



North Mundham Primary School

The Heron Newsletter



Welcome to our fortnightly newsletter

Spring 3

23rd February 2024

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,

This week we have been celebrating our cultural diversity at school by talking about and sharing all of the different cultures that we are from. Children and their families originate in over 25 different countries and it has been a wonderful opportunity to think about what that means and how our own cultural identity influences us and makes us the people that we are.

Many thanks to our PTA and other helpers who helped make the after school event possible. What a really special afternoon! It was a delight to see the effort that everyone had gone to with all of the

tasty treats, wonderful costumes, photos and games. Everyone enjoyed sharing the food, seeing the pictures and sharing stories from the past and present. It was an incredible reflection of our North Mundham community and made me feel very proud. Well done everyone!

Our last few class celebrations have included:

Ladybird Class: Fantastic work on their new Drawing Club initiative. This encourages children's independence and creativity in writing in Early Years and the children have loved it this week!

Bumblebee Class have been working really hard on their writing too and are really thinking about their capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. Miss Guppy is very proud that they are seeing themselves as writers.

Caterpillar Class: Had a fun day on Wednesday being pirates and experiencing life as a pirate. Their costumes were fabulous and they have produced some amazing poster and fact files about pirates which were shared in assembly this morning.

Butterfly Class: Have completed some super writing this week based on the book 'The Firework Maker's daughter'. they have used lots of adventurous vocabulary and thought hard about how to vary their sentences and make it exciting.

Scarab Beetle Class: Have amazed Miss Hull with their determination and perseverance to learn their lines and songs for The Wizard of Oz production. We are looking forward to seeing all their hard work come to fruition.

Praying Mantis Class: Had a brilliant session on '5 ways to Wellbeing' just before half term. They learnt lots of good strategies for dealing with anxiety and stressful situations as well as how to keep themselves healthy.

Dragonfly Class: Have been working really hard in maths and have made incredibly progress in arithmetic. They also did some interesting work about percentages of different cultures in their class based on cultural day today.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

Zoe Gordon, Headteacher

"What do you want to be
when you grow up?"



"Kind" said the boy

A day to celebrate our cultural diversity











Pirate Day in Year 2







Our Cultural after school festival















OPAL- Outside Play and Learning



In half term Mrs Ford and Mr Burroughs were joined by Sam and Lizzie Eggins who all worked really hard in the school grounds planting, moving items and organising the deliveries of free tyres and compost. We are extremely grateful for all the help and donations. Today over 100 hedgerow plants were planted along the fence to encourage growth and create an even better environment. Thanks again to all those who helped.

This week we had some very muddy weather and some very soggy children. PLEASE send in spare clothes and wet weather gear so that your child can enjoy OPAL whatever the weather.

We have had a great response to the Play Ranger applications and Mrs Ford will be sorting out these job roles next week.

We still need helpers if you are able to give us some time at a lunch or playtime- please let the office know.

If you know of anyone who can provide us with: more pallets, small world toys, cable reels or old road barriers, please let Mrs Ford or the office know.

Many thanks









Internet Safety



<http://www.netsmartzkids.org>

Please remember to check your child's devices and install protection for them. This will help them stay safe on line at all times. Cyberbullying and online safety is an everyday issue that we all have to deal with.

Click on [this link](#) to the NSPCC website with information about parental controls.

Important Notices



Notices

Silent Disco

Please note that **Monday** is the deadline for buying tickets for the silent discos next week. Children must have a ticket to attend. If the disco is in school time and your child is not attending then they will remain in class as usual. See previous letter for details.

Forest School

As we seem to be experiencing some very wet weather at the moment, please ensure that your child has wet weather gear and a change of clothes if they have forest school so that they don't have to remain in wet clothes all day after their session.

Parents Evenings

These will be happening in the week of 11th March. days are as follows:

Year R- Wed 13th and Thurs 14th

Year 1- Mon 11th and Thurs 14th

Year 2- Wed 12th and Thurs 14th

Year 3- Tues 12th and Wed 13th

Year 4- Tues 12th and Wed 13th

Year 5- TBC

Year 6- Wed 13th and Thurs 14th

Bookings will be via MCAS app- details of which will follow next week.

Wanted

Year 1 would like some more fancy dress clothes if you have any at home that your children have grown out of. Year 3 require cube shaped tissue boxes for their DT project- please bring to the office if you have any.

Holiday Activity Fund

If your child is in receipt of pupil premium, please see the below flyer for information of how you can access free holiday clubs.

Many thanks for your co-operation in these matters.



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and earn us a **FREE**
donation everytime

Scan, join, shop: To unlock the Bonus
for North Mundham PTA



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CALENDAR OF PTA EVENTS SPRING TERM

UPCOMING
EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE

FEB

23

CULTURAL
DAY



MAR

01

LOVE YOURSELF
SILENT DISCO



MAR

26

BUNNY
BOOTCAMP



We are looking for volunteers to help out at the above events. If you are able to help, please leave your details at the school office including your name, child's name, telephone number and event you are able to help at. Many thanks.

Your PTA Team.



HAF flyer

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD (HAF) FOR CHILDREN

Children and young people aged 4 to 6 who are eligible* for benefits related free school meals can take part in free clubs during the Easter, Summer and Winter holidays. A free nutritious meal is provided as part of the scheme. Visit our website to find activities near you and book your place.

*Check eligibility on the webpage and find information about further support and activities available. Places are limited. Paid-for-places may be available, contact individual clubs for availability.



Dates for the diary



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

28th February- Corporate Challenge 1

29th February – Dancehouse

29th February- Bumblebee Class- Year 1 Class Assembly- 2.50pm parents and carers welcome

1st March- 'Love Yourself', PTA disco

6th March- Year 2 to Arena, Bognor for Cricket event*

7th March- World Book day*

8th March- Rubicon Skate event*

11th March- Science week

12th March- Dance Festival in school

13th March- Corporate Challenge 2

14th March- Ladybird Class- Year R Class Assembly

15th March- TT Rockstars Day

20th March- Year 5/6 Swimming gala*

21st March- Year 6 visit to Sea City Titanic Museum

22nd March- Poetry Slam*

27th March- Easter Church service

27th March- Corporate Challenge 3

28th March- Break up for Easter

14th April- return to school after Easter

24th April- Wizard of OZ performance 1 (2pm)

25th April- Wizard of OZ performance 2 (6pm)

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.)

Friday 24th May 2024

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