



North Mundham Primary School

The Heron Newsletter



Welcome to our fortnightly newsletter

Autumn 8

15th December 2023

In this newsletter, find out about:

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

A Christmas Message from Mrs Gordon



Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank-you to all of our staff and governors here at North Mundham. They all work extremely hard to support the children and each other and I am very grateful to them all.

It's been another very busy and productive term here with the introduction of OPAL, new children to welcome and new staff as well. As always, I am very proud of the children and all that they have achieved and I am excited to see what 2024 will bring. Thank-you to all of you for your support and collaboration- working together makes all our lives easier.

This week has been fun packed with Christmas activities- see below for some photos.

Class celebrations this week:

Ladybird Class- This term Ladybird Class has made amazing progress in their learning and in their behaviour.

They have learnt to become great listeners too.

Mrs Ford is incredibly proud of you all!

Bumblebee Class- Year 1 have really embraced their first topic around 'childhood.'

Miss Guppy is so impressed by how quickly you have adapted to new routines and learning new subjects as you joined your new Year group – you are all acting so maturely!

Well done!

Caterpillar Class- Miss Grounds is so pleased with your growing independence!

Well done for applying this particularly well in maths!

You are super mathematicians! Well done!

Butterfly Class- Well done Year 3 and thank you for all your hard work this term.

You are now working with greater independence and understand the importance of focusing on what you need to do to improve.

It has been wonderful to see the small steps in progress

you are making and I hope this continues in the New Year. Well done!

Scarab Beetle Class- Scarab beetles have worked hard this term and have been very curious and engaged learners when learning about the different groups who invaded Britain after the Romans. They have been very creative and resilient when working on their art project, and this has shown in their final pieces!

Praying Mantis Class- your behaviour has been brilliant this term and you have really learnt the skills of kindness and compassion – the classroom feels like a team! Well done! It is also fantastic to see just how much your knowledge of multiplication facts have improved – well done for improving your recall and fluency of many multiplication tables!

Dragonfly Class- Mrs Gill and Mrs Robins are so very proud of the kindness, warmth and respect you have shown your Reception Class buddies over the last term. You really have helped these children to blossom and have added to their feeling of security and happiness at school.

We also wanted to mention how brilliant your maths learning has been this term – we have seen marked improvements from all of you. Developing skills, strategies and positive mindsets has helped enormously! Keep it up Dragonflies!

Well done.

Wishing you all a very happy, peaceful and safe Christmas and New Year.

With warmest wishes,

Zoe Gordon, Headteacher

Basket ball Tournament at The Arena





Christmas party fun!







Christmas Lunch









Choir sing at Hunston Village Hall





Our Christmas Church Service







Important Notices



Notices

Clubs Next term

Teacher run clubs will start on 15th January. Look out for a letter about this in the first week. You will be informed about club allocation on Friday 12th Jan. However, choir will start on 4th Jan and Dancehouse will start on 8th Jan.

Externally run clubs start dates may vary from this and the providers should contact you. These clubs are listed below for your information:

Monday PM= Football Club

Tuesday AM = RnB Dance (Y3-6)

Tuesday PM = Judo Club

Thursday AM = Fencing Club

Thursday lunchtime = French Club

Thursday PM = RnB Dance (Yr-2)

PTA Newsletter

The PTA have produced a newsletter outlining all of the fabulous fundraising this term- see below.

Forest School

This will be for Year 4 and 6 and starts on **Wednesday 3rd Jan** (first day back!). Please ensure that the children are in suitable clothing- this should be warm, waterproof and they should have wellies or very sturdy outdoor shoes that can get muddy and wet .trainers are NOT suitable for Forest School .

Spring Term PE

Year R- Monday and Friday

Year 1- Tuesday and Thursday

Year 2- Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 3- Monday and Thursday

Year 4- Monday and Thursday

Year 5- Monday swimming (starts 8th January) and Friday

year 6- Wednesday

Census day 18th January

Pre-ordering deadline for a meal on census day is 4th January. It helps our whole school funding if as many pupils entitled to Free meals (Yr-2 and Pupil Premium) order for this day- see poster below.

OPAL

Don't forget to return with wellies and outdoor gear for the new term so that the children can be outside whatever the weather.

Parenting Course

There are still spaces on our Parenting Support Workshops- see below. If you are interested, please contact the school office.

Attendance

Congratulations to the 53 children who have achieved 100% attendance this term. This is a fantastic achievement. Each day missed has can have an impact on your child's education.

Many thanks for your co-operation in these matters.

Parenting Support Workshops for Primary Schools



Supporting your child with fears and worries

We offer this for parents of primary-aged pupils and was developed by Educational Psychologists and Advisory Teachers within the Thought-Full team.

The course uses evidence-based approaches and are suitable for any parents who would like some guidance and ideas about how best to support their child's emotional wellbeing but would be particularly suitable for those whose children experience fears and worries.

The five sessions will take place at school and will be led by Advisory Teachers as well as the EMHP's based in your school.

Session 1 – The first session starts with understanding anxiety and introduces the biological function of anxiety. We also spend time getting to know each other, parents' experiences with their children and what they would like to gain from the workshops. As well as sharing our stories.

Session 2 - This session is one of two which focuses on supporting children with anxiety and worries. It explores what keeps anxiety going and the strategies that can be used to support children and the whole family. We share what little tweaks we may have made after last weeks session.

Session 3 - This is the second session on supporting children with anxiety and worries. There will be further discussion of approaches to support a child with worries including the use of language and the PACE approach (playfulness, acceptance, curiosity, and empathy). We explore some ideas about how parents can incorporate these areas into their daily life.

Session 4 - In this session we introduce emotion coaching which is a step-by-step approach in helping children to learn about emotions and how to deal with them.

Session 5 - In the final session we look at encouraging resilience. We explore how we can support children with worries to build their resilience and grow into adults who can cope with life's ups and downs. We bring the session to a close by reflecting on the workshops and next steps.



Christmas Cards

In the run up to Christmas we asked, and helped, every class to design their own Christmas card which was to be sent off and printed for parents to order (along with a range of other goodies). Each and every design looked so individual and we loved going through all the artwork, seeing how much effort had gone into making these. You obviously loved them too because we had so many orders of not only cards but also baubles, teddies, tea towels and gift tags. With these orders we have made over £300 commission and we really hope you enjoy your purchases.



Christmas Fair

The main event of the Autumn Term is the Christmas Fair and what a showstopper it was. With amazing raffle prizes, a brilliant silent auction, loads of games (mostly run by our incredible Year 6 children), delicious bbq, beautiful flowers, tombolas and not forgetting a visit from the main man himself, Father Christmas... this was not one to be missed. We were so pleased to see everyone there and enjoying themselves. Even Sophie the dog had her Christmas jumper on. A huge thank you to everyone that came and helped us to raise a whopping £2045.



Bonfire Night

In November, Year 1 held a Bonfire evening. Unfortunately our British weather was very unpredictable and this event had to be held indoors. However, your PTA were still able to provide biscuits and marshmallows (for s'mores) and every child went onto the playground with Miss Guppy to light sparklers. We strung the hall with fairy lights and had a crackling fire on the screen to provide a cosy atmosphere. A wonderful evening.

Events we funded this term!

Christmas Lunch

Every child was invited to come together for Christmas Lunch. Your PTA provided a chocolate treat as well as crackers and tablecloths to help spread some Christmas cheer.

Who is your PTA team?



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Find us on

North Mundham Primary School PTA & Events



Census Day Jan 2024

For every child that
eats a school lunch on
census day, the school
receives government
funding, every child
counts!



Chartwells
So much more than Fantastic Food

census day!

18th January 2024

MENU

**Beef Pasta Bolognese or
Vegetarian Meatless Balls in
Tomato Sauce with Rice**

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Peas or Salad

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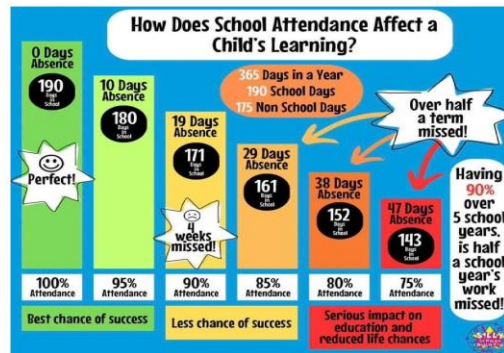
Chocolate Brownie

If you want to try a bit of each, or enjoy a taster pot and you are in Reception,
Year 1 or 2, booking the meal is still free and counts towards your school
funding, so lets come together to support your school.

Please book your meal on parentpay, by 4/01/24.

*Special diets will receive their signed off menu.

attendance statistics



Internet Safety



At this time of year, we need to be as vigilant as ever with monitoring the children's online activity.

Why not take a minute to play your child's favourite games with them so that you can chat to them about it really understand what goes on.

Dates for the diary



2nd January- INSET Day

3rd January- return to school- First Forest School for Years 4 and 6

8th January- first swimming for Year 5

11th January- first Parenting Workshop

16th January- Year 3 and 4 to Chichester Festival Theatre for Schools' Concert*

18th January- Year 6 London visit*

30th January – Young Voices at The O2

19th February- INSET

28th February- Year 5 and 6 visit to Chichester Festival Theatre- The Boy at The back of The Class*

28th February- Dancehouse

21st March- year 6 to Sea City Titanic Museum*

28th March- Break up for Easter

23rd, 24th and 25th April- Year 3 and 4 production of Wizard of Oz.*

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

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