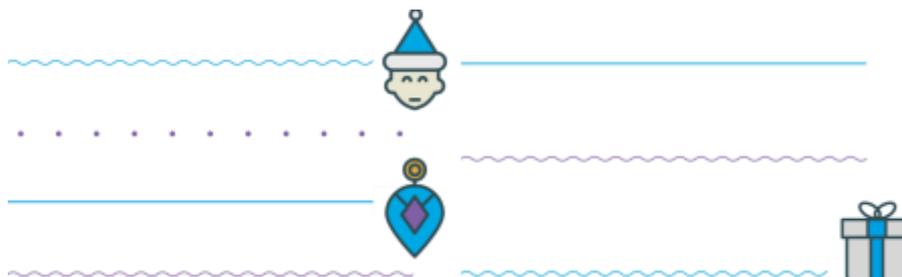
Pobble presents...

Here's your homework for the Christmas holidays.



How many can you do?

1. Write a letter to Santa's elves, it's **usually Santa that gets all the post!**



2. Can you design a Christmas card and send it to your favourite person? **3** the house or to hang on the tree. Make a festive decoration for around **4** Create a homemade gift and give it to a friend or family member.
5. Make a list of things you really want to learn or achieve in the New Year.



Remember to write a note to yourself and pack it away with the decorations for you to find next year.

6. Have a dance party in the living **room to your favourite festive songs**.
7. Can you find out about Christmas in **another country? How does it differ to**

8 Can you make a Christmas tree out of something different? Lego, plasticine, the choice is yours!

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15 Can you help to bake some Christmas cookies? Or a Christmas cake?

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We'd love to see what you come up with. Share your photos and homework stories with us on Twitter, Facebook or Pobble!




Christmas in yours?

9. Can you write your own Christmas song or **rap, and perform it to your family?**
10. Have a meal with your family and talk **about your favourite memories of this year** and the best things that happened to you.
11. If you're lucky enough to receive Christmas **presents, write thank you notes and** send them. Can you include something you loved about the gift?
12. Birds can get very hungry at this time **of year. Can you make a festive bird feeder** out of a milk carton, box or bottle and hang it outside?



13. Can you make a snow globe out of an **empty container? What will you put inside?**
14. Have a family Christmas movie night, get **cosy and tune in to a Christmas classic**.

Dates for the diary

17th December- Break up

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

10th January- Year 5 swimming lessons

19th January- postponed Sportshall athletics (Y5 and 6 selected children)

Thursday 27th December Year 3 Class Assembly

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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