



# North Mundham Primary School

The Heron Newsletter



Welcome to our fortnightly newsletter

Autumn 6

24th November 2023

In this newsletter, find out about:

- **Mrs Gordon's message and school news**
- **OPAL updates**
- **Reminders and Notices**
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## **A Message from Mrs Gordon**

Dear Parents and Carers,

The last two weeks have been busy at school with fundraising, learning, plenty more OPAL playtimes and a whole school focus on anti-bullying. Antibullying week (last week) had a theme of 'Make some noise'. In assembly we thought about what bullying is and what it isn't as well as what we can do work together to combat it. Led by some of our Year 6s, the children thought carefully and reflectively about this topic and discussions have carried on over the last two weeks.

We have had three teams in interschool football tournaments over the last two weeks. Last week a team of Year 6 girls played really well as a team improving in every game and participating enthusiastically and respectfully of the other teams. This week our Year 5 and 6 A team competed with excellent spirit and got through to the next stage of the tournament by conceding only one goal in the whole tournament. Yesterday another team of year 5 and 6 children played and worked very well as a team against the other schools. All of the pupils who played were excellent ambassadors for our school and we are very proud of their efforts and achievements. Well done!

In other sporting activity this week, we have had Fencing workshops for all of the pupils in Years 1 to 6. The children will have the opportunity to join a club after Christmas.

Thank-you to everyone who contributed to our fundraising efforts over the last fortnight. We raised-  
£268.78 for the Poppy Appeal

£141.55 for Children in Need

£187.50 from the choir's cake sale towards their trip to London and the Young Voices at the O2.

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

**Ladybird Class-** This week Ladybirds have been exploring numbers in lots of different ways in class and outside. They have been playing games, counting objects, and making the numbers 4 and 5.

**Bumblebee Class-** Well done Bumblebee Class for working so hard at miss Guppy's speedy school on your speedy word reading. You are all doing so well!

**Caterpillar Class-** Have continued to work very hard on their poetry writing this week and have written their own poems based on 'When I'm by Myself'. They have tried very hard with their rhymes and metaphors.

**Butterfly Class-**

- Butterfly Class have worked really hard on their writing this week and are focusing on the Fab 5-
- Capital letters
- Finger spaces
- Joined writing
- Spellings
- Punctuation
- They have written about Pangolins and tried to include their Fab 5s. Keep up the hard work!

Butterfly Class also did really well in their class assembly today- well done!

**Scarab Beetle Class-** Scarab beetles have been very resilient in maths this week they have been using their knowledge of times table facts and applying them to more difficult tables. They were also fantastic in their assembly – brilliant singing

**Praying Mantis Class-** Working collaboratively during our role play of the legendary female leader and warrior called 'Fu Hao.'

We have also developed our sentence types and used relative clauses and nouns.

These are sometimes called, Noun, Who, Which sentences

**Dragonfly Class-** This week Y6 have been exhausting their brain cells on fractions -it has been getting a bit difficult with adding and subtracting mixed numbers. But they have all persevered and worked hard to nail this skill!

In history they all wrote wonderful accounts about being a slave -the writing showed empathy and aspects of learning about slavery this term. Fabulous!

Thank- you to all of the parents who came in to see OPAL in action this week, it was lovely to see the children sharing their play with you.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

Zoe Gordon, Headteacher

## NORTH MUNDHAM FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

The North Mundham football team did brilliantly during our recent tournament, coming third overall out of 12 teams. On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November, we travelled to Chichester University to compete against other local schools. Team play was excellent with good sportsmanship shown by all the players. We were undefeated in the pool stage. Even though we lost in the semi-final, our heads stayed up, which gave us motivation to win the third-place spot. Even though we came third we all were still proud of our progress we made. Caleb was an amazing goalie, keeping a clean sheet! Our defence was even better than Manchester City! A superb clearance from Dom ensured our clean sheet remained. We scored a smashing 10 goals in the tournament scored by: Miller (4) Matthew (4) Lewis (2). Thanks to our great teamwork we made it to the county tournament in Bognor. We all played a part, and we are incredibly proud of our achievements. Shout out to our very own 'Pep Guardiola' Mr Tran who was an excellent manager, making all the right decisions at the right times! The team was: Oliver St (captain) Miller, Dominic, Caleb, Matthew, Lewis, Lucas, Drake, Oliver M and Emmanuel

North Mundham Vs The March	2-0
North Mundham vs Barnham	1-0
North Mundham vs Westbourne	1-0
North Mundham vs Portfield	3-0
North Mundham vs East Wittering	1-0
North Mundham vs Kingsham	0-1
North Mundham vs Barnham (3 <sup>rd</sup> / 4 <sup>th</sup> play off) 2:0	

by Dominic S and Miller O





## Fencing





Year 5 Role play Fu Hao



Year 6 Girls' football team





Year 5 and 6 Football tournaments







Year 3 Class Assembly





Puppet workshop







Year 4 Class assembly





## OPAL- Outside Play and Learning



It has been great to welcome some parents and governors to our OPAL playtimes this week. Luckily the weather was better!

In our OPAL assembly this week, we worked in our houses to think about the risks and the benefits of some of our activities. Supporting the children to think in this way is a very important part of our OPAL provision.

Our School Council have been out and about taking photos and videos of good examples of play around the school. see below for some examples.

### **Fuzzies**

We would like to go back in The Fuzzies next week at lunchtime but children **MUST** have waterproof trousers and wellies to come down there.







## Important Notices



### Notices

#### PTA Christmas Fair

Only one week to go to our Christmas Fair. Thank-you very much for all of the donations that you have brought in today. If you can help out on the day, please let the office know.

#### Christmas fair Reminders:

Santa's Grotto Booking Slip



## **ASAP**

### **Raffle Prize Donations**

Promise slips asap. Please bring donations by morning of 1st Dec

Raffle stubs and collection money to be returned to school office

### **Thursday 30th November**

Day helpers to arrive to set up stalls, label prizes

### **Friday 1st December from 13:00pm**

Helpers to arrive to run a stall

### **Friday 1st December 3.20pm**

All to come to the fayre and enjoy all the festivities ! 😊

### **Friday 1st December 3.30-5.30pm**

### **Hunston Winter Market**

This Sunday is the Hunston Winter Market. Our choir and RnB dance clubs will be performing in aid of the choir. Please come along and enjoy the fun at this community event. (See below for more details)

### **Performances (please note correct time of 1.45- different to last week's bulletin)**

To request places for the **Year 1 and 2** performance of 'I'm Gonna Shine' (5 and 6 December at **1.45pm**) please follow [this link](#). You may request 2 seats per child for each performance. Babies and pre-schoolers cannot be accommodated at these performances but you are welcome to bring them to the dress rehearsal on Monday 4th December.

To request places for the YR performance on Thursday 7th December 9.30, please follow [this link](#). You may request up to 3 seats per child for the performance on the 7th and 2 seats for the dress rehearsal. Babies and pre-schoolers are welcome to attend the dress rehearsal on Tuesday 5th December at 9.30.

### **School Photographs**

Last day to order school photographs is Monday 27th November.

### **Flu Vaccinations**

These will be taking place in school on Monday 27th November.

### **Clubs**

Next week is the last week of school run clubs- art, rugby, cricket, choir, construction.

### **Earrings**

Please note that children should only wear small stud earrings to school. For PE they **MUST** be removed or taped up and for swimming they **MUST** be removed. This is for health and safety reasons.

### **Attendance**

There are lots of bugs about at the moment- we encourage pupils to have good hygiene to combat the spread of them and ask you to do the same at home. If your child has a high fever, sickness or diarrhoea they need to be absent from school but otherwise they can attend. It is important that pupils' attendance doesn't slip at this time of year. Please see below for more information about the impact of pupil absence.

### Christmas Lunch

This will be on 13th December this year. All orders for hot lunches MUST be completed by 30.11.23.

### Holiday Clubs

Pupils entitled to Pupil Premium can attend holiday clubs for free- see below for more details or ask in the school office.

Many thanks for your co-operation in these matters.



The poster is for Active8 Minds' Christmas Holiday Club. It features a dark blue background with white stars and a green Christmas tree on the left. Three circular ornaments are hanging from the tree: a green one at the top with text, a red one in the middle with text, and a red one at the bottom with a photo of children. A Santa Claus sleigh is flying in the upper right. The text on the right lists various activities. At the bottom, there is contact information and a list of schools.

**Active8 Minds**  
Sport & childcare specialists

**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

Ofsted

[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**





**Christmas**  
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 1st November** (limited places available)  
**Arena Sports Centre 09:00-15:00**  
**School years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7** (Academic year 22-23)

Date **Monday 18th December- Thursday 21st**  
(Individual day bookings available)

**£19.75 or £74 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/haf](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/haf)

**Booking Deadline Sunday 3rd December**

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











**26**  
NOVEMBER

**HUNSTON**  
*Christmas*  
**WINTER MARKET**

**GIFTS - CRAFTS - FOOD VAN - SANTAS GROTTO\***  
**FESTIVE REFRESHMENTS - GAMES**

**12pm - 4pm**  
HUNSTON VILLAGE HALL, PO20 1AW

**FREE ENTRY**

*\*Santa grotto pre-booking essential at Hunston Village Stores & Post Office. £2 per child.*












Active  
Holidays



# Chichester College

Christmas Holidays 2023

» 360 Sports

**£24 per day\***

\*Get 15% off with our Active Saver code **ACTIVE15** valid until Sunday 3rd December.

Chichester College will be closed Wednesday.

Scan the QR code to book your place:



**Location:**  
Westgate Fields,  
Chichester PO19 1SB

Childcare  
Vouchers  
Accepted



Don't forget about our **10% sibling discount** too!

**Our mission is**  
To change lives by improving health and wellbeing using the power of physical activity, sport and education.



For more information and to book, visit

[www.activeme360.com](http://www.activeme360.com)



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## Sports

**Our 360 Sports camp is the perfect place for the sports 'allrounder'. In this camp you will experience a wide range of activities including; Dodgeball, Tennis, Tag Rugby, Olympic**

**Sports, Fencing, Archery & many more.**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

**What time should I drop off /pick up my child at a camp?**

Our hours for Chichester College camp are 9:00am drop off and 4:00pm pick up.

**What should my child bring?**

Your child is more than welcome to bring outdoor activity shoes i.e. football boots, but trainers are essential in case we need to go inside. We will provide all necessary equipment for all the sports and activities your child will take part in.

**Will you provide breakfast and lunch for my child?**



Only children who are eligible and book onto the 360 Sports (HAF) camps will receive breakfast and lunch. For all other bookings, please provide your child with healthy snacks, a packed lunch and a

refillable drinks bottle – no fizzy drinks. We operate a NO NUT policy on our camps so please do not pack them!

**What should my child wear?**

Every child should wear appropriate clothing for outdoor activities, tracksuits with shorts if the weather is good and a waterproof jacket.

**Will you provide sun cream?**

No, we are unable to apply sunscreen to children. Please ensure your child arrives wearing the appropriate factor and send additional sunscreen in with your child. We will remind them throughout the day to apply it.

**Will you provide drinks?**

Yes. All of our camps will have access to drinking water to refill water bottles.

**What if the weather gets bad?**

We have inside facilities available all week.

**What if my child doesn't enjoy it?** Trust us, they will. However, please do feel free to raise this with us and we will deal with individual circumstances.

**What if my child gets injured?**

All of our coaches are First Aid trained. If there is an emergency, you will be contacted immediately on the emergency contact details you have provided.

[Follow this link to book -](#)

[bookings.activeme360.co.uk/project/49495](https://bookings.activeme360.co.uk/project/49495)

**Or book your**

place, by

**If the information you are looking for is not there, please do not  
contact our team via email: [hello@activeme360.com](mailto:hello@activeme360.com) QR code:**

**scanning the hesitate to**



# 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.





## Internet Safety



**Are you doing all you can to make sure that your children are safe online?**

**The NSPCC have excellent advice. Follow [this link](#) to find out more.**

## Dates for the diary



26th November- Choir sing at Hunston Christmas market

27th November- Flu vaccinations

29th November- Sportshall Athletics

1st November- Christmas Fair

4th December- IRock Concert 9.00 for parents of pupils who are taking IRock lessons.

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- pre-schoolers 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\*

13th December- Christmas lunch

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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