NORTH HEATH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Dear Parent/s/Carer/s,

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Ofsted Inspection Report

North Heath Community Primary School remains a good school.

Following quality assurance, our most recent Ofsted report has been published on their website. It is always difficult for inspectors to condense their views of schools into a report due to the limited amount of text available to them. Verbal feedback to school governors at the end of an inspection often expands on the main points that appear in reports.

During our final feedback session, the inspector was keen to point out the following:

There are areas of exceptional practice in the school and staff feel proud to work here. They appreciate the support they get and the strategies employed to help address workload issues.

Reading is a strength of the school and is extremely well led. Pupils have access to a wide range of texts and vocabulary, which leads to secure reading skills.

The carefully planned curriculum, including wider opportunities such as fieldwork and orienteering, demonstrates aspiration and challenge. Subject leadership is strong, with a clear, ambitious vision for development. Pupil understanding extends beyond the national curriculum and staff check for gaps in knowledge, which are systematically addressed.

The approach to safeguarding is vigilant. Staff are fully aware of reporting procedures and the school acts quickly. Liaison with external agencies is rigorous.

Any cases of teasing or bullying are addressed quickly and the children are confident that they are safe in school. Pupils stated that staff help solve their problems and they feel supported. The PSHE Curriculum supports pupil wellbeing and their understanding of online safety. Pupils are happy in school and understand the rules.

Pupils enjoy their efforts being celebrated in the honour book assembly, can talk eloquently about how they welcome new pupils into our community and have a strong sense of equality.

The mathematics curriculum and progression in calculation is well embedded, with staff showing a good understanding of the steps in learning. Self-assessment has a positive impact on pupil confidence. Pupils like mathematics, have the materials they need to help their progress, and standards for times tables are high.

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Whilst there were areas of exceptional SEND practice, we do agree with Ofsted that provision for some SEND pupils could be more consistently matched with their needs. This fits well with an ongoing collaborative project we are taking part in with our locality group of schools. The report is attached for your information.

Dates

May	
22 – 23	Happy Puzzle Company visit all classes
29/5 – 2/6	Half Term
June	
5	Inset Day
8	9.00 – 9.30 - Y1 Chestnut Assembly – Hall
12 – 16	Y1 Phonics Screening Week
13	Y1 to Tilgate Park 4.00 – 5.00 – Y3 Country Dance Festival
15	9.00 – 9.30 – Y2 Elder Assembly – Hall Y6 Cricket Competition – Southwater
19	YR to Godstone Farm – letter to come
19 – 23	'Sky Arts' Curriculum Week
20	4.00 – 5.00 – Reserve Date for Y3 Country Dance Festival
22	9.00 – 9.30 – Y2 Silver Birch Assembly – Hall 6.30 – 7.30 – Welcome to YR 2023-24 Parent/s/Carer/s Y6 Girls Cricket Competition – Billingshurst
26	YR Hearing Tests (continued) Y2 to Tilgate Park – letter to come
27	10.00 – 11.00 – YR 2023/4 Intake Class Visits
28	Y6 to Marwell Zoo
29	9.30 – 11.00 – YR, 1 and 2 Sports Day 10.00 – 11.00 – YR 2023/4 Intake Class Visits
30	Friends Of North Heath Mufti Day AM – Y3/4 District Sports PM – Y5/6 District Sports
July	
3	30 X Y5 to Christ's Hospital – Big Sing
7	9.30 – 11.30 – Y3/4 Sports Day 1.00 – 3.00 – Y5/6 Sports Day
9 (Sun)	Horsham Children's Parade
10 – 14	Y6 'Bikeability' Week
14	Records of Achievement to Parent/s/Carer/s 10.45 – 11.10 – Y4 Larch Clarinet Concert – Hall
15 (Sat)	FONH Summer Fayre (1.00 – 3.00)
18	Open Evening – All welcome to meet teachers
19	6.30 – 8.00 PM – Y6 Leavers' Performance
21	Last Day of Academic Year

Kind regards

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Headteacher

Working together, we enjoy and achieve