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Dear Parent/s /Carer/s,

Hot Meals

After a few teething problems the system for delivering infant hot meals is now up and running. We do ask that you keep on making sure that your child/ren have the opportunity to use a knife and fork at home regularly for themselves, as eating time currently continues to lag into play time for some. On Thursday this week, Chartwells informed us that due to their reduced staffing levels the service they are offering us would not work should KS2 children also be able to order hot meals, so at the moment this is not a possibility.

Infant Classrooms

In considering how children best learn, our infant classrooms are now moving away from being set up in rows. Hopefully it will speed up the handing out and collection of hot lunch plates, too.

Website

We are interested in employing an extra pair of digitally - savvy hands on a flexible, casual contract for a few hours a week to help with the upkeep our website. It may be possible to do this work from home. If you are interested, have the capacity and a working knowledge of WordPress and Elementor, then please let us know via office@northheathprimary.co.uk.

A formal application and interview will then be required, as North Heath is committed to safeguarding and protecting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to commit to this. The post will be subject to an enhanced DBS check and completion of a Disqualification Declaration.

Piano

Dynamic Music Services is pleased to announce the following Trinity College of London Piano examination results:

Grade Initial Distinction	Daniel Bristo [Year 5]
Grade 1 Distinction	Taj Hyder [Year 5]
Grade 2 Merit	Rebecca Watson [Year 6]
Grade 2 Merit	Marisa Panchal [post-Y6]
Grade 3 Distinction	Sophie Bratcher [Year 4]

Due to lockdown, these music grade exams were all taken under Trinity's new Ofqual-accredited Digital Assessment option, for which these children had to learn to produce video recordings of themselves performing to meet specific production criteria to a deadline. They should be congratulated not only for their excellent results but also for the commitment and patience they exhibited.

With two pianos and a dedicated area ensuring social distancing, there are a couple of vacancies for more students to start piano tuition after half term.

For more details on piano tuition please contact Ms Chan at info@dynamicmusicservices.co.uk

Please note that we are not able to open up for other music tuition or clubs due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Lost property

A black and blue 'Rage' scooter has been left with us unclaimed all term. If it belongs to your family, please collect it from our office by the end of term via a pre-arranged appointment.

Term Dates – Reminder

26.10.20 – 30.10.20	Autumn half term
18.12.20	Last day of autumn term
4.1.21	Inset day – staff only
5.1.21	Pupils return
15.2.21 – 19.2.21	Spring half term
1.4.21	Last day of spring term
19.4.21	Pupils return
3.5.21	Bank holiday
10.5.21 – 14.5.21	Y6 test week
31.5.21 – 4.6.21	Summer half term
7.6.21	Inset day – staff only
8.6.21	Pupils return
22.7.21	Last day of summer term
23.7.21	Inset day

Attendance

Finally, in monitoring attendance this week, we were delighted that our average is currently running at 97.71% - long may it continue. Special mention goes to Y3 Willow and Y5 Hawthorn, who have been 100% for the last 3 weeks!

Kind regards

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Headteacher