



# North Mundham Primary School

The Heron Newsletter



Welcome to our weekly newsletter

Autumn 2

16th September 2022

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,

I hope that you have all had a good week. Mr Tran started the week with an assembly for Key Stage 2 all about the PE and sport opportunities this year. We have been awarded the School Games gold mark in recognition of all the excellent sporting opportunities that we have for pupils here. We are aiming to continue to build the leadership capacity for our sports' leaders and support them to lead activities through the school. We also have more opportunities coming up for pupils to take part in activities in our local community with festivals that are inclusive of all abilities.

Yesterday our Year 2 children went to The Novium museum in Chichester on their first school trip. They were finding out about Tim Peake and his achievements as part of their learning about local significant people. They were very well behaved and learnt a lot. They were able to talk confidently about their experiences in assembly.

'We found out that Tim Peake was born in Chichester and went to Chichester High School'.

'He had to do lots of exercise in space so that his muscles didn't waste away'

'He only took a small amount of water so they had to recycle it'

Well done year 2 and a big thank-you to our parent helpers and to parents for transporting their children to Chichester. We are very mindful of additional costs this year and are trying hard to keep costs down whilst still enriching our curriculum with learning experiences where we can.

Year 6 had the first of their squash sessions this week with Tim Vale from Chichester racquet club, they enjoyed learning some new skills and about a different sport.

Year R have been out and about exploring their new environment. they have made maps of the school and their learning area. They've had fun at Forest School and are making new friends each day. Our Year 6 children are fantastic buddies and help them out at lunch time each day.

In RE Year 4 were learning about the Jewish creation story and the day of rest (Shabbat) when Jews remember all of the amazing life in our world with their toast: L'Chaim! (To Life!) They used stencils and oil pastels to think about this love of living things on our planet

The children have been settling into their learning and teachers have been impressed with their focus and resilience as well as their attention to detail in their work books. Thank-you for supporting your children with their homework, completing this will help them to consolidate key learning that they are doing in class.

Sadly our premises officer, Andy Burroughs, had an unfortunate accident at the end of the summer holidays and is currently incapacitated. We are really missing him and I am sure that you will join me in wishing him well.

Our Home School agreement has been sent out with this newsletter. It is incredibly important that we all work together with the same expectations and values regarding all aspects of school life including behaviour, attitude to learning, communication and discrimination. Please ensure that you read through the agreement and discuss it with your child and agree to uphold it by completing the electronic form found [here](#).

As you will be aware the school will be closed on Monday for an additional bank holiday as it is the day of The Queen's funeral. We will see you all back in school on Tuesday.

With kind regards

Zoe Gordon



Year 2 go to The Novium











Year 6 Squash lesson







Year R get out and about









1 - Year 4 RE: Shabbat

## Reminders and Notices



### Reminders

#### Notices

##### Church service

There is a special church service for The Queen at St Stephen's church on Sunday at 9.30 all are welcome.

##### PE kits

I have had a request from a parent that children bring their kits to school instead of wearing PE kit on the day they have PE kit. We made the decision to continue asking children to come in their PE kits for a number of reasons: speed of getting changed, items getting lost, children forgetting PE kit and the amount of time it adds to the actual PE curriculum time. However, I will take on board the majority opinion of staff and parents so please complete [this short survey](#) so that your opinion can be counted. I will inform you of the outcome next week but in the meantime children should continue to come to school in their lit on PE days.

### **Meet the Teacher Meetings**

These have been rescheduled for the week beginning the 26th September to allow parents time to make arrangements to come. They are as follows:

YR- Tues 27th at 2.45

Y1 Wed 28th at 2.45

Y2 Wed 28th at 3.00

Y3 Tues 27th at 3.00

Y4 Mon 26th at 2.45

Y5 Mon 26th at 3.00

Y6 Thurs 29th at 2.45 (Cobnor meeting to follow at 3.00 with children)

### **Car Parking**

Please use the North Mundham playing fields car park at the beginning and end of the day rather than parking in the local roads as this causes congestion and difficulties for local residents.

### **Birthday sweets**

Please note that children should NOT be bringing in sweets to give out on their birthday. We have several children who have food allergies or dietary needs that mean they cannot eat sweets and we are also trying to promote a healthy lifestyle. We recognise children's birthdays in different ways at school both in class and as a whole school.

### **Bags2school**

Our PTA have organised another collection from the Bags2School organisation. The collection is on the 29th September so please bring any bags (own bags please) in by Wed 28th September. You will have received a leaflet with guidance about what you are able to bring in.

### **Outside Learning Week**

We will be celebrating the end of the summer with our outdoor learning week in the last week of September. This will include local walks, additional Forest School sessions, learning beyond the classroom among other activities. Full details will be emailed out next week.

### **PTA AGM**

This will be on the 29th September at 7pm- all parents are welcome to come along and find out about our PTA and how you can support the school.

Many thanks for your understanding and co-operation on all of these matters

## Dates for the diary



Monday 19th September- school closed for Bank Holiday (Queen's funeral)

20th September -school council and house captain election

26th September- clubs start this week

26th to 29th September- Meet the teacher meetings (see above for details)

26th to 30th September - Outside Learning Week

29th September - Year 3 trip to Butser Farm

29th September-PTA AGM 7pm

12th October- Open afternoon for new parents

14th October- Year 6 Class assembly 9am

20th October- Year 6 trip to London

10th November - Year 4 trip to Weald and Downland museum

Please note that more dates will be added in future newsletters.

### **INSET Days 2022-2023**

(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.)

31st October

20th February 2023

26th May 2023

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