

NORTH HEATH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/s/Carer/s,

Newsletter 20

Finishing Off

Well it certainly has been a busy few weeks leading up to the end of this academic year and there are so many people to thank!

Thank you to everyone for returning your Record of Achievement feedback forms. We look at every comment over the summer to help us reflect on our work.

It was lovely to celebrate Sports Days with you all once again and the Summer Fair was an enormous success. Well done FONH and thank you all for supporting this event, which the children clearly enjoyed.

Year 6 have treated us to their leavers' assembly this week and it was lovely to see so many of you attend our Open Evening, too.

Added to that, we have managed a choir assembly, class swaps for induction, a piano recital, a rock concert and a clarinet performance. Whilst the hall has been under pressure, staff and pupils have worked together to make sure everything happened for the benefit of our community. We hope that you enjoyed these opportunities.

The Horsham Children's Parade on Sunday 9 July was also a tremendous event. So much hard work by all involved allowed our school and others to celebrate our creative curriculum. It gets better every year.

September 2023

Remember that we slightly increase the length of our school day from September 2023. Registration will be 5 minutes earlier, at 8.45 AM, and pupils will finish for pick up at 3.15 PM, 15 minutes later than currently. Doors will open from 8.40 AM as usual, so you will need to be prompt for pupils to be registered on time.

Grow Your Own

We are delighted to announce that two of our teachers are currently growing their own little ones! I am sure that you will join us in wishing Miss Head and Miss Parker the best of health for their current pregnancies. Whilst we will be able to play to our staffing strengths internally to cover part of their leave in the New Year, we will need to recruit some maternity cover starting in January 2024.

Switching On

We are delighted that West Sussex are supporting the school with replacement lights and ceilings throughout most of the main building – a large project of around 3 years in the

making. The project starts on Monday 31 July and will be completed by the start of next term.

Covering Up

The first phase of the works to the outdoor learning area in YR will also be completed over the holidays. We will return to a new, large shelter, which will enable all-weather active learning year round. The second phase will be completed once planning has been given the go-ahead.

Passing Through

We are delighted that part of the pathway to Heather Playgroup will be upgraded during the break to help drainage and access for pre-school families and children as they pass through our site.

House Cup

With all tokens added up from sports days, the final placings for the house cup this year are:

1. **St Leonard's** **118 tokens**
2. **Tilgate** **116 tokens**
3. **Ashdown** **110 tokens**
4. **Owlbeech** **94 tokens**

Huge congratulations to St Leonard's on winning the trophy and to all teams for their generous round of applause in a very excited assembly hall today!

Attendance

Our overall attendance level for the year is 95.89 % and the top three classes this year are:

1. Hawthorn 97.02 %
2. Rowan 96.93 %
3. Silver Birch 96.32 %

We handed out attendance certificates in assembly today to those who managed 100% for the term and for the year. Achievements to be proud of!

2023 – 24 Dates

September 2023	
1 and 4	Inset Days
5	Pupils enter at 8.40 AM and finish at 3.15 PM Y6 to Fairthorne
18	Y3 Swimming Starts
28	Y3 Prehistoric Day
October 2023	
5	NHS Flu/Nasal Spray
9	Y2 Rainbow Theatre
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	Y5 to Sayers Croft
23 – 27	Half Term
November 2023	
9	5.30 – 7.00 PM – Showpiece Evening for YR 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
December 2023	
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
January 2024	
2	Inset Day
3	Pupils Return for the Spring Term
29	Y6 Bikeability Week

Moving on Up

We say a fond farewell to our current year 6 cohort who move on up to their next schools. Take your enjoyment of learning, resilience and personal pride with you and make the most of every opportunity that comes your way! We will never forget your leavers’ evening or the emotions showed when you performed ‘You’ve Got a Friend’ in your final school assembly. Thank you for all you have contributed to our school during your time with us and good luck! We are so proud of you.

Finally, we wish all of our community a lovely summer with your children. We open again for all pupils at 8.40 AM on Tuesday 5 September.

Kind regards

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