

NORTH HEATH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter 16

Dear Parent/s/ Carer/s

Sumdog Success

The West Sussex Sumdog competition ended last night and we have a few successes to share. We are delighted to announce that out of the 230 classes that entered the WS Sumdog competition: Y3 Hazel was our highest scoring class and finished in 7th place, Y4 Larch came in 25th, Y6 Whitebeam 26th, Y4 Lime 27th and Y5 Hawthorn were placed 31st. Each of these classes had a core of pupils working very hard to raise the class average.

On particular days, two of our classes were the daily winners, submitting the most correct answers on that day. Y3 Hazel was also the highest scoring class of all on Monday and Y6 Whitebeam on Tuesday.

A special mention must go to Bethany M in Willow Class, who came in 5th place out of all competitors - an amazing achievement! Also placed as individuals were: Sam P, Hawthorn (27th), Hannah C, Hazel (42nd) and Samuel E, Oak (47th)

Each of these achievements is impressive and we are very proud of the all the pupils that worked so hard to practise their mathematics. Congratulations to all of them, and to each class and individual that participated - well done!

Asymptomatic Testing for All Staff

From Sunday 31 January, all staff will begin to use lateral flow tests at home to see if they test positive for Covid – 19. They will also self-test on Wednesday evenings. The tests may show a positive result, even if there are no symptoms on show. If staff do test positive, they will need to order a PCR test and self-isolate. If this is the case for teachers, we are likely to have to close their bubble. We will aim to let you know by 9 PM on Sunday and Wednesday evenings if a bubble needs to be closed the following day for this reason.

DfE Updates

Schools will close as usual over February half-term and are not expected to remain open to vulnerable children and the children of critical workers during that week.

Schools continue to play an important role in contact tracing for those pupils and staff who continue to attend their school. Given limited numbers on-site, we expect contact

tracing activity to be reduced but this remains vitally important in the continued national effort to limit the spread of the virus.

Where pupils or staff still attending school test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) during the holidays, having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, schools are not required to take any action. Staff, parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

However, where pupils or staff still attending school test positive having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school. Notification must only be through covid@northheathprimary.co.uk and any decisions will be made following advice from PHE.

Following the Prime Minister's announcement this week, the earliest schools will reopen to all pupils is Monday 8 March. We will of course keep you updated as soon as we know more.

Safeguarding

Following guidance received from West Sussex last week, our Covid Safeguarding Appendix is attached for your information. It is also on our website.

Remote Learning Approach

Following guidance received from the DfE last week, our Remote Learning Approach is attached for your information. It is also on our website.

Site News

The following projects will continue to move forward during the half term break:

- Y6 and Y3 rooms will receive CleverTouch screens
- The new library will be installed

Birdwatch

If you're looking for something different to do this weekend, the RSPB are running a bird watching event. All the resources you need are on the RSPB page:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>

Keeping Healthy

Finally, we look forward to welcoming our Y2 and Y4 self-isolators back in on Monday, and attach an opportunity for North Heath pupils to sign up and take part in 'The Winter Games'.

Good luck everyone – let's have fun keeping active during lockdown!

Kind regards

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Headteacher