



North Mundham Primary School

The Heron Newsletter



Welcome to our fortnightly newsletter

Autumn 3

6th October 2023

In this newsletter, find out about:

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A Message from Mrs Gordon



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has marked the start of Black History Month and in assemblies this week we have discussed the significance of this annual event. The focus this year is “Saluting our Sisters” and we looked at the lives of some influential black women in our British history. It also gave us the opportunity to raise the topic of the impact of racism and discrimination of any kind. This is a theme we return to regularly and we ask that you, as parents and carers, support us by reinforcing it at home.

We have once again been part of Chichester Bookfest this week and have had two authors visit us in school. The children have all been given a book written by these authors and were able to get them signed and meet the authors in person. This is such a valuable experience and we are very grateful to the organisers of the Book fest for facilitating this for the children.

Some quotes about our author visits:

Gary Northfield:

'he was funny'

'his drawings were brilliant'

'I enjoyed the drawing session with him'

'In his book there are lots of animals which I like- and I've just discovered a glossary in the back!'

'His book has his little drawings in that I like, it is really interesting (I love all the animals)'

'his book is funny- I like the pictures and the story'

'it's like a comic book with chapters'.

Smriti Halls:

Year 1 questions and answers-

Do you have a pet?- 'No but I always dreamed of one'

Do you like being an author?- 'I love it!'

How many books have you written? '105'

Last week Ladybird, Bumblebee and Caterpillar classes all had the chance to visit Little City. During the morning they were able to explore all of the different components such as the hairdresser, the building site, the vets, the doctor's surgery, the boutique, the supermarket and many others. They had great fun role playing the jobs and thinking about what they involve.

We also had a visit from the fire service last week and several classes got to meet the fire fighters, find out about their jobs and also learnt some very important fire safety tips. The children in Ladybird class enjoyed using the main hose to find out what it felt like to put a fire out.

Class celebrations this week:

Ladybird Class- are celebrating being amazing friends this week. They have worked on friendship skills and how to be a good friend.

Bumblebee Class-- had a brilliant forest school session this week. They listened carefully and made some fantastic bark rubbings.

Caterpillar Class- have done some amazing fact writing for their book about Marcus Rashford.

Butterfly Class- very much enjoyed meeting Gary Northfield (our author). They thought carefully about the questions that they wanted to ask him and drew some very impressive pictures of the main character Leif.

Scarab Beetle Class- excellent music lesson in which they used xylophones with very good timing.

Praying Mantis Class- have used some very good persuasive language to encourage people not to use so much single use plastic.

Dragonfly Class- have used their journalistic skills this week to interview adults and pupils in Ladybird class and plan their newspaper articles about the start of term for our new YR.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Mr Tran and his partner who will be getting married tomorrow. We all send them our best wishes for a very happy future together.

Have a great weekend

Best wishes,

Zoe Gordon, Headteacher

Art club create some amazing zentangle inspired sculptures





Little City













Fire service













Author Visits for Chichester Bookfest

















A message from Mrs Robins

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself and let you know a little bit more about me, both professionally and personally!

I have been teaching for nearly 30 years and can honestly say it is still the job I have total passion and commitment for. Throughout my career I have worked in schools of different sizes across Surrey, Hampshire and Sussex, from tiny village schools to large all through primaries. My philosophy has always been the same – to treat every child with respect, individuality and understanding whilst helping them to achieve the very best for themselves – it always has been, and still is, a real privilege to teach.

As I have gained experience, I have taken up varied leadership roles. I was delighted to be appointed Deputy Headteacher at North Mundham. I could not be prouder of the community I have joined and have received such a warm welcome – thank you. It has been wonderful to get to know your children and meet some of you personally – please do come and say hello if you see me out and about in the mornings or after school.

I live locally in Westhampnett, having moved here a couple of years ago, and absolutely love the surrounding area. I can often be found up on Goodwood Hill with my French bulldog Bear! I also have a cat called Lenny, and shouldn't forget my two grown up children, who are both now living in London – my daughter following a career in fashion and my son who has just started university.

I am really looking forward to working alongside you and your children in the future.

Lindsey Robins

OPAL- Outside Play and Learning



OPAL Parent Meeting

There will be a **Parent meeting on Tuesday 17th October at 9.00** which is your chance to come along and find out more about our OPAL playtimes including an opportunity to see morning play in action. PLEASE come along if you can as it will help you to understand this new initiative and further support us on our journey.

Many thanks to Jewsons building supplies who have provided us with free resources to continue to enhance our OPAL area. We are extremely grateful.

The school council are collecting ideas of what the children would like to add to their OPAL play experiences and they would love to make a music wall.

Please can we have donations of:

old saucepans, colanders, wooden spoons, pots, pipes etc

We would also like to have a junk modelling pop up station so please could you collect any clean recycling and other items that could be used for this.

Many thanks

Down in The Fuzzies for OPAL extra!





Important Notices



Notices

INSET Day

Reminder that Monday is INSET day for staff so pupils should not attend.

World Mental Health Day- wear yellow.

On Tuesday 10th October in recognition of World Mental Health Day, the children can wear non uniform including something yellow. We will have a focus on this in our assemblies next week.

PTA

Thanks to those of you who attended the PTA AGM. we now have a new committee- Jess Burns and Kelly Halsted (co-chairs), Hannah Thompson and Sarah Goble (co-secretaries) and Hannah Chivral (treasurer TBC). At the meeting we discussed the many ways that the PTA had supported the pupils and school in the last year and made some plans for the new year.

Ways the PTA funding has been spent this year:

subsidising trips

subsidising whole school events such as Christmas shows, discos, Christmas parties and fitness events

providing materials and funding for our nurture room (Cocoon Room) and the Year 1 outside area

providing materials for our newly refurbished OPAL storage shed

sandpit

We are extremely grateful to everyone who supports our PTA and the events. It makes a big difference to what we can offer all pupils.

There is a meeting to plan the Christmas fair on Tuesday 17th October at 7pm. Please come along - everyone is welcome.

Bag2School- 19th October





Hello

From Stones and
Pebbles Sunday
School Team



Feel free to get in touch with any questions.
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Come and join us this Autumn
Term on these Sundays



Sunday 1st October

Sunday 15th October

Sunday 5th Nov

Sunday 19th Nov

Sunday 3rd Dec

Sunday 17th Dec

We look forward to seeing you for
lots of fun activities and a snack.

Time: 9.30-10.30
@ St Stephens Church, North
Mundham

All welcome



**SWIM
BIKE
RUN**

Mini

**GET INVOLVED,
SCAN HERE**





Adult and Family Triathlon
 Organised by Chichester Triathlon Club + raising money for the Chi Food Bank / Trussell Trust
 Beginner triathlons for those new to the sport:
Adults (over 15) Triathlon Event:
 Swim 200m (6 lengths) + Bike 10km + Run 3km
Family Triathlon Event:
 Swim 66m (2 lengths) + Bike 5km + Run 1km



When?
 Saturday 14th October
 Starting from 13:30 onwards

Equipment?
 Swimwear, towel, clothing for cycling and running in, bike, helmet, trainers, warm clothing for after the event.

Where?
 Westgate Leisure Centre,
 Via Ravenna, Chichester PO19 1RJ

Who?
 For families and adults interested in having a go at triathlons at a novice level! A bite-sized fun event with all 3 of the elements of swim, bike, run. Get that event experience in a fun and friendly environment without the pressure of a race!

Adult event £20 each, family event £30
 Please note:- for the family race, children must be over 6 on day of the race. 1 adult per 2 children – families must complete the event together. For more event info, please see:
<https://chichestertriathlonclub.co.uk/>

Internet Safety



Take a few moments to make sure that your child is safe while playing online on their Playstation.

PlayStation 5



The PlayStation 5 (PS5) launched on the 15th of November 2020. Although different games carry different risks, PlayStation offers extensive parental controls for the PS5 to ensure a safer and more secure experience for children and young people in your care.

Parental Controls

If your child or young person is receiving a PS5 as an upgrade from the PS4, simply sign in with the same PlayStation Network. Your previously chosen parental controls from the PS4 will remain in place.

To access parental controls, you will need to use an internet browser to create your own account for PlayStation Network as well as an account for each child. By setting up your child's account, you will automatically be designated as the family manager, ensuring full control over settings. **Make sure you adjust settings to stop children from changing parental controls themselves.**

To change Parental Settings on the PlayStation Network:



- Sign in to your PlayStation Network account online.
- Go to **Settings**.
- Select the Family and Parental Controls and then Family Management.
- Select the account you wish to alter.

Here you can find the following features:

- Parents can choose to a preset restriction for 3 levels including: **child, early teens, and late teens or older.**
- Age Restrictions for all purchases can be set by a parent or carer.
- Parents can configure how long children and young people can play a PlayStation console with playtime restrictions.
- Playstation allows parents to turn off any features that facilitate in-game communication with other players. This can be turned on and off for specific games.
- Parents can set monthly spending limits on the account, to ensure no nasty surprises or 'bill shocks'.
- Playstation now offers the use of Virtual Reality (VR) headsets, please note these are not for use by any child under the age of 12 years old.
- You can also turn off internet browsing.

To block a user on your PlayStation Network follow these steps:



1. Select your local user account, press up on the control pad to access the **Function menu** and select **Friends**.
2. Either search for the online ID or select the user from your Friends list that you want to block.
3. Select **Options** and then **Block** to add the user to your 'Players Blocked' list.

To report a user on your PlayStation via their profile:



1. Open the **Player's** profile.
2. Press the Options button on your controller.
3. Select **Report**.
4. Choose **Something in Profile**.
5. Select the reason you're **reporting** the **player**, and then follow the instructions to complete the **report** and submit it directly to Sony.

Dates for the diary



9th October **INSET Day**

10th October World Mental Health Day- wear yellow (non uniform)

11th October- 8.45 Phonics meeting for new parents*

11th October - Boccia festival -chosen pupil only

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

17th October- PTA Meeting 7pm all parents welcome

18th October- Open morning for new YR 2024 parents

19th October- Bag2school- see above

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

20th October- Break up for half term

1st November- Ladybird Class settling in meeting*

1st November- Year 1 campfire evening*

2nd November- Creepy cakes and Bonfire bakes

2nd November- Year 6 visit to British Museum London

7th November- year 3 and 4 football tournament - children will be selected and informed

14th November- Year 5 and 6 Girls' Football- children will be selected and informed

21st November- Year 5 and 6 Boys A team football- children will be selected and informed

29th November- indoor Sportshall athletics- children will be selected and informed

1st December- Christmas Fair

4th December- Girls' Cricket- Years 5 and 6 -children will be selected and informed

8th December- Year 5 and 6 basketball- children will be selected and informed

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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