

NORTH HEATH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter 2

This Week

We have had such a positive start to the school year. Having dropped in to every class and spoken to each teacher, we are so pleased with how well the pupils (and staff!) are settling into school routines once again. Eating lunch in the hall is a very different experience for many of our younger pupils but they are getting used to the experience very quickly!

We are delighted in particular with how our pupils in YR are adapting to their new surroundings. All teachers spent a significant amount of time over the summer holidays getting rooms ready for the first day and YR have been making the most of some fantastic new resources. Monday 20 September is a date we all look forward to, with all year groups fully operational and on site for the whole week.

Site Updates

The main work to the triple mobile has been completed and the scaffolding will be taken down on Saturday 18 September. If the contractors manage to move their unit prior to then, we will open the other Erica Way entrance. If not, it should be open from Monday 20 September. Additional gutter fixing may be required after that.

In other projects, we are still trying to fix convenient dates for front playground markings and resurfacing the trim trail, so the Goose Green entrance will remain open for now.

Reminders

1. Registers are taken at 8.50 AM
2. Pick up time is 3.00 PM
3. Hair wraps need to be removed for PE (following BAALPE advice for schools)
4. Dogs are not allowed on site
5. You now only need to contact us through covid@northheathprimary.co.uk if your child has a positive PCR test
6. Pupils are not to ride bikes or scooters on the school grounds
7. We are a nut free school
8. An update of homework expectations is included at the end of this newsletter

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Assembly for pupils only is on **Tuesday 19 October from 9.45 AM**. We will collect tinned produce for Crawley Open House to help some of the more vulnerable in our community. Produce can be brought directly into the hall from 8.30 AM to 9.00 AM on that day via the external hall doors.

Single tins or even a presentation basket/box of food would be welcomed. To go along with the produce, it would be nice if some pupils could include a brief message/card/drawing (remember that personal details should not be shared).

Items that are of most use to them include tinned meat, fish, vegetables, fruit, bottles of squash, cereals, pasta, cooking sauces, desserts, crisps, coffee, tea, sugar, UHT milk and even toiletries. We

will organise a display of your donations as part of our assembly for all pupils to see that day. Thank you in advance for your contributions.

Summer 2021 Record of Achievement Survey

Thank you for your responses to our Record of Achievement Survey last July. 292 responses were analysed. The final totals show the highest ever levels of appreciation:

Question 1	Yes	Partly	No
Did the report provide you with a range of useful information about your child's learning?	96.9%	3.1%	0%

Question 2	Yes	Partly	No
Did the report provide an accurate reflection of your child's learning?	94.9%	5.1%	0%

Question 3	1 High	2	3	4 Low
To what extent do you value the report as a record of your child's year in school?	81.9%	16.1%	2.0%	0%

Finally

As we come to the end of the first week of the academic year, we welcome Y6 back from their residential. In visiting them at Fairthorne on Wednesday, even before I had entered the site, I was filled with pride when greeted with huge praise for our staff and pupils from Fairthorne staff.

What a super start to the year – you'll make great prefects Y6! Thank you.

Kind regards

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Headteacher