

# NORTH HEATH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 1 September 2023

Dear Parent/s/Carer/s,

Newsletter 1

### **Welcome Back**

Firstly, a warm welcome back to you all and a special greeting to all new arrivals and those in Reception, who join us for the first time.

Inset days on Friday 1 September and Monday 4 September are being used to plan clubs, review policy content, organise timetables, work on a new format for SEND IPPs (with a focus on pupil voice) as well as safeguarding training. In addition, teachers are planning and preparing their curriculum for the arrival of pupils. In particular, they are embedding strategies to help pupils remember information as well as adapting our current writing journeys.

### **School Day**

Please remember that we open to pupils at 8.40 AM on Tuesday 5 September and that the school day now ends at 3.15 PM. The register is now taken at 8.45 AM, so please arrive in plenty of time each day.

### **Lights and Ceilings**

A large County project to update the lighting and ceilings across the school has almost been completed – you really will notice the difference when you visit. We are delighted. The project will be finalised later this term.

### **YR External Works**

Progress on this has been less pleasing. Whilst the old shelter has been removed, the new shelter won't be in place for a couple of weeks. This part of the site will therefore be temporarily out of use, so Apple Class will need to enter and exit school through Plum Class.

### **Nursery Pathway**

Remedial works to the pathway leading to Heather Playgroup have been completed this week.

### **Playground Markings**

Updated playground markings will be laid on the side and top play areas on Tuesday 5 September but this will not impact on access at the start and end of the day.

### **Concrete News – A statement from WSCC**

You will be aware of the national news surrounding concrete in some schools. Below is good news about school premises in West Sussex from WSCC:

'West Sussex County Council is aware of the RAAC issue and has already completed a review of records for WSCC maintained schools. No WSCC maintained schools have been identified from records as containing any indicating RAAC construction and to provide added confidence physical inspections of all maintained school blocks constructed between 1930-2000 is being commissioned.

We can confirm no West Sussex County Council maintained schools will be immediately shutting due to this issue.'

So, we are open as planned!

## Lunches

Hot meals are available free to all Reception and Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) pupils and parent/s/carer/s of Key Stage 2 (Years 3 – 6) pupils can book a meal at [www.mealselector.co.uk](http://www.mealselector.co.uk). Alternatively, pupils may bring a packed lunch. Please remember that we are a nut free school.

## Reminders

1. Doors open at 8.40 AM
2. Registers are taken at 8.45 AM
3. Pick up time is 3.15 PM
4. Hair wraps need to be removed for pupils to take part in PE (following BAALPE advice)
5. Hair at shoulder length or longer should be tied back in school
6. Ideally, earrings should be removed for PE
7. Dogs are not allowed on site
8. Pupils, parent/s/carer/s and younger/older siblings are not to ride bikes or scooters on the school grounds

## Honour Book

This is a special book in which we celebrate those pupils who deserve mention for excellence, effort and achievement either in or out of school. The book is updated weekly in preparation for our Honour Book Assembly each Friday, which gives the opportunity for certificates, awards and work to be shared. We strongly believe in celebrating success within and beyond the classroom, though entries can only be made by adults that work in school. Please feel free to send any awards/certificates/achievements in to the class teacher by Thursday each week if you would like them celebrated in school.

## 2023 – 24 Dates

Below are some dates for your diaries, which we will add to as we go along. We hope that you find the early notification of use.

<b>September 2023</b>	
1 and 4	Inset Days
5	Pupils enter at 8.40 AM and finish at 3.15 PM Y6 to Fairthorne
18	Y3 Swimming
28	Y3 Prehistoric Day
<b>October 2023</b>	

5	NHS Flu/Nasal Spray
11	3.30 – 6.00 PM Parents' Evening 1
12	School Photographs 4.00 – 7.00 PM Parents' Evening 2
16	Y4 to Bignor Roman Villa
17	Harvest Festival
18 – 20	Y5 to Sayers Croft
20	Y2 Rainbow Theatre Visit
23 – 27	Half Term
<b>November 2023</b>	
9	5.30 – 7.00 PM – Showpiece Evening for Reception Pupils 2024/5
20 and 22	West Sussex Fire and Rescue Visit YR, 1, 2
28	1.45 – 2.45 PM – Y3/4 Christmas Performance to Grandparents
29	6.00 – 7.00 PM – Y3/4 Christmas Performance to Hazel/Lime
30	9.30 – 10.15 AM – YR Christmas Performance to Grandparents 6.00 – 7.00 PM – Y3/4 Christmas Performance to Willow/Larch
<b>December 2023</b>	
1	9.30 – 10.15 AM – YR Christmas Performance to Parent/s/Carer/s
4	1.45 – 2.45 PM – Y1/2 Christmas Performance to Grandparents
7	9.30 – 10.30 AM – Y1/2 Christmas Performance to Chestnut/Elder
8	9.30 – 10.30 AM – Y1/2 Christmas Performance to Oak/Silver Birch
11	1.30 – 3.00 PM – Y5/6 Grandparents at St Mark's Church
12	6.30 – 7.45 PM – Y5/6 Parent/s/Carer/s, Siblings at St Mark's Church
15	Last Day of Term
18/12 – 1/1	Christmas Break
<b>January 2024</b>	
2	Inset Day
3	Pupils Return for the Spring Term
10	Jenny McLachlan – Author Visit – KS2
29/1 – 2/2	Y6 Bikeability Week
<b>February 2024</b>	
9	Last Day of Half Term
12 – 16	Half Term
22	Young Shakespeare Company Visit Y4 – Y6

## Assemblies

Year 6 will perform a Fairthorne assembly to parent/s/carer/s in the hall from 6.00 – 7.00 PM on Thursday 21 September.

Year 5 will perform a Sayers Croft assembly to parent/s/carer/s in the hall from 6.00 – 7.00 PM on Thursday 16 November.

The following class assemblies will take place from 9.00 – 9.30 AM on Thursdays this term, with parent/carer entrance via the hall doors:

5 October Y4 Larch  
19 October Y4 Lime  
2 November Y3 Willow  
9 November Y3 Hazel

### **2023 – 24 Inset Days**

Friday 1 September 2023  
Monday 4 September 2023  
Tuesday 2 January 2024  
Thursday 28 March 2024  
Monday 3 June 2024

### **Harvest Festival**

Our Harvest Assembly for pupils is on Tuesday 17 October 10.00 AM. We will collect and deliver 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 through the hall doors. Single tins, or even a presentation basket/box of food would be welcomed.

To go along with the tinned produce, it would be nice if some pupils could include a brief message/card/drawing (remember that personal details should not be shared).

Other items that are of most use to them include cereal, pasta, 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.

### **Communication and Attendance**

You will be able to contact teachers as usual via their year group email addresses, but please be mindful that they work hard, face to face with their pupils, and so may not be able to reply within a working day.

All absence emails must be sent to [office@northheathprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@northheathprimary.co.uk) – for our records.

### **Good Luck**

I'm sure you will join us in wishing everyone a productive learning journey this term and we thank you all in advance for working with us for the benefit of all pupils.

Good luck at Fairthorne, Y6! What an exciting start for you, and the weather looks good too!

Kind regards

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Headteacher