



# North Mundham Primary School

The Heron Newsletter



Welcome to our weekly newsletter

Summer 13

21st July 2023

In this newsletter, find out about:

- **Mrs Gordon's message and school news**
- **Reminders and Notices**
- **Internet Safety**
- **Upcoming events**

## **A Message from Mrs Gordon**



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe that the end of another school year is here. It really has flown by with all of its excitement, activities and challenges. It is always a time to reflect on how far everyone has come, how much the children have learnt and grown since September. Our Year 6 pupils are off to pastures new and embarking on their journey to secondary school. We wish them and all of the leavers lots of luck and hope they achieve all of their goals and many others too.

The leavers' assembly was a fantastic reflection of their seven years here at North Mundham- with music, singing, dancing as well as their memories and aspirations. Tears and laughter were abundant and it was a very fitting end to their year. It was the first Leavers' assembly since 2019 where the whole school was in attendance which made it extra special.

It was lovely to see so many of you on Tuesday at our 'Celebration of Work'. The children are very proud of their achievements and enjoyed sharing everything that they have done with parents and

carers. I'm sure you can appreciate how far they have come in their presentation, learning and interests over the year.

On Tuesday morning, our guitarists performed in front of the whole school as well as their families. Without Mr Bridle there, the children led and played 4 songs that they have been learning. We were all very impressed.

On Wednesday Mr Tran and Year 5 planned and organised the Mundham Games for the younger children. The Year 5s were very responsible and showed that they are very nearly Year 6! We definitely have some budding teachers amongst those children. The Year R, 1 and 2 children really enjoyed trying out some different activities.

Alongside all the usual end of term celebrations, the Year 5s have enjoyed a Chinese themed day. They dressed up and tasted all sorts of delights as well as learning how to use chop sticks- thanks to Mrs Ly.

As well as our pupil leavers, we have to say a sad goodbye to Mrs Teakle and Mr Ward-Penny. Mrs Teakle has been with us for two terms as Acting Assistant Headteacher and I would like to thank her very much for everything that she has done. In challenging times, she has been an incredible support as well as an expert teacher for our Year 6 pupils. Mr Ward-Penny has spent the last 5 years creatively inspiring the children that he has worked with. Always going the extra mile for the pupils, we will really miss him. I wish both of them lots of luck for the future.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff for their hard work, dedication and support over the last year. They are a great team!

Thank-you so much to all of you for your support for your children's education and also for our gifts, cards and messages.

I wish you all a very good summer break with your families.

With warmest wishes,

Zoe Gordon, Headteacher



## Guitar Assembly









Celebration of Work





Mundham Games













Year 6 Leavers' Assembly









Year 5 Chinese restaurant







## Important Notices



### Notices

#### OPAL (Outside Play and Learning)

As mentioned previously, our OPAL project for playtimes begins after the holidays. As part of this, we have a list of 'loose parts' that we would love donated for the children to play with need. See below

for the list. These items can be brought into school in the first week of term (4-8 September). If you have other items that you think might be useful, please email the school office. Your donations will make all the difference to this project. Perhaps you could ask friends and family to help out with this too. As part of this project we will be holding another grounds' evening on 21st September and welcome anyone who could help out- more details to follow.

### **Inhalers**

All inhalers have been returned today. Please return them (or new ones) if your child still requires this medication. Please note that a new form will need to be completed for the new school year.

### **Year 3 Swimming and Butser trip**

Year 3 will be starting swimming in September- a letter will be sent out about this at the beginning of term. Parents of new Year 3 pupils should have received an email about a trip to Butser on 13th September.

### **Read Aloud Challenge**

See below for a flyer about the Fonetti Read Aloud Challenge:

Discover what the National Read Aloud Challenge has to offer! A free summer programme for children across the UK, running through the months of June, July and August. The challenge: incorporating Fonetti, our innovative voice recognition technology, into your child's reading routine

Better late than never! We have just become aware of it and thought it will be a great resource for children over the holiday. But YOU WILL NEED A TABLET OR IPAD to access it.

### **Reading in September**

To launch into the new term we are planning two reading events. Wed 6th September- whole school book swap. Bring in a book that you don't want anymore and take home someone else's pre-loved book.

Friday 8th September- Read Hour as part of UN literacy day.

### **Forest School**

In September YR and Y2 will have Forest School on a Wednesday. This will start for Year 2 on Wed 6th September.

### **PE Days**

**YR- Monday**

**Y1- Tuesday and Wednesday**

**Y2- Tuesday and Thursday**

**Y3- Monday (swimming) and Thursday**

**Y4- Monday and Thursday**

**Y5- Monday and Friday**

**Y6- Tuesday and Wednesday**

**Children should come to school dressed in PE kit on those days.**

### **Class names**

In September we are changing our class names. The whole school voted on a theme and minibeasts were chosen. So our classes will be as follows in September:

**Year R- Ladybird**

**Year 1- Bumblebee**

**year 2- Caterpillar**

**Year 3- Butterfly**

**Year 4- Scarab Beetle**

**Year 5- Preying Mantis**

**Year 6- Dragonfly**

### **Attendance**

Attendance at the start of the school year is really important for settling children back into routine. Research shows that children who miss the first few days are much more likely to have a higher absence across the whole year. Please ensure that your child attends from 4th September.

### **Previous messages you may have missed:**

#### **Meal ordering - September**

The cut off for hot meal orders is 24th August for the first week back. However, it is possible to order now for September, so this would be a good idea to avoid it getting forgotten during August!

#### **Extra Curricular clubs for September**

Book up now for AITC Football Club (flyer) and September music lessons with Mrs Milne and Mr Bridle. RnB dance will send out booking info next week.

#### **Uniform for September**

All children must be in full uniform in September. Get in early with orders from Game Set and Match to make sure that you have items. Please donate any uniform in good condition that your child no longer needs. If you have any issues getting hold of uniform or buying it, please let us know and we may be able to help. PE shorts are now green although if your child has red shorts, they may still wear them until they have grown out of them.

#### **Turning Circle**

PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE DISABLED BAYS (unless you have a badge) OR IN THE TURNING CIRCLE. This is a very important safety issue.

Many thanks for your co-operation in these matters.





# Hunston Community Fun Day

AT HUNSTON RECREATION PARK

bring your own  
**Picnic**  
with blankets,  
chairs & tables

**FREE**  
Entry

Music by  
DJ Jay  
Whitlock

Paid BAR  
@ Hunston  
Community  
Club

**SUNDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER**

**FROM 12.30-4.30PM**

**FANCY DRESS  
COMPETITION**



*Events*

DOG SHOW (£2 per entry)  
PETTING ZOO  
BOUNCY CASTLE  
RIDES - ROUNDABOUT & TRAIN  
VINTAGE CARS  
CHILDREN'S GAMES & RACES  
PLUS MUCH MORE...



(Please Note: certain activities will be chargeable on the day)



CHILDREN COME  
DRESSED IN YOUR  
FAVOURITE FAIRYTAIL  
CHARACTER FOR A  
CHANCE TO WIN A  
SWEET TREAT  
**(10 AND UNDER)**



TEENS/ADULTS COME DRESSED IN  
1960S COSTUME FOR A  
CHANCE TO WIN A PRIZE  
(10-18-AMAZON GIFT VOUCHER,  
OVER 18-BOTTLE OF WINE)  
**(OVER 10S)**



## National Read Aloud Challenge

Powered by **Fonetti**



# North Mundham Primary

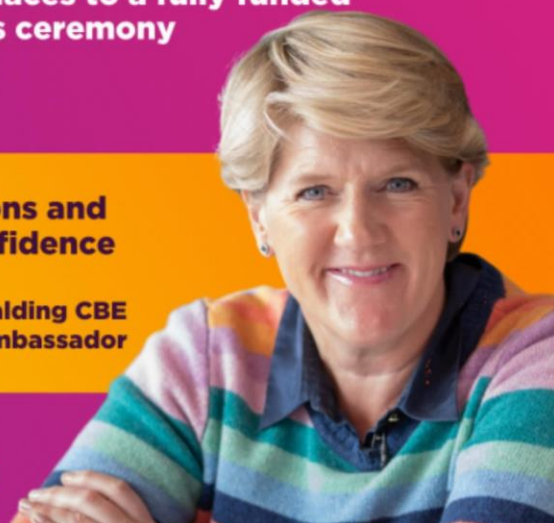
**Register your child for FREE at:**

**[readaloudchallenge.co.uk/join/O4OS-ZXMP-HEMB](https://readaloudchallenge.co.uk/join/O4OS-ZXMP-HEMB)**

- **Summer activity to reduce reading regression**
- **Independent Read Aloud App with instant feedback**
- **3 months FREE access to the Fonetti online library for children participating in the Challenge**
- **Compete with other schools locally and across the nation**
- **Competition, gamification, leaderboards and prizes to be won**
- **Engage and encourage children to develop a love for reading**
- **Leading schools are awarded 4 places to a fully funded day trip to London for the awards ceremony hosted by Clare Balding**


**"Reading is fuel for our imaginations and reading well aloud is all about confidence so let's get going."**

**Clare Balding CBE  
Fonetti Brand Ambassador**



**#BeProudReadAloud**


**Fonetti**  
The read aloud app


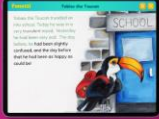



**We're In The Challenge**

To curb the summer reading regression, we're offering all children participating in the National Read Aloud Challenge FREE access to the Fonetti app. It's our annual endeavour to keep the children reading and motivated!

**Kim Antoniou**  
Founder/CEO, Auris Tech /Fonetti



Children choose from a library of engaging books and simply read them aloud. Progress and stars achieved are shown to inform and encourage.

When read correctly, the words turn green. If skipped or misread, they turn grey. For children, an audible clue can be accessed by simply double-tapping the word.

Children can effortlessly monitor their progress on a daily, weekly, monthly or overall basis! Parents and carers are kept informed with weekly progress updates.

Introducing the award-winning Read Aloud App for children, the perfect tool to improve literacy, fluency and language skills.

**Children across the UK are taking part in the first National Read Aloud Challenge, celebrating the wonders of reading! Schools with winning readers will get certificates, prizes, and a chance to meet Clare Balding CBE in London for the Awards Ceremony!**

Academic partner:  
**THE UNIVERSITY of EDINBURGH**


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## Wishlist

**Wishlist** (to go to parents) items to bring in week of 3-8 Sept.

Suitcases

Kitchen items- pots, pans, plastic bowls, spoons, plastic cups, plastic jugs, cutlery (no sharp knives) etc

Wooden planks and blocks

Logs

Plastic crates

Dressing up- hats, scarves/sarongs, jackets, shirts, dresses (adult size are fine), pieces of material, trousers, belts

Ropes

Tarpaulins

Duvet covers, sheets and large pieces of material (for den making)

Old scooters, toy ride on cars (little tike), wheel barrows

Old pushchairs

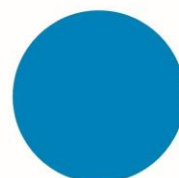
Old metal spades, forks and buckets



After School Football bookings for September



**Albion in the  
Community**



**BOOK ONLINE NOW**  
**[albioninthecommunity.org.uk](http://albioninthecommunity.org.uk)**

**Email: [soccerschools@albioninthecommunity.org.uk](mailto:soccerschools@albioninthecommunity.org.uk) for more information.**

Brighton & Hove Albion After School Clubs delivered by Albion in the Community.  
American Express Community Stadium, Village Way, Brighton BN1 9BL Tel: 01273 878265  
Company limited by guarantee in England and Wales (No. 5122343). Registered charity in England and Wales (No. 1110978).





Summer 01243 to book:

*in partnership with* **Ring**

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## 870000 holiday camps

Sessions run by experienced & qualified teachers, coaches & School Games Organisers. Activities include:

Football, Tag rugby, Golf, Athletics, Striking & Fielding, Hockey and much more!

*Please note activities may vary daily*

Bookings open 12th June - 23rd July (limited places available)

Arena Sports Centre 09:00-15:00

School years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 (Academic year 22-23)

Dates Monday 7th August - Thursday 10th August

& Monday 14th August - Thursday 17th August

(individual day bookings available)

**£18.50 or £69 for all 4 days! - Includes a hot meal!**

All Free school meal pupils can access this provision for FREE, via HAF, check with West Sussex County Council for more information.

**HAF places please book via the WSCC website:**

[www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/support-forfamilies/holiday-activities-and-food-programme/](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/support-forfamilies/holiday-activities-and-food-programme/) **Please contact us for booking:**

**Tel 01243 870000 [www.arenasportscentre.com](http://www.arenasportscentre.com)**

**Email [bookings@arenasportscentre.com](mailto:bookings@arenasportscentre.com)**

**Westloats Lane, Bognor Regis, West Sussex PO21 5JD**

## 'JSAX' LESSONS



Available to year 2 and 3 pupils

Starting September 2023

- Only £95 for the term (10 lessons)
- Cost INCLUDES a brand new Jsax to take home for the term
- Cost INCLUDES a saxophone book to keep
- Lessons during school time on Wednesdays
- Small group lessons
- Learn how to read music in a fun and interactive way
- Improves co-ordination
- Skills transferable to other instruments
- Limited spaces available, apply now to secure your place

## LESSONS ALSO AVAILABLE SEPTEMBER 2023

**Clarinet, saxophone, flute and recorder**

**Group lessons £8, Individual lessons £13**

**Low-cost instrument hire available**

## PLEASE CONTACT

Emma Milne – Specialist Woodwind Teacher [emmamilnemusic@hotmail.com](mailto:emmamilnemusic@hotmail.com)

07749 295586

TO APPLY PLEASE VISIT

[www.emmamilnemusic.mymusicstaff.com](http://www.emmamilnemusic.mymusicstaff.com)



## Internet Safety



Remember the best way to ensure your child's safety online is to understand exactly what they are doing. Talk to them about their on line activity, play games with them and check their online activity regularly. Make sure children have parental controls on their devices and are not accessing material that they shouldn't be.

## Dates for the diary



1st September INSET Day

4th September- start of term for pupils

6th September- whole school book swap

6th September- Forest school starts for new Year 2

8th September- Read Aloud day

13th September- Year 3 to Butser

21st September - OPAL Grounds' evening

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

### **INSET Days 2023-24**

(Nearly 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.)

Friday 1st September 2023

Monday 9th October 2023

Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Monday 19th February 2024

Friday 24th May 2024

## Contact Us



If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to contact us:

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