

NORTH HEATH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Tuesday 12 December 2023

Dear Parent/s/Carer/s,

Newsletter 6

Staffing

As we approach the end of term, there are a few staffing changes for January 2024.

Miss Parker started her maternity leave on Monday 4 December. Y4 Lime Class is now taught by Mrs Rowlands from Monday to Wednesday with Mrs Romaine, one of our tried and trusted supply teachers, taking the class through to the end of the week.

I am sure that you will join us in wishing Miss Head our very best as she starts her maternity leave on 8 January 2024. Y5 Rowan Class will be taught by our new recruit, Miss Marshall, from Monday to Wednesday lunchtime, with Mrs Thomas finishing off the week from there.

There will be some minor changes in PPA cover from January 2024 due to the need to cover the two teachers on maternity leave:

Class Teacher	Current PPA Teacher	January 2024 PPA Teacher
YR Apple/Mrs Smith	Mrs Rowlands	Miss Sowton
Y2 Elder/Miss Ogley	Miss Sowton	Mrs Kennedy
Y2 Silver Birch/Ms Davies	Mrs Hope	Mrs Chesshire
Y3 Hazel/Miss Bouchiba	Mrs Rowlands	Ms Roden
Y4 Larch/Miss Taylor	Mrs Rowlands	Mrs Hope
Y6 Mulberry/Miss Vincent	Mrs Thomas	Mrs Kennedy

All other staff covering PPA remain the same, though some times have changed.

Attendance

We are delighted that the attendance level for our whole school is 97.3% - back to where we used to be before Covid - 19. That's great news for pupil learning!

The top 5 classes are currently:

YR Apple 98.66 %

Y6 Mulberry 98.47 %

Y2 Elder 97.98 %

YR Plum 97.89 %

Y6 Whitebeam 97.88 %

Christmas Party

During the afternoon of Thursday 14 December, each class will hold a Christmas party with fun games for all. The activities will not include additional eating, as it occurs straight after the lunch break. Pupils will attend in school uniform as usual.

The Travelling Book Fair

This was a very popular event for our community once again this year as we continue to support the enjoyment of reading in so many ways. Reading is the key to learning and we are delighted that so many books were popular. Our pupils also really enjoyed the experience of visiting the temporary library, which included something of interest for everybody.

Children in Need

Congratulations to our School Council and thank you to all of those who took part in the Children in Need event on Friday 17 November. They were able to raise an impressive £500 as our donation.

Hot Meals Reminder

The deadline for booking a hot meal for the first week back in January 2024 is midnight on Thursday 21 December 2023.

Remembrance

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the poppy appeal last month when we raised £495.39 in support of the Royal British Legion.

Remembrance is not confined to 11 November – we all have special people and events we fondly remember and we are particularly mindful of this with Christmas around the corner.

Happy Christmas

Finally, we wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year – have a lovely time with your children.

School opens once again to pupils after the holiday on Wednesday 3 January 2024.

Kind regards

M Gildea
Headteacher

Dates – Including Spring Term Class Assemblies

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
18	9:00 – 9:25 AM – Y2 Elder Assembly

	4.00 – 5.30 PM – Y6 Netball at The Bridge
25	9:00 – 9:25 AM – Y2 Silver Birch Assembly 4.00 – 5.30 PM – Y5 Netball at The Bridge
29	9.00 – 9.20 AM – Y2 Silver Birch Stay and Read
29/1 – 2/2	Y6 Bikeability Week
February 2024	
1	9:00 – 9:25 AM – Y1 Oak Assembly 4.00 – 5.30 PM – Y6 Netball at The Bridge
5	9.00 – 9.20 AM – Y2 Elder Stay and Read
8	9:00 – 9:25 AM – Y1 Chestnut Assembly 4.00 – 5.30 PM – Y5 Netball at The Bridge
12 – 16	Half Term
19	1.45 – 3.15 PM – Forest School visit Y5
22	Young Shakespeare Company Visit Y4 – Y6
23	9.00 – 12.00 PM – Y6 Computing Workshop 1
29	9:00 – 9:25 AM – Y5 Hawthorn Assembly
March 2024	
1	9.00 – 12.00 PM – Y6 Computing Workshop 2
6	9.00 – 12.30 PM – Y5 Inclusive Sport Festival at The Bridge
7	World Book Day 9:00 – 9:25 AM – Y5 Rowan Assembly
8	Reception Mother's Day Morning
14	9:00 – 9:25 AM – Y4 Larch Assembly
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
21	9:00 – 9:25 AM – Y4 Lime Assembly
25	9.00 – 9.20 AM – Y2 Elder Stay and Read
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
13 – 16	Y6 SATS Week
20	9.00 – 9.20 AM – Y2 Silver Birch Stay and Read
23	Class Photographs and Y6 Cohort Photograph
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