



# North Mundham Primary School

The Heron Newsletter



Welcome to our weekly newsletter

Autumn 5

7th October 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,

As part of our Belong theme this week we have been focusing on Black History Month, looking at significant characters from black history in our assemblies and thinking about their roles in raising awareness of rights and equality for all. As part of this focus we have our first library competition of the year. The children have the task to design a leaflet or poster about a significant person from British black history. I am sure that we will have some fantastic entries as we did last year. This focus forms part of our overall focus on diversity, inclusion and equity that is embedded throughout the year.

We have been lucky to be part of Children's Bookfest Chichester this week. Unfortunately our Key Stage 1 author wasn't able to make it but will be coming next Wednesday instead. However, the children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have all received a book this week and met the authors. The children were highly motivated by this and thought of some fantastic questions for the authors as well as

listening with interest to how the stories have formed. The afternoons finished off with them having their books signed. Reading is a huge focus for us here at North Mundham and it has been a real pleasure to be a part of this exciting local event. For more information follow [this link](#).

On Tuesday we had two visitors to our whole school assembly from the Mundham Gala committee. We are extremely grateful to them for a donation of £702 to the school from the plant stall. This money will be spent on improving our music resources for all the children to benefit from.

Year R have been very busy this week with learning skills in woodwork and using screwdrivers safely. They have been practising phonics- using the outside space. They have also been inspired by the wind and autumn treasures this week so have collected conkers, walnuts, leaves etc and made their own loose parts artwork as well as enjoyed rolling and painting the conkers.

The children in years 1-6 have all come home wearing a house badge today. In school this year, we really want to raise the profile of our houses by introducing House challenges and having house meetings through the year. We had our first one today and the children came up with some great ideas. They were thrilled to receive their badges. These have been bought by school for everyone (Year R will receive theirs later this term) and I have impressed on the children that they need to look after them. Please support them with this. If lost they will need to be replaced at a cost of £3.

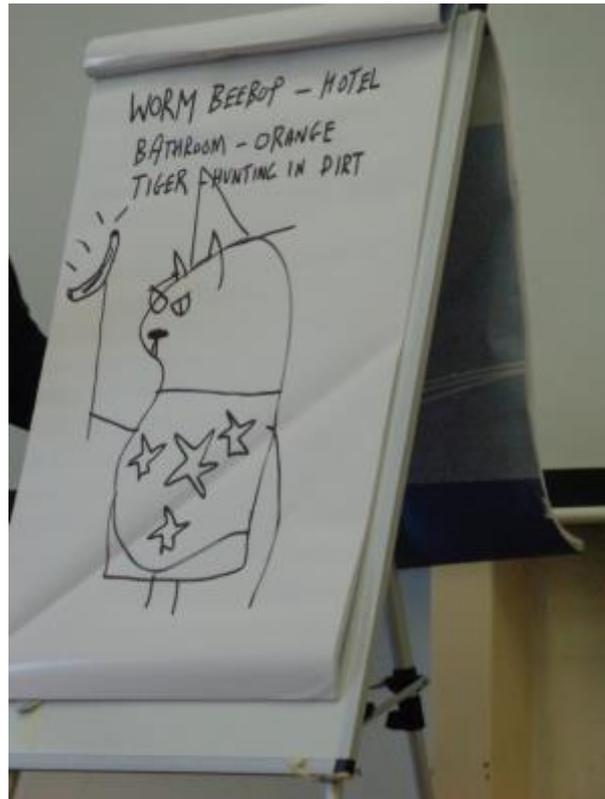
Have a great weekend

Zoe Gordon, Headteacher

A visit from the brothers McLeod











Year 4 outside Maths









Year R- what a busy week!











North Mundham Gala presentation





Our houses





## Reminders and Notices



### Reminders

#### Notices

##### **Key Stage 2 Snacks**

Please remember that children in Key Stage 2 may have a fruit or vegetable snack at breaktime. This must only be actual fruit, vegetables or dried fruit not a fruit based bar or similar- these should be kept for lunchtime. Children in Key Stage 1 are provided with a piece of free fruit but may also bring in their own.

##### **Home-school Agreement**

If you haven't already, please read and sign the Home-school agreement. This is a vital part of our partnership. This is [the link](#) to the sign form and the agreement is attached below.

##### **Year 6 Assembly**

This will be next Friday at 9.00. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

### Phonics meetings

Mrs Palin and Mrs Ford will be running two practical phonics sessions for parents on Tuesday 11th October at 8.50 and 2.50. Please come along to find out about how we teach phonics in Years R 1 and 2.

### Open Day

If you have friends or family with children starting school in September 2023, please encourage them to come along to our Open afternoon next Wednesday from 1.30- 2.30. There will be a short presentation followed by tours of the school.

### Red Card to Racism

On Friday 21st we are supporting the wear red day in support of the ' Show racism the Red Card' which is the UK's leading anti-racism educational charity. Children can red on that day for a small donation for this important charity.

Thank-you for your support in all these matters.

## HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT



The **SCHOOL** will:

- Provide a happy, safe and caring environment;
- Encourage the children to understand the importance of a healthy lifestyle;
- Encourage the children to think of others and to try their best at all times;
- Provide the highest standard of education, giving all children **equal opportunity** to fulfil their potential;
- Encourage the children to develop and demonstrate the School Learning Values and Skills in all they do;
- Keep parents informed about academic progress of their child through Parent evenings and reports;
- Send work home with the children to share at home in accordance with the school homework policy;
- Contact the parents if there are any concerns with the progress, social behaviour or discipline of their child.

- Ensure that all children are treated with equity regardless of their race, gender, culture beliefs or background.

**Mrs Zoe Gordon Headteacher**

The **GOVERNORS** will:

- Oversee the general educational direction of the school;
- Ensure that a stimulating learning atmosphere is prevalent in the school for each child;
- Attend the full meetings per school year and sub-committee meetings as required by the full body;
- Support school activities and visit the school as widely as possible. **The Governing Body of North Mundham Primary School**

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*Mrs Zoe Gordon Headteacher*

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The **PARENTS** will:

- Set a good example for my child(ren) and others, particularly when in or around school;
- Ensure my child attends school regularly and punctually; informing the school if my child will be away from school or late;
- Inform the school of any matter which may have an effect on my child's learning or happiness;
- Ensure my child wears the appropriate school uniform;
- Support the School's Therapeutic Thinking Behaviour Policy and encourage my child to adhere to the school rules, show proper respect for others, their feelings and authority;
- Ensure that my child understands the importance of treating everyone with equity regardless of their race, gender, culture or background.
- Attend parents' evenings and any other meetings the School has to inform parents of education updates and support the work of the school;
- Enhance the teaching given at school by providing opportunities for home learning and supporting the school's homework policy;
- Follow the guidelines in the school policy for administering medicines (all policies are on our website);
- Ensure that children are made aware of all road safety issues and give consideration to these whilst children are arriving at, or departing from school.

The **CHILD** will:

- I will respect other people, their feelings and their property.
- I will be polite and helpful to others.
- I will always try to do my best.

- Understand that I need to treat everyone with equity and not discriminate against anyone because of their race, gender, culture or background.

Please complete this [electronic form](#) to acknowledge your agreement.

## Dates for the diary



11th October- Phonics meetings YR and KS1

12th October- Open afternoon for new parents

12th October- author visit YR and KS1

14th October- Year 6 Class assembly 9am

20th October- Year 6 trip to London

21st October- Hot chocolate sale on the playground

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

30th November - Year 5 trip to Planetarium- more details to follow.

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

## Contact Us



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