



# North Mundham Primary School

The Heron Newsletter



Welcome to our fortnightly newsletter

Autumn 5

10th November 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,

What a wet start to the new half term! We have continued to persevere with our Outside Play and Learning and have adapted to the conditions (see below). This week we have focused on Remembrance in assembly and welcomed Reverend May Barker from St Stephens who led our collective worship on this theme on Tuesday. I know lots of pupils will be taking part in parades which will be a great experience for them.

Last week we had a delivery from BBCRadio 2 of some merchandise that they wanted to donate. Every child in the school went home with a new bag and water bottle. This is through our valuable link with the charity Business 2 Schools and we are grateful for that.

Last Wednesday Year 1 had their 'indoor' campfire event. Sadly the original plan for the event to take place in the Fuzzies had to be changed due to the weather but they had a lot of fun inside instead. Many thanks to all of Miss Guppy's helpers who made the event so special for the children.

Year 5 showed off all their hard work in their Class Assembly last Friday. They confidently told us what they had achieved over the last half term with some fascinating facts about ancient China, sea shanties and their amazing gymnastics skills. It was great to see their involvement and how proud they rightly were of their achievements.

On Wednesday in between the showery days, we had a lovely sunny day for the Year 3 and 4 football tournament. I took a team of 8 children to the astro pitches at Chichester University. Our team did really well and supported each other as well as improving their skills over a very short period of time. For many of them it was the first time they had taken part in such an event and they were excellent representatives of our school.

Last week was the first Toast @2 with Mrs Gordon, a new weekly opportunity for a few pupils to come and share some toast and quality time with me. Teachers chose 2 pupils who then chose a friend each. Last week was Years 3 and 4 and this week Years 5 and 6. There will be lots more opportunities for other children to join in through the year. It has been a real pleasure and something to look forward to on a Friday.

It was lovely to see so many of you in school over the last week for Parents' and Carers consultations. Hopefully you found it a valuable experience and found out about how your child is progressing as well as how to help them at home. If you missed this opportunity but would still like to speak to child's teacher, please contact the school office.

#### **Class celebrations this week:**

**Ladybird Class-** This week they have been amazing readers. They are using their knowledge of sounds to Fred Talk words and are beginning to read and blend the sounds to make words.

**Bumblebee Class-**Year 1 have been writing some instructional texts about the jam sandwiches that they made. They have thought about the order the instructions need to be in and have used 'bossy' (imperative) verbs in their writing.

**Caterpillar Class-** They have worked hard this week in their writing and have used some metaphors in their poems.

**Butterfly Class-** Butterfly Class have been finding out about skeletons this week. they had fun labelling each other with bone names and identified joints and muscles that connect the bones They used key vocabulary such as 'pivot', 'ball and socket' and 'hinge'.

**Scarab Beetle Class-** have been working hard in English this week. their focus has been on exploring Norse Myths based on the Norse Gods- some amazing writing, well done!

**Praying Mantis Class-** have been learning the order of the planets in the solar system. They have used mnemonics to help them remember and were able to share some of these and a song in our Friday assembly.

**Dragonfly Class-** Have done really well in maths this week. They were given some tricky content on fractions but have really persevered and are understanding more each day. They also showed maturity, safe and sensible behaviour when they used the indoor PE apparatus.

Thanks again to everyone who brought cakes in and/or bought cakes. We raised £158.04 which was amazing!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

Zoe Gordon, Headteacher

Our Radio 2 merchandise!







Pumpkin Art and Remembrance display



















Year 5 Class assembly









Year 1 indoor 'campfire' evening











Year 3 and 4 football tournament



Toast@2







## OPAL- Outside Play and Learning



The weather has meant that we have had to adapt our OPAL provision to a certain extent. Thank-you to all the parents who have provided wellies- this has meant that children have still been able to access some of the muddier areas of the school and play in the wet. We have made use of some of our covered areas for children who like to do craft, drawing and colouring and we were very grateful for a donation of 3 drawers full of cars which many of the children have enjoyed playing with. We will continue to change and adapt as the year goes on.

Don't forget that you can come and see OPAL in action on 21, 22 and 23rd November- book in at the school office.

We have had a kind offer of a boat to extend our OPAL even further. This will need to be dug into the ground and Mr Burroughs would like to get hold of a ground words CAT scanner for the area that we need to dig. Please let the office know if you can help with that.

A huge Thank-you to **Jewson** and **Vitacress**- both local companies that have donated to our OPAL playground equipment.



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION

A BIG thank you to John Bright at Vitacress for donating soil, multiple different sized pots and seeds for the children to be able to grow their own herbs. This has helped to give the children a sense of accomplishment, as well as teaching them to plant, tend and harvest plants.






A MASSIVE thank you to Chloe Bright at Jewsons for their incredible donation of £1000 worth of materials for OPAL. This included some wonderful fencing panels which currently have been used to make dens for the children allowing creative and adventurous play.





### NORTH MUNDHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL











OPAL in Action





# Outdoor Play And Learning



**WHAT IS OPAL?**

OPAL is a community interest company dedicated to improving children's opportunities by supporting school improvement through play.

**WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF OPAL PLAY?**

Children at OPAL schools rapidly develop...

CREATIVITY

IMAGINATION

COOPERATION

RESILIENCE

CONFIDENCE

**WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU**

We would really appreciate the following donations:

- old oversized clothes
- waterproofs
- scarves, hats & bags
- suitcases with wheels
- old pots & pans
- tarpaulin
- old tractor & car tyres
- scooters & bikes
- plastic pipes for waterplay
- fence panels

"We've had children exploring water play and creating wonderful waterways, mud pie making in the mud kitchen, scooter races, fashion shows and sand sculptures plus a lot more!" ~ Mrs Gordon

Do you know of any parents, businesses, tradesmen etc who may be able to help towards donations?



[WWW.OUTDOORPLAYANDLEARNING.ORG.UK](http://WWW.OUTDOORPLAYANDLEARNING.ORG.UK)

## Important Notices



### Notices

#### Christmas cards

Today is the last day for ordering your child's Christmas cards- scan the QR code on the proof that was sent home to order.

#### PTA Christmas Fair



This will be on 1st December this year. The children have been set a challenge to design a poster that will be used to advertise the fair. The 24th November will be a non-uniform day in exchange for bringing something in for the fair- more details to follow.

### **Parental Consent**

Many thanks to those parents who have completed the consent forms on MCAS. Please make sure that you do this if you haven't already. If you need help, please contact Mrs Holden in the office.

### **Flu Vaccinations**

Please ensure that you have completed the form for the flu vaccinations which take place in school on 27th November.

### **Choir Cake sale**

The choir are raising money for their trip to the Young Voices in London in January. They will be holding a cake sale at 3.20 on Thursday 16th November in Year 1 Classroom. There will also be competition entries to design a letter for their banner.

### **Christmas Lunch**

This will be on 13th December this year. See the poster below on how to order a meal for your child.

### **Treecycle**

St Wilfrid's Hospice offer a 'treecycling service for your Christmas tree in January- see the poster below for details.

### **Coats and wellies**

Please ensure that your child has a coat in school every day. Ideally this is waterproof with a hood so that they can be outside in the rain. In addition, all children need wellies or similar outside boots to wear when it is wet.

Many thanks for your co-operation in these matters.



**CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY**  
**FRIDAY 22ND DEC**  
**9.00AM - 3.30PM**

**HAF FUNDED SPACES**

**JOIN US FOR**  
**CHRISTMAS**  
**HOLIDAY CLUB**  
**18TH - 22ND DECEMBER 2023**

**LAZER TAG**  
**FOOTBALL DARTS**  
**ARCHERY ARENA**  
**UV GLOW ARENA**  
**BOARD GAMES**  
**ART & CRAFT**  
**TRADITIONAL SPORTS**  
**TEAM GAMES**  
**LEGO**  
**ELECTRONIC CIRCUIT ACTIVITY**  
**K'NEX BUILDING SETS**  
**MARBLE MANIA**



[www.active8minds.co.uk](http://www.active8minds.co.uk)  
01243 696580

WEEKDAYS: 8.00AM - 5.00PM  
HAF FUNDED SPACES (9.00AM - 4.00PM)  
SIBLING DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE  
OPEN TO YEARS 1-7

**TPS | ST JAMES | SPRINGWOOD | HIGHBURY | MEON | WICOR**



# Merry Christmas

Join our festive lunch by ordering on  
ParentPay for

.....Wednesday 13th December.....

**MAINS**  
Roast Turkey in Gravy,  
Or  
Quorn Roast in Gravy

**SIDES**  
Roast Potatoes, Mini Sausage, Stuffing,  
Carrots and Cabbage

**DESSERT**  
Snowy Cupcake

**Scan QR code to order, no later than  
Thursday 30th November !**

\*Special diets will remain in place.



## SWIM LESSONS WESTGATE



**LOOKING FOR CHRISTMAS  
PRESENT IDEAS?**

**ENQUIRE TODAY!!**

**SPACES ARE GOING VERY QUICKLY  
WITH PEOPLE BOOKING READY FOR  
JANUARY SO CONTACT US TODAY  
AND ENSURE YOU DON'T MISS OUT**





### **New Spaces Opened in the below stages:**

- **Pre-stage 1 – Monday 3.45pm, Tuesday 3.30pm or 3.45pm, Wednesday 10.30am or 2pm Thursday 9.30am, 10am, 10.30am or 3.45pm, Saturday 9.30am or 11am Sunday 9.30am**
- **Stage 1 (4years+) -Tuesday 4pm or 4.30pm, Wednesday 5pm, Saturday 8.30am, Sunday 9am or 11am.**
- **Stage 2 (5 years+) – Monday 4.15pm 4.45pm 5.15pm, Tuesday 4.15pm 4.45pm 5pm Wednesday 3.45pm 4.45pm 5.45pm Thursday 4pm, 4.15pm, 5.15pm 5.30pm Friday 4pm,4.30pm, 5pm Saturday 9.15am 9.45am 10.15am, 11am 11.30am Sunday 9.15am 10.30am**
- **Stage 2 7+ - Thursday 4pm or 6pm Saturday 10.30am**
- **Stage 3 – Monday 5.30pm Wednesday 4pm or 5pm Friday 4pm 4.30pm**

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**Whether you are looking for afterschool/weekend lesson's**

**We have something to suit your schedule!**

**Why learn to swim with us?**

- Learn from four months old • Adult lessons available
- Available up to seven days a week • All teachers are Swim England or equivalent qualified
- Pay monthly by Direct Debit
- Follow your child's progress on our interactive Aqua passport

**Email [kirstywhitehead@everyoneactive.com](mailto:kirstywhitehead@everyoneactive.com) or call us on 01243 785651 option 1 for more info!**



## Internet Safety



### Acceptable Use Policies

**As a school we have a responsibility to ensure all of our community are aware of our Acceptable Use of ICT policies. We have these in place for pupils, staff and parents.**

**Please make sure that you have read the parental one and that you have agreed to it on MCAS.**

**this will help us all work together to ensure that Internet safety is of the highest priority.**

## North Mundham Primary School Parent Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)



As the parent or legal guardian of the pupil(s) named below, I grant permission for the school to give my daughter/son access to:

- the Internet at school
- the school's chosen email system
- Computing facilities and devices at the school.

1. I understand that North Mundham Primary School uses technology as part of the daily life of the school when it is appropriate to support teaching and learning and the smooth running of the school, and to help prepare the children and young people in our care for their future lives.



2. I am aware that internet and device use using North Mundham Primary School's devices may be filtered and monitored for safety and security reasons, to safeguard both my child and the school systems. This monitoring will be proportionate and will take place in accordance with data protection.
3. I accept that ultimately the school cannot be held responsible for the nature and content of materials accessed through the Internet and mobile technologies, but I understand that the school takes every reasonable precaution to keep pupils safe and to prevent pupils from accessing inappropriate materials.
4. I will promote positive online safety and model safe, responsible and positive behaviours in my own use of technology, including on social media: not sharing others images or details without permission and refraining from posting negative, threatening or violent comments about others, including the school staff, volunteers, governors, contractors, pupils or other parents/carers.
5. The impact of social media use is often felt strongly in schools, which is why we expect certain behaviours from pupils when using social media. Therefore, I will support the school's social media policy and not encourage my child to join any platform where they are below the minimum age.
6. I will follow the school's Media policy, which outlines when I can capture and/or share images or videos. I will not share images or videos of other people's children on social media and understand that there may be cultural or legal reasons why this would be inappropriate or even dangerous. The school sometimes uses images or videos of my child for internal purposes such as recording attainment, but it will only do so publicly if I have given my consent on the relevant form.
7. I understand that for my child to grow up safe online, s/he will need positive input from school and home, so I will talk to my child about online safety and refer to [parentsafe.lgfl.net](https://parentsafe.lgfl.net) for advice and support on safe settings, parental controls, apps and games, talking to them about life online, screen time and relevant topics from bullying to accessing pornography, extremism and gangs, sharing inappropriate content etc...
8. I understand that whilst home networks are much less secure than school ones, I can apply child safety settings to my home internet. [Internet Matters](#) provides guides to help parents do this easily for all the main internet service providers in the UK. There are also childsafe search engines e.g. [swiggle.org.uk](https://swiggle.org.uk) and [YouTube Kids](#) is an alternative to YouTube with age appropriate content. On the school's [Online Safety](#) webpage there are information sheets about keeping safe online.
9. I understand that my child might be contacted online on [Google Classroom](#) by their class teacher and only about school related matters.
10. I understand that it can be hard to stop using technology sometimes, and I will talk about this to my children, and refer to the principles of the Digital 5 A Day: [childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/ourwork/digital/5-a-day/](https://childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/ourwork/digital/5-a-day/)
11. I understand that my child needs a safe and appropriate place to do remote learning. When on any video calls with school, it would be better not to be in a bedroom but where this is unavoidable, my child will be fully dressed and not in bed.
12. I understand that the school will contact me if they have concerns about any possible breaches of the AUP or have any concerns about my child's safety.
13. I will inform the school or other relevant organisations if I have concerns over my child's or other members of the school communities' safety online.

14. I know that my child will receive online safety education to help them understand the importance of safe use of technology and the internet – both in and out of school.

## Dates for the diary



14th - year 5 and 6 Girls' football\*

16th November- Year 4 assembly 9am

17th November Children in Need\*

21st, 22nd, 23rd- OPAL Open days- parents can book in to come and see playtime in action

23rd November Year 5 and 6 Football\*

24th November- Year 3 Class assembly

24th November - Puppet workshop Year R and OPAL workshop at lunchtime

24th November- non-uniform day for Christmas Fair\*

26th November- Choir sing at Hunston Christmas market

27th November- Flu vaccinations

29th November- Sportshall Athletics

1st November- Christmas Fair

4th December- IRock Concert\*

4th December- Girls' Cricket

4th December- 1.45 year 1 and 2 Christmas performance Dress rehearsal (toddlers and babies allowed)\*

5th December- 9.30 YR Christmas performance dress rehearsal- toddlers and babies allowed

5th December- 1.45 year 1 and 2 Performance 1 (adults only)\*

6th December- 1.45 year 1 and 2 Performance (adults only)\*

7th December- 9.30- Year R Performance (adults only)\*

8th December- Basketball tournament\*

12th December- KS1 Christmas parties and KS2 Disco\*

14th December- 9.30 Christmas service at St Stephens- parents welcome

15th December- break up

3rd January- return to school

30th January- Young Voices at the O2

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.)

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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