

NORTH HEATH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 11 March 2022

Dear Parent/s/Carer/s,

Newsletter 16

Curriculum Update

As always at this time of year, teachers and leaders reflect on the previous year and identify points for development in our School Development Plan.

We have noticed that the changes and adaptations during the pandemic has impacted on pupil writing standards more than on reading and mathematics and this is in line with patterns across West Sussex and England.

As a result, like many primary schools, the main curriculum focus for our 2022 – 23 School Development Plan, which runs alongside the financial year, will be embedding strategies to ensure high progress and attainment in writing, whilst maintaining our broad and balanced curriculum.

Friday 18 March

Following a politely understated and creative request from Emma Hooper in Year 4, and as part of our role in promoting good citizenship, we will hold a cake sale in the hall after school on Friday 18 March and donate the proceeds for the benefit of Ukrainian children through UNICEF. Please help if you can by dropping off donated cakes into the cookery room (opposite the Y6 mobile classroom) from 8.40 – 9.00 AM on the day.

Friday 18 March is also Red Nose Day, so the children can come into school wearing something red for a small donation of £1.00 per family. We're looking forward to lots of fun with nose and spoon races, too!

Covid Numbers Update

Since Monday we have received confirmation of just 2 new COVID-19 case in Y5 Hawthorn (1) and Y1 Oak (1). We now have a total of 4 pupils self-isolating.

Staffing

We will shortly welcome Mrs Palser as a new Classroom Assistant based in Year 4 Lime (5 days a week) and Mrs Smith as a new Classroom Assistant based in Year 2 Silver Birch (3 days a week). In another small change, Mrs Saunders will move from Y5 to Y6 in the afternoons.

Parents' Evenings

The electronic booking system for parents' evenings will go live at 5PM on Monday 14 March. These will be held on Tuesday 29 March (3.30 – 6.00 PM) and Thursday 31 March (4.00 – 7.00 PM), except for YR Plum Class, who will have theirs on Wednesday 30 March (3.30 – 6.00 PM) and Thursday 31 March (4.00 – 7.00 PM). Entrance and exit will only be possible via external classroom doors.

Kind regards

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Headteacher