

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

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Dear Parent/s/Carer/s,

Newsletter 19

The Easter Bunny

Imagine my surprise when I found out that the Easter Bunny had made a delivery to the boot of my car last night. As a result, all pupils will receive a little piece of chocolate from us at the end of the day and those who do not eat chocolate will be given a North Heath pen as a gift instead.



Easter Works

As ever, we intend to make the most of our term break by improving resources for our pupils. On this occasion, years 1 and 2 will come back to brand new CleverTouch screens at the front of their classrooms and one will also be installed in our larger group room.

Covid – 19 Updates

Since last weekend, as of Thursday 7/4, we had 5 new Covid – 19 cases – Y1 Oak (1), Y2 Silver Birch (2), Y5 Rowan (1) and Y6 Mulberry (1). These 5 new cases represent the total currently isolating.

Latest Covid Guidance

Children with a positive Covid – 19 test result need to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days, with the first day of symptoms being day zero. After this time period, they can return to school. For adults, the advice is 5 days.

In the absence of a Covid – 19 test result, children who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school when they no longer have a high temperature, and they feel well enough to attend.

Term Dates

There are many exciting activities already in the diary for the Summer Term. Year 4 will continue learning the clarinet and we have more class assemblies and other opportunities built in so that our community can join us on site.

Whilst there will be more dates to come, we can currently confirm the following for your diaries:

25.4	All return for start of Summer Term 1
2.5	Bank Holiday – School Closed
9.5	Y6 SATS week
18 – 24.5	NHS YR Health Checks
18.5	Y5/6 Alternative Sport Event @ Millais
23.5	Horsham Music Festival @ The Hawth
30.5 – 3.6	Half Term
6.6	Inset Day
7.6	School opens for Summer Term 2
28.6	Y3 Country Dancing @ Shelley Primary
29.6	Y6 Cricket @ Horsham Cricket Club
Sunday 3.7	Horsham Children’s Parade (Year 3)
6.7	Y6 Secondary School Transition Day
8.7	Annual Records of Achievement out
Saturday 9.7	2 PM – 4 PM – Summer Fayre
12.7	Y5/6 Cricket @ Millais (Morning only)
14.7	Open Evening – All welcome (5.00 – 7.00 PM)
19.7	6.30 – 7.30 – Y6 Leavers’ Assembly to Parent/s/Carer/s
20.7	Last Day of Academic Year

Assemblies

Class assemblies on Thursdays start at 9.05 AM in the hall with entrance for parent/s/carer/s via the external hall doors on the following dates:

12.5	Y4 Larch
19.5	Y4 Lime
26.5	Y3 Hazel
9.6	Y3 Willow
16.6	Y2 Elder
23.6	Y2 Silver Birch
30.6	Y1 Oak
7.7	Y1 Chestnut

Spring Term House Points

Congratulations to all teams for their hard work this term. In the end Owlbeech earned the maximum 25 team tokens after recording over 400 team points!

Owlbeech	414 points	25 tokens
Tilgate	390 points	15 tokens
Ashdown	385 points	12 tokens
St Leonard’s	367 points	10 tokens

When added to the total so far, Tilgate remain the team to catch, as they are out front by over 20 tokens. Good luck everyone for the Summer Term!

On the Horizon

We are currently considering the implications of the latest government White Paper on Education. The ideas within it are not yet legislation, but it seems wise to start to look ahead at the impact it may have, such as extending the length of the school day. Legally, any amendments to this have to be put to our families a year before any change, so we will look to involve you all at the appropriate time.

Provision wise, we are collecting quotes for some substantial external works to the outdoor learning area for our reception classes. This will be an exciting project and at the moment we are not discounting anything!

In addition, we are collecting quotes to replace some of the old sinks in our classrooms. Hopefully this work can be phased in very soon.

Next term, we look forward to key stage assemblies and singing and a more streamlined organisation for play and lunch times, taking advantage of our lovely field. Fingers crossed for some fine weather ahead, especially for 27 May when pupils are asked to come to school dressed in red, white and blue for our Platinum Jubilee Curriculum Day. Ideally, each year group will study one decade of Queen Elizabeth II reign, thus covering the 70 years as a school. What a lovely day to look forward to!

Happy Easter everyone!

Kind regards

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