



North Mundham Primary School

The Heron Newsletter



Welcome to our fortnightly newsletter

Autumn 2

22nd September 2023

In this newsletter, find out about:

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- **Reminders and Notices**
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- **Upcoming events**

A Message from Mrs Gordon



Dear Parents and Carers,

The last fortnight has whizzed by as the children have settled back into their learning. This week we celebrated the harvest in our assembly on Wednesday. Reverend May from St Stephens church came to lead our celebration and to speak to the children about the harvest at this time of year. The children sang songs that they had learnt for the occasion and it was a lovely way to start our day. Many thanks to all of you who donated items for Chichester Foodbank. The children spent some time thinking about those who are less fortunate than themselves and feeling grateful for what they have.

Last week on Friday we used our artistic skills to create a variety of amazing dots to recognise 'Dot Day'. This is based on the children's book *The Dot* which is about a child who fears failure and is encouraged to 'have a go'. Believing in yourself is central to our school values and the children's artwork was an excellent way to show that everyone is capable of being artistic.

Despite the inclement weather this week, we have been using our grounds and the surrounding area to extend our learning outside the classroom as much as possible. All year groups have continued to enjoy and engage in our OPAL provision at playtime (see below). Bumblebee and Dragonfly classes collaborated on a walk to the lakes and collected lots of natural artefacts to use in their art later on in the day. Butterfly and Scarab Beetle classes have been on a walk to Hunston today, they spent time looking at what lives and grows in our local environment. We try to enhance our curriculum by using

our environment as much as possible. Thank-you to all of the parents who have helped by accompanying these activities.

Class celebrations this week:

Ladybird Class- have had 2 Forest School sessions and are learning to listen well to instructions. They are also developing their cooking skills and baked some delicious banana bread with Mrs Massey.

Bumblebee Class-- -Well done for a great walk to The Lakes- excellent behaviour and interaction with Year 6 helpers. Wonderful art work created in the afternoon.

Caterpillar Class- -Amazing art work based on The Dot. The children used very precise techniques to create 'dotty dots'!

Butterfly Class- --Well done Butterfly Class for all your enthusiasm and perseverance in French lessons. Learning a new language is always tricky and some of the words sound a little strange but you are really working hard to pronounce words correctly to sing different nursery rhymes. Great work! They also had a fantastic visit to Butser Farm last week where they took part enthusiastically in all the activities and were complemented on their excellent behaviour.

Scarab Beetle Class- Scarab Beetles showed excellent behaviour on their trip to Weald and Downland. They explored a wide range of houses and buildings from throughout history and had a go at making Anglo-Saxon medicines.

Praying Mantis Class- -Producing fantastic poster work in Reading. They have used their art skills and English knowledge to describe 'The Gorm', which is an evil creature, terrorising Podkin's land.

Dragonfly Class- --Well done for looking after the Year 1 children so well on the walk to the local lakes. You were responsible and thoughtful as their partners. You also worked really well in groups with them to create art pictures using the artefacts that you had found.

Have a great weekend

Best wishes,

Zoe Gordon, Headteacher

Dotty Art!











Art club get creative







Harvest assembly and donations





Our new school council



Year 3 head to Butser Ancient Farm















Year 4 explore the Weald and Downland Museum









Outdoor learning week









OPAL- Outside Play and Learning



The children have continued to explore the environment and equipment in their playtimes. They are getting very creative, which is great to see. It is also encouraging some collaborative play with children working in teams and supporting each other. That's what it's all about.

On Thursday we had another of our Grounds evenings- this time with the focus on our OPAL areas. Many thanks to Mr Burroughs and Mrs Ford for organising this. Also thank-you very much to the parents, children and staff who helped. Despite torrential rain a lot was achieved and our natural environment has been further enhanced.

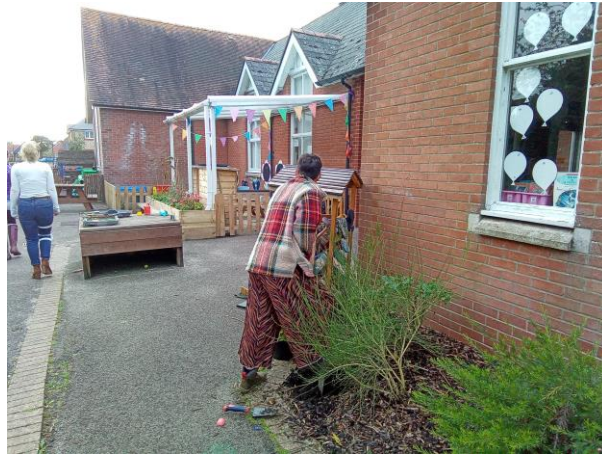
On a Friday afternoon we now have OPAL extra which is a half hour slot for the whole school to mingle and play together as a positive end to their week.

Wellies and waterproofs

Now that the weather has changed all children need to have wellies (or an alternative) in school to wear on wet days. We are intending on being out in all weathers so they will also need a waterproof coat or (ideally) an all in one or trousers as well. We will have some spares but it would be great if as many children have them as possible so that they can access the play.

Grounds evening





Getting creative with OPAL









Important Notices



Notices

Judo

We have a new judo club starting on Tuesday October 3rd. This will be open to Years 2- 6 and will be with experienced Judo instructor Michael Pring. Mr Pring will be delivering an assembly for all children on next week. Please see details below for more information.

PTA AGM

Please come along to our PTA AGM next Thursday at 7pm to find out about what our PTA do and how you can help. We have been very lucky to have a wonderful PTA over the last few years who have organised some fantastic events and made lots of money for the school. We are now in need of new members. Do come along- it's a great way to meet other parents and become an active part of our community.

Parental Consent and details

Please use the MCAS App to update your parental consent preferences and personal information so that we can ensure that we are complying with statutory requirements.

Open Afternoon

We have our first open afternoon for parents of pupils starting school in September 2024 on Thursday 28th September. If you know anyone who might be interested, please let them know. They can contact the school office for more details and to book on.

Sporting Opportunities

We are part of the Chichester Schools Sports Partnership and this year there is an emphasis on ensuring that children of all abilities have access to additional opportunities. This will include elite athletes, reluctant participants, aspiring sports' leaders, pupils with additional needs as well as offering some children the chance to take part in alternative sports such as Boccia. Look out for letters and more details on this in coming newsletters.

Many thanks for your co-operation in these matters.

Join us for some pre-historic half-term holiday fun with stories and a craft activity

A Roaring Good Time



Suitable for children aged 4+

Booking essential – please speak with staff to reserve a place

Parents and carers must remain with their child during this activity

PTA AGIVI

Thursday 28th September

7pm

At school

Come along and find out how you can help.

Refreshments available



Swim School Newsletter



SWIM SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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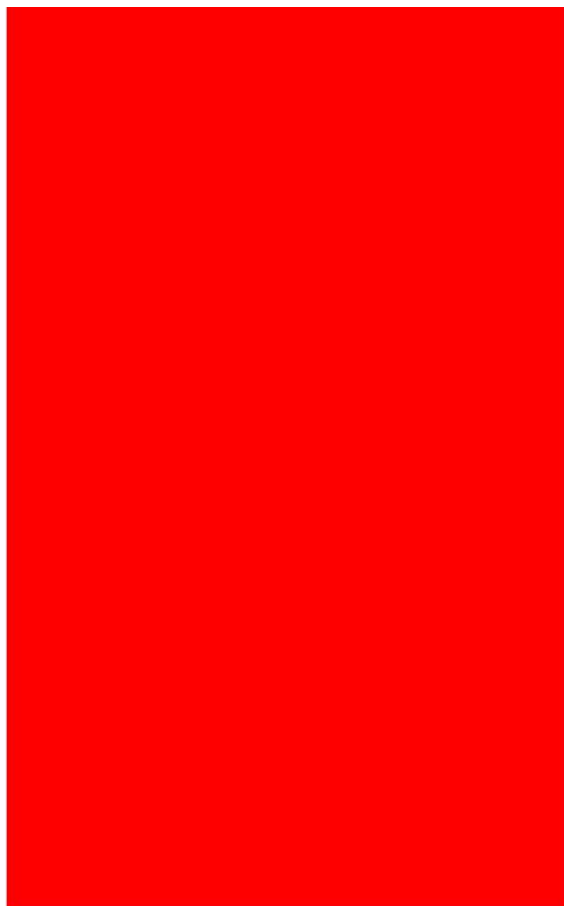


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SWIM SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

MONTH:



Fitness Membership – Embrace progress
this Autumn at Westgate Leisure Centre



Westgate Leisure Centre
PO19 1RJ
01243 785651 Option 1





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WHY JOIN EVERYONE ACTIVE LESSONS?

- Lessons are available up to 50 weeks of the year and up to 7 days a week, with a break over the Christmas period.
- Lessons available for students from 4 months old.
- Students are assessed regularly and moved up as soon as they are ready for the next stage.
- Qualified and DBS checked teachers/coaches.
- Badges and certificates are available.
- Lessons available at over 200 centres.
- Some courses will have access to 'AquaPassport' or 'SportPassport' to track progress, play online games and collect trophies.

JOIN NOW

SCAN ME



ADULT SWIMMING LESSONS

Our adult swimming lessons cater for all abilities. From complete beginners, all the way to people who are confident in the water but want to improve their stroke technique, stamina and overall ability. We also offer lessons in additional skills, including diving, water safety and distance swimming.

Be Water Confident

These classes give you an introduction to the pool, helping to build your confidence in the water alongside learning basic aquatic skills. These classes take place in shallow water, helping you build confidence in safety.

Be a Swimmer

With the goal of you managing to swim a short distance, this element of our adult swimming lessons help you to develop your confidence both in and around the water.

Be a Better Swimmer

Improve your stamina and stroke technique and gain confidence swimming in deeper water. The goal for these lessons is to support you to swim distances of up to 50 metres on your front and back with good technique.

Internet Safety



TikTok

We are aware of a number of children who are using TikTok independently.

Do you know if your child is using it and if so what they are accessing?

Use the guide below to ensure that they are staying safe.

Dates for the diary



27th September- Fire Service visiting

28th September- Little City visit- Ladybirds, Bumblebees and Caterpillars*

28th September- Open afternoon for Sept 2024 reception parents 1.30pm

28th September PTA AGM 7pm

3rd October- Bookfest author visit

4th October Bookfest Author visit

9th October **INSET Day**

10th October World Mental Health Day

11th October- 8.45 Phonics meeting for new parents*

12th October- Show Racism the Red Card workshops for Preying Mantis and Dragonfly classes

13th October Dragonfly Class (Year 6) assembly 9.00- parents and carers welcome

18th October- Open morning for new YR 2024 parents

20th October- Show Racism the Red Card- wear red day.

20th October- Break up for half term

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

*- more details to follow

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.)

Monday 9th October 2023

Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Monday 19th February 2024

Friday 24th May 2024

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