



North Mundham Primary School

The Heron Newsletter



Welcome to our weekly newsletter

Spring 2

13th January 2023

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A Message from Mrs Gordon



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have had a good week. It has been very blustery and wet which presents us with plenty of challenges but we have continued our Spring term with enthusiasm and focus.

On Tuesday Year 1 had a very exciting tea party with a royal theme. They looked fantastic in all of their smart clothes and had quite a feast. It was a really fun way to start thinking about their topic.

Tuesday saw our Basketball team entering a tournament in Bognor Regis for all of the local schools. They did incredibly well, working as a team and winning many of their matches. The organisers were impressed with their team communication and organisation which is a real credit to them as they had not had much time to practice. They came second over all- a great achievement.

On Wednesday some of our Year 5 children started their Bronze Ambassador training. They tried out lots of activities and thought of warm ups that they could do with groups of children at our school. They will start to plan activities soon that some of the younger children can take part in.

Year 4 had their first clarinet lesson this week and were complimented on their attention and focus. This week they practised blowing through the mouthpiece. Next week they get to see if they can make a noise! They will have a lesson every week this term and then have an opportunity to show parents and carers what they have learnt.

In Year 3 they have been learning about the different layers of the earth. They have been very knowledgeable about this and many children were able to explain very clearly about this.

Year 5 have been talking about the pollution of the sea and have researched how serious this problem is. They have written very passionate speeches about this and worked hard to get their points across to others. This ties in very well to our 'plastic free lunch box week' next week. Our Eco Council spoke to the whole school in assembly yesterday about some ideas for lunch boxes next week.

Year R have been trying very hard with their phonics this week and are beginning to apply it in lots of different contexts.

Next week we have some fun activities planned for our 'Cheer Up' January week- let's hope the weather is a bit better to reflect our positive moods.

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes,

Zoe Gordon, Headteacher

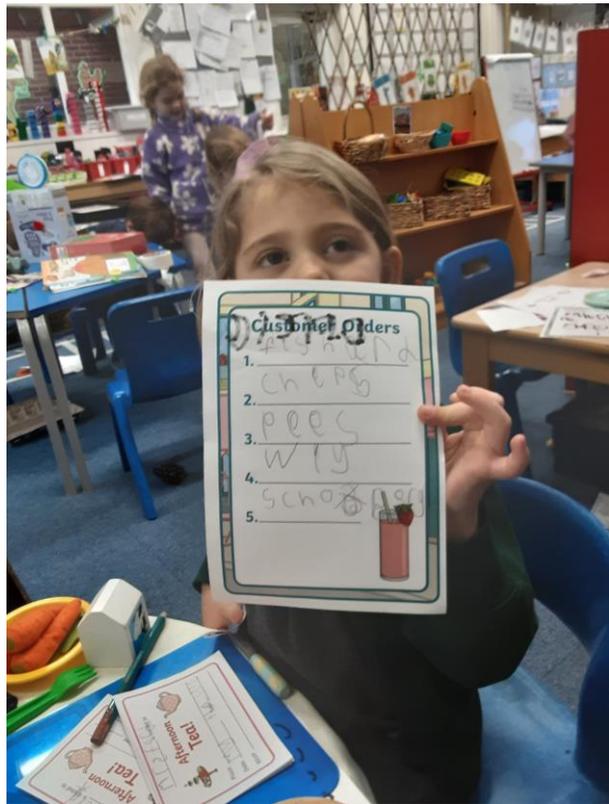
Year 4 Forest School







Year R use their phonics in the 'café' and make their own kites









Year 4 try the clarinet





Reminders and Notices



Notices

Cheer up January

To combat the 'January blues' we will be having a 'Cheer up January' week next week. On Monday the children can wear bright colours to school to help us all to feel cheerful. On Tuesday afternoon they will be taking part in activities that they have chosen from a big selection including paper planes, Forest School, sewing and baking. This will be a whole school experience and they will have the opportunity to mix with other year groups. As some of the activities include getting muddy dirty or being active, please could the children wear practical activity clothes (e.g. tracksuit and comfortable top) on that day. On Thursday we have the Dogs Trust coming in to talk to the school and on Friday we have two fitness activities for everyone to take part in. Please could all children wear PE kit on Friday.

Promise Day 27th January

This has now been changed so that it doesn't clash with our other events. Please see poster below for details.

Eco- plastic free week

The week of 16-20th January is also our Eco plastic free week and we are hoping that you will support us by using fewer single use plastic for the week. Eco Council have researched and here are some ideas from them:

'Buy a big bag of crisps instead of lots of small bags and have a handful in your lunch box instead

'Don't use cling film and put your sandwiches in a pot instead'

Change to a big yogurt pot and have a dollop in a small pot instead of buying frubes or small plastic pots'

Bring a re-useable waterbottle instead of cartons or capri-sun type drinks'

Make your 'treats' like flapjack instead of buying pre wrapped bars'

Instead of cheese strings, buy a block of cheese and cut off a slice!

Adventure Trail

Please DO NOT allow your child to play on the adventure trail before or after school. This is for safety reasons as school staff are unable to supervise the area at this time. We realise that it is very tempting but we have to do regular checks (especially in such wet weather) to see that it is safe and cannot ensure the children's safety at these parts of the day. Many thanks for your understanding in this matter.

Chartwells

In an effort to reduce food wastage and costs, our hot lunch supplier Chartwells has joined with ParentPay to change the way that the meals are ordered - more information will be sent out about this next week. You will soon be able to order the exact meal your child requires.

New address/ phone numbers

If you have changed address or your phone number recently, please ensure that the office is made aware .

Thank-you for your support in all these matters.

Internet Safety



Follow this link for some very good advice about new devices and how to ensure your child's safety.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides/new-devices>

Dates for the diary



6-20 January- Eco council plastic- free lunchbox week.

16th January- beat the blues day- children can come to school dressed in colourful clothes

17th January- 'cheer up' Activity afternoon- wear practical activity clothes

18th January- year 5/6 netball-*

18th January-activity afternoon

25th January- Year 5/6 cross country

27th January- Promise Day and fitness activities

27th January- Year 2 Class assembly 9am

31st January- Hobgoblin theatre company

1st February- year 5/6 athletics*

6th February- Dancehouse

7th February- rugby festivals*

8th February- Boccia*

9th February- bags2school

10th February- Valentine's Disco- more details to follow

10th February- break up for half term

20th February-INSET

21st February- first day back after half term

24th February- PTA Quiz Night- more details to follow

2nd March- Book Day

3rd March- Year 1 Class assembly 9am

3rd March- School Poetry slam

16th March- Year R class assembly

31st March- break up for Easter

17th April- first day back after Easter

*- separate letters will be sent out about these events.

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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