

**NORTH HEATH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
ERICA WAY HORSHAM WEST SUSSEX RH12 5XL**

Tuesday 16 July 2019

Summer Fayre

Firstly, we send a big thank you to the FONH for their long shift in providing a lovely Summer Fayre once again this year – a super day for all and lovely to see parents and pupils, past and present, having such a good time.

Open Evening

We look forward to welcoming you all to Open Evening from 5 – 7 PM on Thursday 18 July. Class teachers will be present in their current classes except Miss Parker, Mr Cousins and Mrs Thomas, who will be in their 2019 – 20 rooms. Governors will also attend the evening should you wish to open discussions with them, too.

Community Picnic and Games Afternoon

Events come thick and fast this time of year! Our Community Picnic is on Friday 19 July. We look forward to welcoming you on site **from 12.00 noon at the earliest**, when all gates will be opened to allow access. Arrivals after 12.15 PM will need to enter via the main entrance, as the side gates will be locked again to secure the site.

You are welcome to bring a gazebo to provide additional shade or use the trees on the top playground as cover from the heat if necessary. We will return to classes if pupils start to suffer from the heat and we will put the welfare of pupils at the centre of any other decisions we may make on the day.

All infants (YR, 1 and 2) and those juniors entitled to free hot meals will be provided for by Chartwells. Infant children and those juniors entitled to free hot meals can also bring in additional picnic food for the afternoon, should you wish.

The event will be cancelled by 11.00 AM on the day should the weather (or any other unpredictable event) not allow us to access the field.

All games resources will be provided by the school. Do not bring your own.

Pupils will leave the field with their teachers from around 2.00 PM and return to classes for an additional register and preparations to go home. **Please do not prolong this transition** – direct your child to their teacher instead.

Parent/s/carer/s **can collect their children** as usual from the external classroom doors a little earlier than usual once registers have been taken. No child is allowed to leave the school premises until then. Pupils that cannot be collected until 3.00 PM will stay in class with their teachers as usual.

The following would be advisable for pupils:

- sun cream
- a hat
- additional water to drink

Safeguarding

New resources and guidance regarding online safety are available to parent/s/carer/s through West Sussex Staying Safe Online resources. Sign up to a free monthly **E-newsletter**:

<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKWSCC/subscriber/new>

Register or login to your account and tick 'Staying Safe Online' to subscribe. For regular online safety tips follow them on their **Twitter** page @WSxSafeOnline. They also run a number of **FREE events** for residents to learn about how to keep themselves safe online. Information and how to book can be found at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/community-safety-amp-wellbeing-west-sussex-county-council-17456763912>

Report Slips

Thank you for the Record of Achievement response slips so far. Please remember to hand them over to the class teacher to help us reflect on the new format.

Y6 Sats Attainment – Good News!

Whilst not finalised, early indications show another extremely strong year of academic results for our year 6 cohort. The initial picture, pending any appeals, looks like this for the **% WORKING AT OR ABOVE the expected standard**:

	School 2019	National 2019	School 2018	National 2018
READING	91	73	89	75
GPS	93	78	87	78
WRITING	81	78	82	78
MATHS	84	79	80	76

Also in the tests, 44% achieved the higher level in Reading v 28% National (2018). 51% achieved the higher level in Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling v 34% National (2018). 44% achieved the highest level in Mathematics v 24% national (2018).

Average scaled scores for the past 3 years are as follows:

	2017		2018		2019	
	School	National	School	National	School	National
R	105.78	104	107.5	105	108.5	104
M	105.43	104	105.55	104	107.2	105
GPS	106.58	106	108.4	106	109.5	106

So we can all celebrate an extremely positive picture, which reflects the excellent teaching and learning provided by our staff, the hard work of our pupils and the support they have received from their families over many years.

Reading in Far Flung Places

This summer, we have set the children a reading challenge to take a picture of themselves reading in a far flung destination - this can be abroad or in the UK. As a link to Geography, we look forward to displaying the photos on UK and world maps in September.

Goodbyes

Finally, we must give our thanks to staff who are moving on at the end of this academic year. Miss O'Donnell is moving to another school, Mrs Miller's temporary contract comes to an end and Mrs Kazi – Fornari who has given us some interim help. They all finish on Tuesday 23 July. Thank you all.

Miss Cullis, however, is moving to another area following 13 years of outstanding service as a teacher and leader in our school. Her final day is Friday 19 July. The impact she has had has been immense and her professionalism and commitment has been unfaltering throughout her time with us. Thank you Miss Cullis, you set the bar high in so many ways.

Dates

Finally, just a reminder that the Autumn term starts for children on Wednesday 4 September 2019. Meanwhile, we wish everyone a restful and healthy break and look forward to seeing you at our picnic on Friday 19 July to help celebrate the year.

Kind regards

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Headteacher