

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

Monday 11 October 2021

Dear Parent/s/Carer/s,

Newsletter 5

Additional Covid Measures

As cases of Covid- 19 continue to rise amongst staff and pupils in our schools, the system will undoubtedly come under more pressure. Already supply staff are thin on the ground and our contracted staff are fully committed, often taking on more responsibility and more hours when required.

Schools have been provided with a list of additional measures they can take, including the reintroduction of face coverings, enhanced testing, restricting the mixing of pupils or staff by reducing assemblies and staff meetings, pausing large gatherings and reintroducing bubbles.

Currently, we have reduced assembly sizes and are encouraging our staff to take more lateral flow tests, though there may be need for further measures shortly.

Whilst we hope not to use them, a small number of additional 'intensive measures' are also possible, including in exceptional circumstances to restrict attendance.

These measures will only be implemented following discussion and agreement with the Local Authority or Health Protection Team.

Harvest Festival

Due to our additional Covid – 19 measures, on Tuesday 19 October we will enjoy 3 Harvest Festivals by holding one each for KS2, KS1 and Reception!

Thank you in advance for your donations, which you are welcome to bring into the hall and display on the stage before 9.00 AM that morning.

Thank you also to Y3 and Y6, who provided the work for our super Harvest display at St Mark's Church:



Mental Health

For those with an interest or need, a new [Your Mind Matters webpage](#) has been created with information as well as advice and tips promoting positive emotional wellbeing and mental health, resources for professionals and parents, and the support services for general advice or in times of crisis.

Vacancy

Are you looking for a part time job? After Christmas we will need some additional cleaning hours of 2 – 3 hours a day from 3.00 PM for up to 5 days a week with opportunities for holiday overtime. The rate is currently £9.43 per hour, with 3 hours per day equating to approximately £6000 per annum, or £18, 198 pro rata. Please let the office know if you wish to express your interest.

Reception 2022

The application process for children due to start school in September 2022 began on 4th October 2021. Contact the office on 01403 254790 in advance to book yourself in for a tour from 10.00 – 11.00 AM on either Friday 5 November or Monday 8 November.

You are also welcome to a showcase evening from 5.30 – 7.00 PM on Wednesday 9 October when you will have the opportunity to visit a classroom in each year group and speak to our staff about how learning progresses through our school.

We look forward to meeting you.

Regards

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Headteacher