



North Mundham Primary School

The Heron Newsletter



Welcome to our fortnightly newsletter

Autumn 7

13th December

In this newsletter, find out about:

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A Message from Mrs Gordon

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would firstly like to say a big thank-you to everyone who made our school fair such a success last week. After what had been a very busy and hectic week (following our Ofsted inspection) it was really lovely to see everyone having fun, socialising and enjoying the atmosphere in and around the school. Our PTA worked extremely hard to make it such a success- a special thank-you to you all. The Year 6 Dragonfly class spent the week designing, planning and promoting their stalls. What a wonderful variety of things there were! They raised an amazing **£240.53**, which will go towards their Leavers' Hoodies at the end of the year. The whole fair raised **£1874**, which is really incredible so thank-you very much to everyone who came and spent money. Falcons can be very proud of their total which was **£129**. Well done everyone! We will announce in due course what we will be spending the money on.

The Christmas performances have been very special this week and definitely brought the spirit of Christmas. The 'Inn- spectsors' was a very warm, funny and sweet story that told us the story of Christmas. The children sang with enthusiasm, volume and joy which shone throughout the performances. There were even some solo songs which were performed with great confidence.

Ladybird Class also lit up the stage yesterday morning in their sparkly jumpers and fantastic singing., it was clear to see how far they have come in such a short space of time at school. Well done and thank-you to Miss Grounds, Miss Guppy, Mrs Ford and all of the adults for making the performances such a success.

Last Friday I took a group of School Council children to St Stephen's church where we decorated a tree to take part in the Christmas Tree Festival. Art club and school council had made all of the decorations and our tree looked very festive by the time we had finished.

We have had some very exciting sporting events over the last couple of weeks as well. The year 5 and 6 boys had another football match and this week a group of children went to The Regis to take part in a basketball event. We also had a team of 20 children who took part in the Sports hall athletics event last Wednesday. Here's Mrs Cruttenden's report:

What a great morning! All 20 children were a credit to North Mundham, Mrs Mills and I were so proud to be with them. They brought energy, enthusiasm and encouragement to the Arena this morning. Each athlete put 100% into their events, always trying their best. The competition was tough, not sure where we came yet! Music was playing throughout the games and a highlight was dancing along to the Macarena, I think Lizzie managed to video every single Mighty Mundham pupil joining in, so cute!

And finally, as this is the last Sway of the year, I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank-you to Mrs Cross and Sophie for all that they have brought to our school. We are not really sure what we are going to do without Mrs Cross who has worked at the school for nearly 38 years. She knows everything, everyone and is always there with an answer for anyone who has lost or forgotten something. She is also so kind generous and caring and really personifies our school. We will miss them both so much but look forward to hearing about their retirement adventures. Good luck and all our very best wishes to you both.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Zoe Gordon, Headteacher



Dressing our tree in St Stephens











Our Christmas Fair









Amazing Christmas productions







Sporting Events





OPAL- Outside Play and Learning



We have had some Christmas crafts outside as part of our OPAL this week and children have been having fun with those. We have battled some soggy weather and the children have enjoyed using all our equipment despite the weather.

Please remember wet weather clothing and wellies if your child doesn't already have them in school.

Many thanks

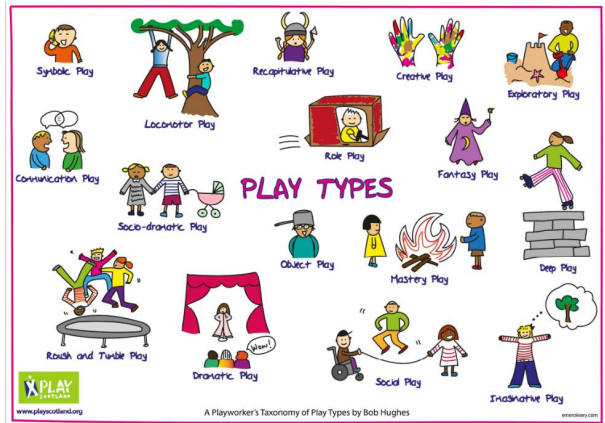
Fun in the Fuzzies







1 - Please remember your wellies!!

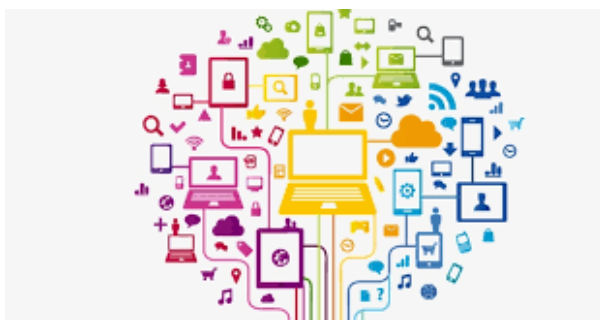


2 - We are always looking to develop the different play types and create new opportunities.



Fun in the Fuzzies

Internet Safety



3 - The NSPCC have some very good resources and advice for parents and carers who have concerns about their children's activity online. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/#report>

Notices and Reminders



Next week

Tuesday 17th December- Yr R, 1 and 2- party- children can wear party clothes to school on that day.

Y3 and 4- disco 3.10-4.10- children can bring party clothes to change into. Please inform your child's teacher if your child is not attending.

Y5 and 6 disco 4.20-5.20- children come to school in uniform/PE kit and go home to change. Please inform your child's teacher if you your child is not attending.

Wednesday 18th December

School Christmas lunch- if children are having a packed lunch on this day they can bring in a Christmas themed lunch with a treat but NO fizzy drinks. Children can come dressed in a Christmas jumper or outfit if they have one or their own clothes.

Thursday 19th December

Church service at 9.30am. Parents and Carers are welcome to attend but please note there is limited space and you will be asked to sit in the upper section of the church. If you are able

to walk down with us, please let the office know and note that we will be leaving at approx 9.05.

Christmas singalong- please join us on the Year 3 and 4 playground for this event (weather permitting). This will start at 2.50 and the PTA will be providing refreshments.

Friday 20th December

Break up at usual time 3.20pm.

Please note that PE and Forest School will be as normal next week.

PE days next term

YR- Wed and Fri

Y1- Mon

Y2- Mon and Tues

Y3- Tues

Y4- Mon and Thurs

Y5- Tues and Mon (swimming- letter to follow)

Y6- Mon and Tuesday

Forest School

Next half term Forest School will be for Y1 and 3. Children must be appropriately dressed for the weather including robust boots or shoes that can get muddy and a waterproof coat and layers of clothing to be warm.

Clubs- Spring term

Staff-led clubs letter will come out at the end of the first week back, with club applications to be returned the following week. Staff-led clubs will begin on week 3 of the Spring term.

Exceptions: Dancehouse will begin on Monday 6th Jan and Choir on Thursday 9th Jan due to performances next term.

For externally run clubs- please consult the provider. Next term there will be Judo, RnB Dance, Football, Gymnastics and French clubs operating in school. Alongside this we have the usual music tuition from iRock (group band instruments and voice), Mrs Milne (woodwind and piano) and Mr Soothill (guitar).

Clubs next week

Monday 16th December Dancehouse club will be performing in the hall at 3:40. Parents and carers are invited to watch. This is for all children who have been part of dancehouse this

half term. Please can the children wear black trousers or leggings to school on Monday and we will provide a t-shirt for them to wear.

Choir Club has now finished (so no Choir on Thursday 19th Dec).

great big donation appeal

4 yrs to 11 yrs clothing

We are in **urgent** need of clothing
for both boys and girls in sizes
4-5, 5-6, 6-7, 7-8, 8-9, 9-10 and 10-11 years

Please donate pyjamas, vests, coats, hats, tops,
jumpers, hoodies, jeans, leggings, joggers, warm
dresses, socks and tights.

To donate,
please message
us directly on
Facebook



Little Bundles Baby Bank
Chichester & Arun



We are only looking for
warm winter clothing!



Thank you for your support!

Dates for the diary



17th December- Christmas party (YR, 1 and 2) and disco (KS2)*

18th December- Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day

19th December- Christmas church service
19th December 2.50- Christmas singing event
20th December- break up for Christmas
6th January- start of Spring term
15th January- United Voices concert at Chichester Festival Theatre
16th January- Maths Day
16th January- Year 1 Royal tea party*
17th January – Year 3 Class assembly
7th February- Year 2 Class assembly
14th February- finish for half term
24th February- INSET day
26th February- Dancehouse performance in Worthing
28th February- Year 1 Class assembly
3-7th March- Parents' Consultations
6th March- World book Day
3rd April Easter Church service 29th and 30th April- Year 3 and 4 production*

INSET Days

24th February 2025

Friday 23rd May 2025

West Sussex Term dates 24-25

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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