

North Mundham Primary School

The Heron Newsletter



Welcome to our fortnightly newsletter

Spring 5

21st March

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,

Spring is definitely in the air, which has meant that we have been able to be outside enjoying our environment even more. The children have been very busy in classes and engaging well in their learning. Last Monday we started the week with Farm Day. In conjunction with the NFU, 3 local farmers came to talk to us about their (very different) farms and what they grow and produce. Hopefully, you all benefited from some of the delicious fruit and vegetables that was provided by Barfoots as part of this day. Each class had a workshop with the farmers and the children asked lots of questions and found out lots. Many thanks to the visitors who gave up their time for us.

Last Wednesday our Year 5 and 6 swimming team competed in the area swimming gala at Arun Leisure centre. They swam brilliantly as a squad and achieved some fantastic individual and team results- well done everyone!

On Monday this week the Year 4s went to Chichester Harbour on a trip and investigated the local water sources as part of their topic on rivers and the water cycle. Despite the chilly

weather, they got stuck in and were very well behaved, which the group leader commented on.

Year 6 were also out and about this week and visited Southampton to see the Titanic museum. They have been learning all about the Titanic and had a great day at the museum. they created some amazing models of the ship, which they brought back and explored the museum and all of the exhibits with interest and enjoyment.

As part of our Science Week we had a visit from Karen Clarkson who is one of our reading volunteers and an engineer. She gave a fascinating presentation to the children about her life in science and also reminded us of how science impacts all of our lives a lot of the time. She was a great proponent of STEM and encouraged the children to pursue interests in this field.

We've had other visitors this week- aliens in Year 1 on Monday and pirates in Year 2 on Tuesday! The children had a great time immersing themselves in these topics which has enhanced their learning in a very fun way. In Year 1 the children had to use their phonic skills to solve clues about the alien Beegu and in Year 2 they:

- Created their own pirate treasure maps that we washed in tea.
- Weighed some treasure in their maths lesson.
- Scrubbed the pirate ship so it was spotless!
- Slept in their very cramped pirate quarters.
- Had a yummy snack of dry biscuits and ginger ale.

Today we have embraced Comic Relief and raised over £150 by dressing in red and coming in to school with crazy hair (with some amazing creations!). We also had our annual Poetry Slam. It was a really fantastic event with entries from each class in a variety of individual, group and whole class poetry recitals. Many of the entries had been written by the children (and adults!) themselves and they were performed with confidence and style. Well done to al of our performers.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Zoe Gordon, Headteacher

Year 4 trip to Chichester Harbour



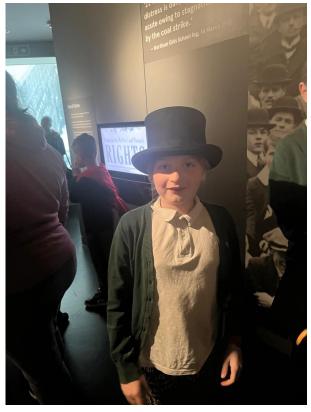
Year 6 visit to Southampton Titanic Museum

















The swimming gala

Farm day















ALien Day in Year 1

















Pirate Day in Year 2

















Poetry Slam









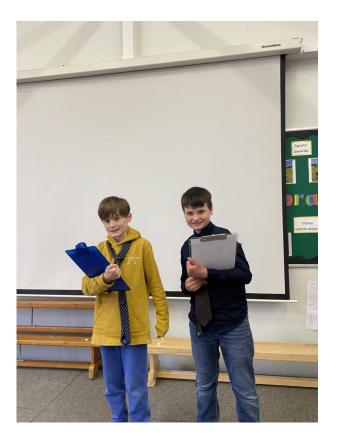












Crazy Hair













OPAL- Outside Play and Learning



We are still looking for some helpers for our summer term gardening and craft clubs. If you can help- please let the office know.

Thank-you!



1 - Please remember your wellies!!



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

Internet Safety



If you are worried about something online- maybe something that your child has accessed the NSPCC can help. <u>This link</u> will give you more information.

Notices and Reminders



Walking Bus

We used to have a very successful Walking Bus from Hunston- this is where we have some volunteers who meet in Hunston and walk a group of children to school. This will really help some of our families who find it difficult to get children to school. We would like to start this up again- initially on a Friday. This would mean meeting at Hunston Stores at 8am. If you are interested in either volunteering or using the walking bus please let the school office know.

Easter Bonnet Competition

Hobbycraft are hosting a local Easter Bonnet Making Competition they have £75 worth of Hobbycraft Classroom hampers for classes to win. Three bonnets from the school will enter the local competition. Please bring in your bonnets by Wednesday 2nd April. All entries will be placed on display in the store for the public to vote their favourite from Saturday 5th April! Please do go into store and support our school by voting. The voting closes on Saturday 19th April, after which the votes will be tallied, and the top three winners will be announced by Tuesday 22nd April. You can use the code Bonnet15 to get 15% off at the checkout until the 4th of April.

Easter Choir Course 8-16 year olds.

Local musician and choir leader Emily Barden is running a choir course over the Easter holidays. Emiliy is an incredible singing leader (if you came to United Voices, you will be aware of her). If your child has an interest in singing then do look into this amazing opportunity. <u>https://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/holidayactivities/littlehampton-soundz/</u> for more information.

Free after school bike workshop

<u>https://chichesterbikeproject.com/workshops/#earnabike</u> Chichester community bike project are offering a free bike workshop. Follow the link for more information.

Science week competition

This year the theme of Science week is 'Adapt and Change'. See below for details of the competition.

Staff led clubs

Remember next week is the last week for all staff led clubs.

New Chartwells menu

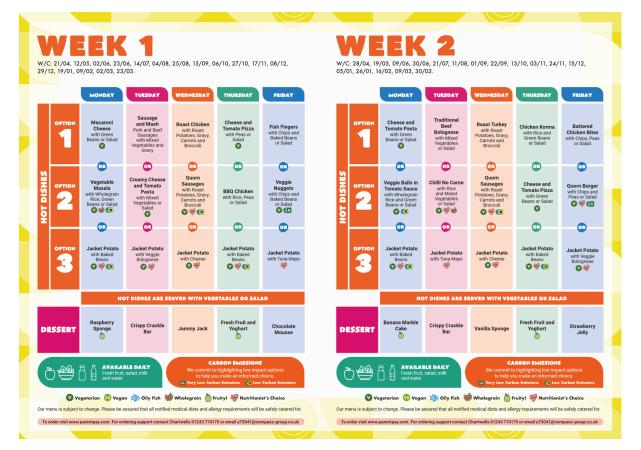
See below for details of a new weekly menu from Chartwells.



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A5_WestSussex









SCIENCE COMPETITION Adapt and Change



Your task, if you choose to accept it, is to track something living or show an object/idea that has changed over time. Here are some ways you may want to present it:

PRESENTATION

Draw a picture of the animal/object/idea

e.g grow a plant and take photos over a long period of time at regular intervals ie. Sunflower seeds

Take photographs over a period of time to show change

i.e before and after images of objects that have changed after a chemical reaction or animal metamorphosis

e.g butterfly, frogs,

Make a poster of an animal/object/idea

i.e make a poster about climate change or environments that may have changed over time, e.g rainforests, rubbish and pollution

THEMES OR TOPICS

- Population
- Plants humans and animals and how they adapt
- Technological change and adapt to new ways
- Climate change and waste
- Changing environments

Date Due: May 2nd 2025 (2nd week back after the Easter holidays)

Prizes for best Picture/Drawing/Poster from Year 5/6 Year 3 / 4 Year 1/2

Dates for the diary



24th March - IRock Assembly 9am for parents and carers of IRock pupils

25th March- Year 2 to Selsey Beach

- 25th March- Y5/6 netball finals
- 27th March- YR Class assembly 9am
- 1st April- Year 5 to Fruit Farm*
- 3rd April Easter Church service
- 4th April Kestrel cake sale

4th April- break up Easter and PTA Smartie Challenge* Summer Term 22nd April- return to school 29th and 30th April- Year 3 and 4 production* 30th April- cricket tasters all day 7th May- Y5 Bikeablity* 12th May Y6 SATs week 14th May- Y3 Bignor Roman Palace trip* 16th May- Y5 canoeing day 1* 17th May- Chichester Cormorants swimming gala* 19th May- Y6 Bikeability 23rd May INSET 26th-30th May- Half term 2nd- 6th June- Chichester Week* 6th June- Y5 Canoeing day 2* 13th June- PTA summer event 18th-20th June Y4 camping 23rd-27th June- Y6 Cobnor 24th June- Year 2- Arundel 26th June- GAS sports' event at Boxgrove 2nd July- Transition Day* 4th July- Arts' evening* 8th July- Sports' day 1* 9th July- Sports' Day 2* 11th July- Choir Showcase evening 12th July- North Mundham Gala* 14-16 July- Year 5/6 production* 22nd July Year 6 Leavers' assembly- 9am

22nd July- break up. 3rd September- INSET Day 4th September- return to school 27th-31st October- half term 19th December- break up

INSET Days

Friday 23rd May 2025

West Sussex Term dates 24-25

- Spring 2- 24th February (INSET)- 4th April
- Summer 1- 22nd April- 23rd May (INSET)
- Summer 2- 2nd June- 22nd July
- West Sussex Term Dates 25-26
- Autumn 1 Wed 3rd September (INSET)- 24th October
- Autumn 2 3rd November- 19th December
- Spring 1 5th January- 13th February
- Spring 2-23rd February-27th March
- Summer 1- 13th April- 22nd May
- Summer 2 1st june- 22nd July
- (Other INSET days to be confirmed)

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