



North Mundham Primary School

The Heron Newsletter



Welcome to our fortnightly newsletter

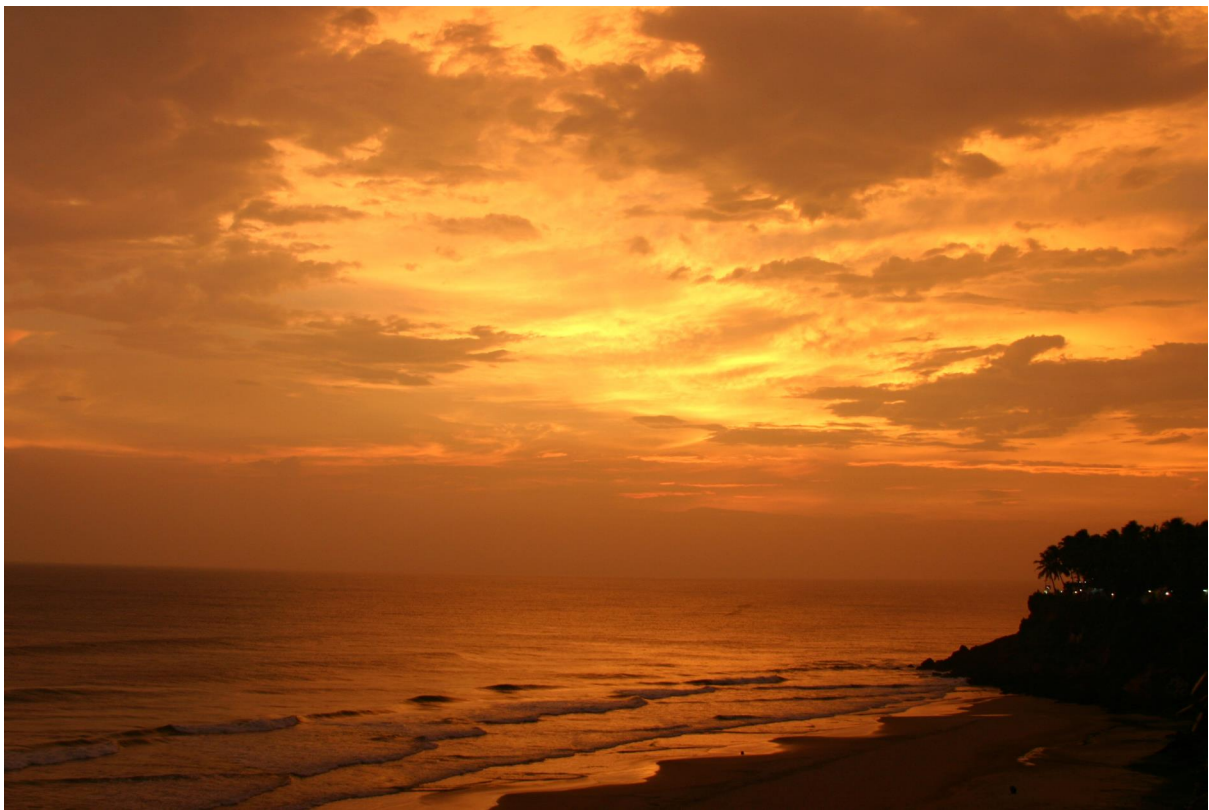
Autumn 2

20th September

In this newsletter, find out about:

- **Mrs Gordon's message and school news**
- **OPAL updates**
- **Reminders and Notices**
- **Internet Safety**
- **Upcoming events**

A Message from Mrs Gordon



Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading has been a big theme at the start of this term. Last week we had our first reading assembly of the term, where the whole school spent the first 5 minutes reading or sharing a book. We then shared what we enjoyed about our reading and I had the pleasure of sharing a beautiful picture book about a refugee. The pleasure and joy of reading was also the focus for our Pyjamrama day on Friday last week when we came to school in our PJs and spent the day talking about and sharing our favourite books. Hopefully this has launched everyone's enthusiasm and we are looking forward to handing out the first reading certificates of the year by the end of the month. Each week we also celebrate our reading superstars- children who have really shone through in their reading during that week and I am looking forward to announcing our first every reading ambassadors on Monday.

This week saw our first school trips of the year with Year 4 visiting the Weald and Downland Museum to find out all about the Anglo Saxons and how they lived and Year 3 went to Butser farm to find out about pre-historic man. As always, I was amazed by what the children had retained when they told us all about it on Friday in assembly.

Celebrations

Year 1- have been working on developing their independence when they line up and coming into assembly- well done!

Year 2- have been working very hard on their reading skills in class and in their phonics lessons.

Year 3- Were amazing ambassadors for the school on their trip to Butser.

Year 4- have been working hard on making connections in history and had a very good debate about whether it was a good thing that the Romans left Britain.

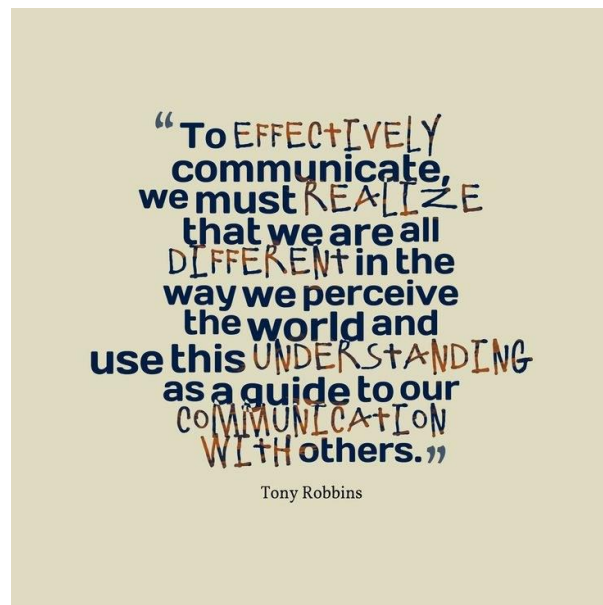
Year 5- have been working hard at being curious in their science lessons when thinking about gravity. They made some good observations and predictions.

Year 6- have been brilliant buddies to the new Year R children and really helped them to settle into school.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Zoe Gordon, Headteacher



Pyjamrama













Reading assembly





OPAL- Outside Play and Learning



OPAL

We have been very lucky with the weather this week and everyone has enjoyed being outside in our play environment. In The Fuzzies children have created some fantastic dens and wonderfully creative games. In other areas children have been building, dressing up, making, playing and generally exploring our outside space.

We are working on our tidying skills at the end of playtime and the new play rangers have been a fantastic help with this.

Please ensure that all pupils have wellies or other footwear that they can change into as well as a waterproof coat that they can wear in wet weather.

Many thanks







It is really important that parents ensure these are in place to protect children from exposure to harmful content and online abuse.

Follow this link for more expert advice on this:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

Important Notices



Notices

Clubs

Most school clubs start next week- you should have received information about this already. There are still some spaces in clubs, please ask at the school office.

Outside Learning Week

Next week is our annual outside learning week. We have plans for learning outside using our school grounds. In addition, we plan some local walks to the lakes and Hunston (year 3 and 4). We have an orienteering expert coming into school on Thursday and Friday to teach the children some new skills. Children in years 2, R, 4, 3 and 6 should wear PE kit on Thursday and years 5 and 1 on Friday. Please check additional communication for any other changes to normal clothing.

Harvest

This year our harvest assembly is on Monday 30th September. This will be held in school. This year we are collecting items for refugee families that are supported by The Sanctuary in Chichester. We like to support local causes and we have links with this local charity who work very hard to support refugee families in crisis and to help them settle into the area. We would be very grateful for any donations of non-perishable food (e.g. rice, pasta, tins, biscuits, jars, coffee, tea, sugar etc) or other items (sanitary products, nappies, cleaning products, toiletries). Please send these in on Monday 30th. Many thanks in advance.

Parking

We know that parking can be tricky at the beginning and end of the school day. However, we ask that you either park in the Playing Fields car park or, if possible further away and walk. The turning circle can be used to drop children off but please **DO NOT** park there or block the disabled bays which are used on a daily basis.

Please **DO NOT** park in the residential roads opposite the school off School Lane. These are private roads for residents **only**.

ASDA cashpots for schools

We've got some exciting news to share with you. Parentkind – a charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative. To support our school, all you have to do is opt-in through the Asda Rewards app, shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com.

Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024 – every time you shop with Asda using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts-in to support our Primary school, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

The supermarket has joined forces with Joe Wicks to support the initiative – look out for the TV advert, radio ads and social media coverage!

It's as easy as 1,2,3

1. Download the Asda Rewards app, register and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools (make sure you have the latest version of the app installed)
2. Choose our Primary School – either searching by name or postcode
3. Shop instore across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com and start filling your Cashpot as you shop.

Asda does the rest, all money raised will be donated to schools to spend on the things they need the most.

Remember, anyone can sign up – so start spreading the news and raising funds for our school.

This initiative is on top of the existing Asda Rewards benefits you get as a shopper – so you won't lose out on any of your own earnings or Cashpot, so everyone is a winner!

Many thanks for your co-operation in these matters.

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You scan we donate ££s

ParentKind

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MUSIC CENTRES



- BOGNOR REGIS**
THU 16:30 - 18:00
- CHICHESTER**
SAT 09:00 - 12:30
- HORSHAM**
SAT 09:00 - 14:30
- WORTHING**
FRI 16:30 - 19:30 & WED 16:30 - 17:30

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Drama, Dance and Singing Workshop

Calling all 4-8 year olds!



Chichester Library
Tuesday 29 October
10.00–10.30am or 10.45–11.15am

Each 25 minute workshop is led by an experienced, DBS actor/drama teacher appearing in the role as the Little Green Alien. Using drama, dance and singing, they'll take the children on a fascinating, improvisational exploration through outer space.

Booking essential – please speak with staff to reserve a place

Parents and carers must remain with their child during this activity



Chichester Library, Tower Street
Chichester, PO19 1QJ
chichester.library@westsussex.gov.uk
01243 777351

Dates for the diary



23rd- 27th September- Outside Learning week*

23rd September- School run clubs start

25th September- Open Morning for new parents (September 2025 YR entry)

30th September- Harvest assembly- see above for information about donations

3rd October- Little City in school*

9 and 11th October author visits*

10th October - World Mental Health Day- all to wear an item of yellow

10th October pm- Open Afternoon for new parents (September 2025 entry)

10th October 6pm Emergency and Annual General Meeting of PTA- all parents welcome to join

17th October- Bag2School

24th October- Creepy Cakes sale*

24th October- end of half term for pupils

25th October- INSET day

6th November - Year 1 Campfire evening *

8th November -Y4 Class Assembly 9am

11th November- Remembrance Assembly

13th November- World Kindness day

15th November- Year 6 to British Museum in London*

21st November- House Baking competition*

22nd November- Year 6 assembly 9am

29th November- Year 5 Class assembly 9am,

6th December- Christmas Fair

9th December- pm Y1 and 2 Dress Rehearsal

10th December pm- Year 1 and 2 performance 1*

11th December-am YR- Dress rehearsal

11th December pm year 1 and 2 performance 2.

19th December- Christmas church service

20th December- break up for Christmas

INSET Days

25th October INSET

24th February 2025

Friday 23rd May 2025

West Sussex Term dates 24-25

Autumn 1- 3rd September- 25th October (INSET)

Autumn 2- November 4th- December 20th

Spring 1- 6th January- 14th February

Spring 2- 24th February (INSET)- 4th April

Summer 1- 22nd April- 23rd May (INSET)

Summer 2- 2nd June- 22nd July

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