

# NORTH HEATH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Monday 20 November 2023

Dear Parent/s/Carer/s,

Newsletter 5

### **Windy Start**

Well it really has been a whirlwind start to this half term hasn't it? Thankfully the worst of Storm Ciarán skirted further south than initial forecasts predicted and we were able to take a measured approach.

In the last 3 weeks, Y1 have enjoyed a Toy Workshop, Y3 have served up some delightful assemblies, Y6 pupils have attended hockey festivals at Millais and Tanbridge, Y5 and Y6 have taken part in a netball festival at The Bridge and as part of our training, all teachers sat a Y6 mathematics test!

With so much enjoyment already packed in, we really look forward to the coming weeks and feel well set to make the most of every opportunity the season brings.

### **Cost of Living**

We always try to strike a balance with additional opportunities such as school trips and visitors to add breadth and life into our curriculum. We understand how the capacity for parent/s/carers to help support these can change at any time.

Parent/Carer contributions are voluntary and we already support these opportunities financially. If you have concerns, particularly around costly events such as swimming and residential trips, please feel free to contact the office to talk to Mr Gildea. We constantly review our offer and may be able to help or signpost additional support that would be of use to you such as an application for free school meals: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/>.

### **Song of Sounds Training**

Thank you to all who attended these curriculum sessions for parents. Your feedback was excellent and reflected how much you value the additional work that staff put in to providing these opportunities.

### **Pupil Presentation**

A special well done to Tomas Anning, Sofia Cruz, Zelina Lai and Jacob McLeod in year 6 who analysed our pupil exit survey for the last academic year and presented their findings to school governors. Our Governors were extremely impressed by their mathematical analysis, presentation and insightful responses to questions. Super job!

### **Party**

On Thursday 14 December all pupils will have party activities and games in the afternoon after the Christmas lunch. The activities will not include additional eating, as it occurs straight after the lunch break, and children will attend in school uniform as usual.

## House Cup

Things are warming up in the House Cup competition this year with current standings as follows:

1. **Ashdown** 21 tokens
2. **Tilgate** 18 tokens
3. **Owlbeech** 15 tokens
4. **St Leonard's** 11 tokens

Congratulations to all pupils for trying so hard every day to earn points for their team.

## Parking

We have had a complaint about inconsiderate parking at the end of the day. Please show consideration for our neighbours if you need to park in the area. Thank you.

## Celebrate Reading

The Travelling Book Fair will be arriving in school soon, with hundreds of new children's books to browse and buy. Every book bought will help towards FREE BOOKS for our school library. Come and join us!

**WHEN: Tuesday 21 November, Wednesday 22 November and Thursday 23 November**

**TIME: 3:15PM – 4PM**

**WHERE: Year 6 Mulberry Classroom**

There are over 200 titles for you and your child to choose from. With prices starting from only £2.99, there is sure to be a book for everyone - perhaps a great opportunity to start some Christmas shopping!

## National Survey

The Big Ambition survey has been set up by The Children's Commissioner for England. Should you wish to contribute your thoughts, children or parents can complete the survey here:

[www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition).

## Local Authority Visit

We had a visit from our Local Authority School Improvement partner on Tuesday 14 November 2023. The visit focused on Safeguarding and provision for SEN.

Schools are currently graded either as a 1, 2A, 2B, 2C, 3A, 3B, 3C or a 4 by West Sussex. 4 is the lowest grade, requiring a lot of support.

As a result of our provision, we are proud to be judged at 2A, once again maintaining the school's 'highly effective' categorisation.

Kind regards

M Gildea  
Headteacher

## Dates

<b>November 2023</b>	
21	9.00 – 12.15 PM – Y3 Badminton at Collyers
23	<b>NHS Y6 height and weight check</b> 4.00 – 5.30 PM – Y5 Netball at The Bridge
24	4.00 – 6.00 PM – Y6 Hockey at Tanbridge
<b>27</b>	<b>2.45 – 3.05 PM – Y4 Larch Clarinet Performance to Parent/s/Carer/s</b>
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
<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	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
<b>January 2024</b>	
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
<b>February 2024</b>	
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
<b>March 2024</b>	
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
<b>April 2024</b>	
1 – 12	Easter Break
<b>May 2024</b>	
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

<b>June 2024</b>	
3	Inset Day
<b>July 2024</b>	
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