

NORTH HEATH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 20 October 2023

Dear Parent/s/Carer/s,

Newsletter 4

Winners!

Representatives from Friends of North Heath and our Governing Body were delighted to attend the Aviva Community Awards in London on Tuesday 17 October. The recent FONH application for grant funding for environmental and community recycling projects was a winner! The presentation of £5,000 towards work that will engage our community in recycling and learning about the environment suits our curriculum development perfectly and matches the passion of so many of our staff and pupils. What an amazing achievement and I really was quite jealous when I was told that Will Greenwood presented the prize!

Harvest Festival

It is always such a warm feeling when we come together to help others. Thank you to all who contributed goods towards the festival this year. They were delivered the day after our assembly and the school received a certificate of thanks within hours. Thank you to our amazing team captains for their packing skills, too!

We now look ahead to the importance of Remembrance and are happy to sell poppies once again after half term.

School Ambassadors

After a staff vote, we were so proud to present our school ambassador badges to Muhammad Khan and Lucy Crocker this week. Their approach to learning and friendships over many years have helped make them what we consider to be the embodiment of our values and represent all that is a shining example to others. What a great achievement!

Safeguarding

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers for giving up their valuable time to attend our annual safeguarding sessions recently. If you volunteer but could not attend, please join us from 2.30 – 3.15 PM on Tuesday 9 January 2024 and let the office know that you are coming so that we can organise your training pack in advance.

Year 6

Secondary school applications for September 2024 need to be completed by Tuesday 31 October. Please check that you received an email acknowledgement from the Local Authority's online application system confirming your application.

We need your help!

Over the half term break our playgrounds fill up with leaves, which need clearing, so that the playgrounds can be used. Can you spare any time from 7.15 – 10.00 AM on Monday 30 October to help us with this? We'll provide bags for filling but if you could bring rakes and/or leaf blowers the job will

be completed much faster. Many hands make light work and anything you can do to help with this is greatly appreciated.

Clock Change

Finally, in preparation for the first day of next half term, please remember that the clocks **go back** on Sunday 29 October!

We wish you all a wonderful week with your children as we look forward to all of the excitement the next 7 school weeks bring. There really is nothing like December in a primary school!

Kind regards

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Headteacher

Dates

October 2023	
23 - 27	Half Term
30	9.00 - 9.20 AM - Y2 Silver Birch Stay and Read
November 2023	
1	9.00 - 12.15 PM Y6 Hockey Festival at Millais
2	9.00 - 9.30 AM - Y3 Willow Class Assembly 6.00 - 7.00 PM - YR 6 Weeks in Meeting for Parent/s/Carer/s
6	10.00 - 11.00 AM - YR 2024/5 Parent Tours
9	9.00 - 9.30 AM - Y3 Hazel Class Assembly 4.00 - 5.30 PM - Y5/6 Netball at The Bridge 5.30 - 7.00 PM - Showcase Evening for Reception 2024/5
10	4.00 - 6.00 PM - Y6 Hockey at Tanbridge
13	10.00 - 11.00 AM - YR 2024/5 Parent Tours
14	Y1 Toy Workshop Day
16	6.00 - 7.00 PM - Y5 Sayers Croft Assembly - Hall
17	Children in Need - Details to follow from School Council
20 and 22	West Sussex Fire and Rescue Visit YR, 1, 2
21	9.00 - 12.15 PM - Y3 Badminton at Collyers
23	4.00 - 5.30 PM - Y5 Netball at The Bridge
24	4.00 - 6.00 PM - Y6 Hockey at Tanbridge
27	2.45 - 3.05 PM - Y4 Larch Clarinet Performance to Parent/s/Carer/s
28	1.45 - 2.45 PM - Y3/4 Christmas Performance to Grandparents
29	9.00 - 12.30 PM - Y4 Inclusive Sport Festival at The Bridge 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	9.00 - 9.20 AM - Y2 Silver Birch Stay and Read 9.30 - 10.30 AM - Rocksteady Assembly 1 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
14	9.00 - 9.20 AM - Y2 Elder Stay and Read 9.30 - 10.30 AM - Rocksteady Assembly 1 Chartwells Christmas Lunch
15	Last Day of Term

18/12 – 1/1	Christmas Break
January 2024	
2	Inset Day
3	Pupils Return for the Spring Term
9	2.30 – 3.15 PM – Volunteer Safeguarding Training for all those who have not attended yet
10	Jenny McLachlan – Author Visit – KS2
29/1 – 2/2	Y6 Bikeability Week
February 2024	
5	9.00 – 9.20 AM – Y2 Elder Stay and Read
9	Last Day of Half Term
12 – 16	Half Term
22	Young Shakespeare Company Visit Y4 – Y6
March 2024	
6	9.00 – 12.30 PM – Y5 Inclusive Sport Festival at The Bridge
7	World Book Day
18	9.00 – 9.20 AM – Y2 Silver Birch Stay and Read 2.45 – 3.05 PM – Y4 Lime Clarinet Performance to Parent/s/Carer/s
19	3.30 – 6.00 PM – Parents' Evening 1
20	4.00 – 7.00 PM – Parents' Evening 2
26	9.00 – 12.15 PM – Y6 tag rugby Festival at HRFC
27	Last day of term for pupils
28	Inset Day
April 2024	
1 – 12	Easter Break
May 2024	
6	Bank Holiday
20	9.00 – 9.20 AM – Y2 Silver Birch Stay and Read
24	9.00 – 9.20 AM – Y2 Elder Stay and Read
27 – 31	Half Term
June 2024	
3	Inset Day
July 2024	
7	Horsham Children's Parade
8	9.00 – 9.20 AM – Y2 Silver Birch Stay and Read
15	9.00 – 9.20 AM – Y2 Elder Stay and Read
23	Last day of academic year