



North Mundham Primary School

The Heron Newsletter



Welcome to our weekly newsletter

Autumn 8

4th November 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 all enjoyed good half term week. Many of the children came back with tales of fun Halloween events and autumn activities. After a restful week, the staff had an excellent training day all about Phonics on Monday and we have started our new phonic sessions this week.

On Tuesday Years R, 1 and 2 had a wonderful experience when Little City came to school. All of the children enjoyed being in role in the various different contexts and it was clear to see that we have some future police officers, fire fighters, vets and hairdressers in our midst. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to learn through play and find out more about the world around them.

In our class celebrations this week we recognised the following:

YR- amazing engagement on Little City Day.

Year 1- fantastic creativity and accuracy when making maps of their own imaginary lands.

Year 2- worked really hard on their story boards for the lifestory of Neil Armstrong.

Year 3- developing their knowledge and understanding in history. This week we started learning about the Bronze Age and the children made excellent comparisons with the Stone Age. They understood how the clothing changed (from animal skins to cloth), that metal changed farming and people's appearance (wearing jewellery) and that pottery changed because of the Bell Beaker folk.

Year 4- are becoming deeper history detectives and have learnt about using primary and secondary sources in their learning about Anglo Saxons.

Year 5- have completed some excellent writing this week using powerful adjectives in their questions and inner dialogues. Everyone tried really hard.

Year 6- have really impressed Mr Stenning and Mrs Gill with their fractions knowledge - especially when talking about equivalent fractions.

The hall was buzzing this afternoon for our 'Creepy cakes and Bonfire bakes' sale. Thank-you to all the parents who helped sell them and for the baking/providing of such wonderful cakes. Lots of children went home very happy with their treats today.

We hope that everyone stays safe this Bonfire Night. Have fun.

Best wishes,

Zoe Gordon, Headteacher



Year R have fun at Little City









Year 2 Little City experience











Bonfire bakes and Creepy cakes sale





Reminders and Notices



Reminders

Notices

Parents' consultations

The parents' consultations are in the week beginning 14th November and are as follows:

Year 1 and 3 - Tues 15th and Thursday 17th November

Years R, 2, 5, and 6- on Wed 16th and Thurs 17th November

Year 4- Tues 15th and Wed 16th November

10 minute consultations can be booked from 3.40 until 6pm to discuss your child's progress and how you can continue to support your child at home.

We are trialling using the MCAS App to book appointments. The process will go live on Sunday 6th November at 7pm (this Sunday). If you have the push notifications on, you will receive a notification. Everyone should receive an email to let them know booking is open. The booking will be open until

Sunday 13th November at midnight. If you have difficulty booking or using the system, please contact Mrs Holden next week.

Marvellous Machines in YR

Reception's new topic is Marvellous Machines- If anyone has any machines/ robots we can explore as part of our topic please let Mrs Ford or the office know including walkie talkies, cameras, old phones, remote control toys, dictaphones, battery operated toys etc. Or any old screws, nuts and bolts we can use for loose part artwork we would appreciate any donations!

Y1 Bonfire Night Forest school

Year 1 are having a bonfire forest school event on Monday 7th November. If anyone has a large battery operated torch that Miss Guppy could borrow, please bring it in to the office on Monday.

PTA Meeting

There is a PTA meeting on Monday 7th November at 7pm at school. All are welcome.

Adventure Playground

Please DO NOT allow your children to use the adventure playground before or after school. During this time it cannot be supervised by a school adult and we have had a number of near accidents during these times.

Remembrance Day

We will be holding an assembly next Friday on Remembrance Day focusing on this important national event. We have poppies, wristbands and key rings available for the children. If your child would like one, please send a donation of between 50p and £1. All profits go to the Royal British Legion.

Flu Vaccinations

These will take place on 28th November for the children. Please ensure that you have completed the electronic form by Friday 18th November to ensure that your child is able to have the vaccine.

Hunston Events

As part of our local community, we would like to encourage families to take part in the events happening in Hunston in the build up to the festive period. On Sunday 27th November there will be a Christmas market and on 16th December there is an advent trail that you can take part in. See below for more details.

Thank-you for your support in all these matters.



'LIGHT-UP HUNSTON'

Advent Winter Windowland Trail FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER FROM 6.30PM

Festive lights and snowy scenes, sparkly stars and Christmas elves...use your creativity and imagination to decorate a festive window in your home for all to see. Together we can create a magical Winter Windowland by 'Lighting-Up Hunston'.

Then on **Friday 16th December**, children and their families can go out on a lovely evening winter walk (following on from the 'Carols By The Christmas Tree' event @6pm), viewing all the impressive displays on show.

1. Pick-up a trail map from Hunston Village Stores or at the at Carols By The Christmas Tree' event
2. Find ALL 24 letters on our special advent windows around the village to solve the anagram (to be one of our special 24 advent windows, please contact Hunston Village Stores).
3. Present the correct anagram at Hunston Community Club to receive your special end-of-trail treat!

For those of you who would not like to take part in the trail, the Hunston Community Club will be open from 6.30pm to help kick start the festive period with some mince pies and mulled wine!



Dates for the diary



- 7th November- Year 1 Bonfire event
- 7th November 7pm- PTA meeting
- 8th November 7pm- Dancehouse for group of year 3 and 4 pupils
- 10th November 9am- Year 5 Class assembly
- 10th November 9.30am - Open morning for Year R 2023 parents
- 10th November - Year 4 trip to Weald and Downland museum
- 16th November - school photo

18th November Children in Need/dress in own clothes for a donation to the school fair.

18th November 9am- Year 4 Class assembly

21st November - YR puppet workshop

23rd November- celebrate your culture day

25th November - Year 3 Class assembly

25th November- Christmas fair

28th November - 11am KS1 choir singing at The Cross

28th November - last swimming for Year 3

29th November- year 3/4 choir singing at The Cross -4pm

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

30th November Year 5/6 choir singing at The Cross

5th December 9.30am KS1 production dress rehearsal and opportunity to bring pre-school siblings

6th and 7th December at 2pm KS1 production (no pre-school siblings)- 2 tickets per child for each performance (years 1 and 2)

7th December 9.30am Year R dress rehearsal for siblings to watch and parents to bring pre-school siblings

8th December 2pm year R production (no pre-school siblings)- 4 tickets per child.

13th December KS2 disco- more details to follow

14th December- Christmas lunch

15th December church service.

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.)

20th February 2023

26th May 2023

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