

NORTH HEATH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/s / Carer/s

It has been wonderful returning to some fine weather and we've settled back very well this week – Y6 Mulberry looks especially good following its redecoration over the Easter break and our updated Wi-Fi has stood up to early tests, too!

The next steps with the site are to create more play space on the front playground by removing the current bin shed, refresh the infant playground markings and resurface the old trim trail on the top playground, which is now beyond sustainable repair.

Please remember that pre-school, as well as school aged children, are not to ride bikes or scooters on the premises during drop off and pick up times.

Y5 and Y6 Residential Trips 2021 – 22

The Government have outlined a road map out of lockdown for school and residential trips, with external trips permitted no earlier than step 3 on 17th May.

The Government have advised schools that have not already booked residential trips after 17th May to not enter into any new financial or contractual commitments until the advice is updated. There is currently a delay in the publication of this advice.

That being said, we are keen to reinstate our residential trips in the Autumn Term 2021 if we can, but would like to judge parental interest first.

Assuming the sites are covid safe, are allowed to open and can ensure pupil bubbles, if you have a current Y4 pupil and you **would NOT** be in favour of them attending Sayers Croft for 3 days and 2 nights when in Y5, please let your teacher know via email by the end of Monday 26 April.

Similarly, if you have a current Y5 pupil and you **would NOT** be in favour of them attending Fairthorne for a full week at the start of Y6, please let your teacher know via email by the end of Monday 26 April.

Inset Days 2021 – 22

To try and help us all plan ahead, inset days for the next academic year are as follows:

1. Thursday 2 September 2021
2. Friday 3 September 2021
3. Tuesday 4 January 2022
4. Monday 6 June 2022

5. Friday 22 July 2022

We hope that you find this early notification useful.

The Big Ask

This is the largest ever survey of children in England, designed to find out what their concerns and aspirations about the future are. It is now live at <http://thebigask.uk/> should your child/ren wish to take part.

Attendance

With lockdown not counting against attendance, our whole school figure is now 97.58% and our top 3 classes are:

1. YR Apple 98.99%
2. Y3 Willow 98.87%
3. Y2 Elder 98.46%

Interim Reports

Just a quick reminder that these come out to you on Friday 30 April and you will be able to book a telephone consultation with your class teacher following this for the week beginning 10 May should you wish.

Covid Testing

Whilst we understand some frustration, we'd like to thank everyone for their continued, polite understanding if in our opinion a pupil would benefit from a Covid – 19 test due to presenting symptoms in school. Whilst we may not be not medically trained, we do have systems that we statutorily need to follow.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

What to do if your child has symptoms

If your child has **ANY** of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

1. Get a PCR test (test that is sent to a lab) to check if they have coronavirus as soon as possible
2. You, your child and anyone else you live with should stay at home and not have visitors until you get the test result – only leave your home to have the test. Tests can be booked at www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test

3. Anyone in your childcare or support bubble should also stay at home if your child has been in close contact with them since their symptoms started or during the 48 hours before they started.

As difficult as this may be, we all need to follow this guidance.

Scholastic Book Fair

You can help us get free books for our new school library.

In the past, hosting a Book Fair at school has been a great way for us to raise funds for new and exciting books for our school. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions we are not able to host a physical book fair this summer.

However, we are hosting an ONLINE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR. With every book ordered, North Heath will receive tokens towards FREE books to go into our new library! This link <https://book-parties.scholastic.co.uk/party/north-heaths-summer-book-party> will take you straight to our own unique book shop.

Our shop is now OPEN and will remain open until the 3 June. Please feel free to share this link with your wider family and friends – the more orders received, the more FREE books we will enjoy.

All things being well, we hope to open the library to all pupils later this summer.

Looking Ahead

Finally, whilst we will not begin any swimming sessions until the Autumn Term, we are currently looking at the possibility of holding some other events on site later this Summer Term.

We will let you know what we decide once we have had the opportunity to fully liaise with our staff.

Kind regards

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Headteacher