



North Mundham Primary School

The Heron Newsletter



Welcome to our weekly newsletter

Autumn 9

11th 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,

It has been a very busy week for us at school with lots of additional learning and extra-curricular activities. Thank-you to all of the staff, parents and carers who have made these events possible.

On Monday evening, Year 1 had a very exciting experience when they came back to school for a campfire and sparklers evening. The Fuzzies were lit up with fairy lights, torches and campfire and transformed into a magical space where the children sang songs, listened to stories and made shapes with their sparklers. The evening was finished off with hot chocolate and a biscuit before they went home to bed. Luckily we were blessed with a break in the awful weather.

On Tuesday our group of Year 3 and 4 dancers wowed us both in assembly and at the Alexandra Theatre in Bognor. They took to the stage with their 'Reach for your dreams dance' about a girl who has lost way and through experiencing lots of different sports finds that she can be part of a team with all the fun that brings. The children rose to the occasion and were complemented for their dancing as well as their excellent behaviour. What a wonderful evening!

On Thursday we got to find out what Year 5 have been leaning about over the last few weeks. They had worked very hard on a fantastic assembly in which they showed off their musical, singing, artistic, linguistic and literary talents. They have learnt such a lot about ancient China and presented their work and ideas in a very mature and interesting way - well done year 5. They finished off with a fantastic rendition of 'Living on a Prayer' which had everyone rocking in their seats and joining in - a great way to start the day!

Year 4 went off to the Weald and Downland Open air museum this week where they were able to put some of their Anglo-Saxon knowledge into practice. They experienced workshops to learn about the skills that were used at the time and to learn more about how it would have been to live in those times. We were lucky enough to be able to access a grant from the museum which reduced the cost considerably and enabled everyone to enjoy the day.

Our Year 6 girls' football team set off for a tournament at Chichester university with other local schools from the area. The girls played with a great spirit, fair play and excellent team tactics. They were undefeated in all games, winning some and drawing others. They will now progress to the regional finals in December. Fantastic effort girls - we are very proud of you.

Today started with a whole school assembly to mark Remembrance Day. Reverend May joined us as we thought about the meaning of the day, why we wear poppies and what it would have been like to be a child during the war. Hugo and Zach read a poignant poem and key stage 2 sang a very moving song about the day. We finished off the assembly with our silent reflection time. All of the children were respectful and thoughtful as we recognised this important day.

This afternoon we had our first House Reading event. Each house met up and children from all year groups shared books together. There was a real buzz in all of the rooms as children shared books and stories with friends, family and school mates that they hadn't met before. It was a great way to end the busy week.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Zoe Gordon, Headteacher

Campfire and sparklers for Year 1









Dancehouse









Year 5 assembly







Year 6 girls- 2nd at the football tournament





Our first House Reading









Our Remembrance Assembly





Year 6 test their fractions knowledge





Year 6 share stories about Journeys







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

Thank-you for your patience with the MCAS app. Most people have now been able to book appointments and we look forward to seeing you in school next week. While you are waiting for your appointment, we would be very grateful if you could fill out the parent survey and we welcome your feedback. Alternatively you can give your feedback by following this link to Parentview.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> . If you haven't already, please take this opportunity to complete the Home School Agreement.

Celebrate your culture day

On Wednesday 23rd November we are having a whole school focus on our own cultural heritage. It is an opportunity for all of the adults and children in our school to share an aspect of their own cultural heritage. It would be great if you could help your child to prepare something to bring in, talk about, share or wear that reflects an aspect of their own cultural heritage. This could be linked to a country, race, religion, language or geographical region.

Hunston Warm Space

Hunston parish council and other members of the local community are opening up a 'Warm Space' from next Monday 14th November. This will be at Hunston Community club and will give anyone in the local community a warm safe space to come to. It gives people the chance to meet up with others, have a cuppa and is a free welcoming space to come to in these challenging economic times. See the poster below for more details. If you or anyone you know is interested and would like more details, please ask at the school office.

School photographs

These are on next Wednesday 16th November. If your child has PE (years 2, 4, and 6) on that day, please send them in school uniform and with their PE kit for that day so that they can change. Children in years 1 and 3 should also come to school in their uniform and bring Forest School clothes to change into.

Non-uniform Friday 18th November

Children can wear non-uniform next Friday in exchange for bringing a donation for the school fair. (See below for details) As it is also **Children in Need** that day they can also bring a donation for that.

Years R & 1: Teddies. Please ensure that these are clean & in good condition.

Year 2 & 3: Chocolate Tombola e.g. individually wrapped chocolate bars or small boxes of chocolates, bags of fun-sized chocolate bars

Years 4 & 5: Bottles for the Bottle Tombola e.g. wine, fizz, beer, soft drinks etc.

Year 6: Small wrapped sweets to use as prizes for all the games e.g Swizzels, Maoam etc

Christmas Fair 24th November

Hopefully you will have seen the letter with full details of the fair that is only 2 weeks away now.

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 '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!



Hunston
CHRISTMAS WINTER
Market

GIFTS | CRAFTS | XMAS TREES & WREATHS | SANTA'S GROTTO*
FOOD VAN | FESTIVE REFRESHMENTS | FACE PAINTING

Sunday 27 November 2pm - 5pm
Hunston Village Hall & Community Club

*GROTTO BOOKING ESSENTIAL AT
HUNSTON VILLAGE STORES & POST OFFICE. £1 PER CHILD.



[Open from 14 November](#)

Monday 10am-4pm | Wednesday 10am-4pm | Friday 10am-3pm



The Hunston Community Club will be opening its doors this winter to provide a warm space and a warm welcome to all residents of Hunston and North Mundham.



We hope that this will help with heating bills and provide a comfortable space and an opportunity to meet others.

Light refreshments will be available.

An initiative by Hunston Parish Council, Community Club and St Leodegar's Church

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North Mundham Primary School Advent Windows & Christmas Fair

Friday 25th November 3.30-5.30pm

It's now just two weeks to go until this year's Christmas fundraising event and we would love your help to make it a success. Money raised last year benefitted the school in so many ways, trips for classes subsidised, additional treats for parties & visits from outside providers such as Rainbow Theatre. The PTA also subsidises swimming lessons for Year 3; provides goodies for the Christmas lunch; an Easter Egg hunt and the Year 6 leaver's hoodies.

Each year the children are collectively involved in deciding where the profits raised would be best utilised. This year the children and staff have decided that they would like any fundraising to go towards improving our small group and play therapy room. We have noticed an increase in need in our school community for play therapy and 1-1 support for children after the pandemic. Currently our small group room is quite run down we would love to raise funds to create safe and nurturing space for the children to develop social and emotional skills so that they may return to class 'ready to learn'.

This year's raffle prizes so far include

So with all that said.... here's how you can help:

☑ Sell the Raffle tickets

Only 50p each and you have the chance to win some amazing prizes! This year's raffle prizes so far include

2 x Tickets for Chichester Festival Youth Theatre's production of The Wind & The Willows, £40 voucher for

The Walnut Tree, £15 voucher for The Entertainer, £10 voucher for The Barn Little London & a Runcion Farm Shop veg hamper, to name a few! Tickets are being sent home today, along with this letter. Please return all the raffle tickets (including any unsold tickets) to school office by **Thursday 24th November (day before the fair)** at the latest. If you would like any extra books to sell at your place of work/local pub etc please contact the school office.

• Donate a Raffle Prize

Do you own a company, or could your place of work donate a prize to go into the Raffle Draw? The raffle always raises a lot of money and depend upon the fabulous prizes that our generous school community donates. We have received gift vouchers, event tickets, hampers, haircuts, doggy care and grooming



vouchers – everything is very much appreciated. If you can donate a prize, please complete the slip at the end of this letter and give it to the school office as soon as possible.

- **Bring a donation on non-uniform day - Friday 18th November**

Donate a gift for the Christmas Fair, in return for wearing non-school uniform.

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- **Helping Hands at the Fair – Friday 25th November**

Half an hour of your time (help from family members always appreciated too!), setting up during the day or helping to run a stall makes a HUGE difference. We need lots and lots of helpers to run stalls so please sign up to the time that best suits you. It is a lot of fun and there is always a plentiful supply of tea and biscuits to keep us going.

The Choir will have 2 performances. KS1 (Class R, 1 & 2) at 3:35- 4pm & KS2 (Classes 3,4, 5 & 6) at 4:00 4:14pm. If you would like to see them perform, please choose a slot that doesn't clash with this. Please complete the Helping Hands Promise slips and return them to school anytime but before Friday 18th November.

- **Santa's Grotto Bookings**

We have managed to secure a visit from Father Christmas, so the children will be able to visit him in his Grotto at the fair & receive a gift! Please fill in the slip attached with your preferred ½ hr time slot and return with £2 to the school office. We will then allocate everyone a slot within their preferred ½ hr and hand out time slips with your grotto time before the day.

ADVENT WINDOWS & CHRISTMAS FAIR COUNTDOWN SUMMARY FOR YOUR CALENDARS:

Activity	Due Date
Helping Hands Promise Slip	Friday 18 th November (or before)
Non-Uniform Day/Class Donations	Friday 18 th November
Santa's Grotto Booking Slip	Friday 18 th November (or before)
Raffle Prize Donations	Promise slips asap. Please bring donations by morning of 25 th Nov
Raffle stubs and collection money to be returned to school office	Thursday 24 th November
Day helpers to arrive to set up stalls, label prizes	Friday 25 th November from 13:00pm
Helpers to arrive to run a stall	Friday 25 th November 3.20pm
All to come to the fair and enjoy all the festivities! 😊	Friday 25 th November 3.30-5.30pm

Thank you very much for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you at this year's Christmas fundraiser.... North Mundham Primary School's Advent Windows & Christmas Fair.

Eternally grateful – your PTA Committe



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SLIPS TO RETURN TO SCHOOL OFFICE

Helping Hands Promise Slip - Set Up During the Day

Name & Contact Number	I am available for other duties anytime prior to the event	Set up at school from 1.00pm (or specify a time)	Pack down from 5:30pm

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Helping Hands Promise Slip - Help Manning a Stall

Name & Contact Number	3.30 – 4.00pm	4.00 – 4.30pm	4.30 – 5.00pm	5.00 – 5.30pm

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Company /Place of Work Raffle Prize Promise – please return asap

My company/my place of work will provide a donation for the Christmas Fair Raffle

Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

Donation: _____

Santa’s Grotto Bookings – please tick your preferred time slot & return to the school office with £2 (per child)

Name of child/children	3.30 – 4.00pm	4.00 – 4.30pm	4.30 – 5.00pm	5.00 – 5.30pm



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Dates for the diary



- 16th November - school photo
- 17th Year 2 trip to Pallant House
- 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
- 23rd November- Cut off date for completing online flu vaccination form
- 25th November - Year 3 Class assembly
- 25th November- Christmas fair

28th November - In school Flu vaccinations

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 Winchester- see separate letter

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

2nd December- year 5/6 NSPCC Stay safe workshops

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.

16th December- final day of term

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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