

NORTH HEATH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/s/Carer/s,

Newsletter 8

Netball – Pupil Report

On the 18th January and 7th March, 6 lucky students from North Heath School went to compete in a netball tournament at the Broadbridge Heath courts. Although it was challenging (and sometimes very slippery!) we managed to push through and achieve greatness.

During the first round of the tournament, we accomplished amazing wins that were full of communication and dedication. Because of this, we gained an extraordinary lead in the Division A League Table. Sadly, one of our games was cancelled due to the slippery courts caused by the pouring rain the night before.

Frustratingly, the next round of the tournament was postponed twice! Feeling excited but nervous, we trained hard with resilience and determination. With much help and encouragement from Mrs Boniface, Miss Vincent and our Lions coach, we were ready to play our best games at the second event. After being re-scheduled from the 22nd of February to the 7th of March, the day had finally come! Pumped up and ready to go, nothing could stop us. We played each match with teamwork, co-operation and respect. With that in mind, we



played our best but unfortunately, we drew against Leechpool A and lost against Southwater. Although we left everything on the court, we didn't manage to make 1st place. Instead, we placed 2nd, which made us and our teachers very proud. Leechpool A made it to 1st place, but we had scored more goals in the competition! We are very appreciative of the opportunity that we were able to experience and we hope for it to continue in the future for other children willing to try something new, like we did.

Eleanor Brown and Jacob McLeod

Before and After School Care – What do you think?

We have been working on a research project looking into providing before and after school care on our site and we are really excited by the possibility of providing this for our families. As a next step, we need your help. Please complete the survey below so that (depending on interest) we can get things into place for you by the start of the next academic year, with taster sessions next term.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZRNVG6V>

Calling All Artists

Horsham District Council is marking its 50th Anniversary. Their Chairman will be hosting a special thank you tea party at Warnham Local Nature Reserve in June for **Community Heroes** who have been nominated by residents, and we are asking creative primary-aged children in the District to **design a thank you card** for these fantastic people.

Full details of the competition can be found on our website here:

www.horsham.gov.uk/communityhero and a flyer is attached.

Easter Holiday Works

We have received confirmation from West Sussex that the school drainage system will undergo repairs over the Easter break. We are delighted that the works include the relaying of the current car park.

Delightfully, everything is set to go with the YR project over the Easter break – planning permission was received this week – phew! The build may extend into the first couple of weeks of next half term. If so, the area will be closed off to our community.

We are also delighted that thanks to Friends of North Heath a CleverTouch screen was installed in one of our group rooms today to help with the teaching of intervention groups. It will make a huge difference!

Celebrating Attendance

Attendance has a direct impact on pupil progress and attainment and remains a strength of the school. The overall school attendance figure for this term is 96.1% - creeping ever closer to our pre-pandemic level of 97%.

The attendance rates for all classes are currently above 95% with the following classes coming in as the top 3 for this term:

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| 1. Y3 Hazel | 97.00 % |
| 2. Y6 Mulberry | 96.98 % |
| 3. Y5 Hawthorn | 96.96 % |

Well done everybody and thank you!

Inset Days

For your information and forward planning, our Inset days for the 2024 – 25 academic year are:

1. Monday 2 September 2024
2. Tuesday 3 September 2024
3. Monday 6 January 2025
4. Friday 4 April 2025
5. Monday 2 June 2025

Finally, on behalf of all staff, we wish you all a healthy and enjoyable break with your children.

We look forward to opening up for everyone for the Summer Term on Monday 15 April. Happy Easter!

Kind regards

M Gildea
Headteacher

Dates – updates in red

March 2024	
25	Rocksteady Group 2 Performance – From 9.15 AM 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
15	Pupils Return
16	YR NHS Screening
17	6.00 – 6.30 – Current Y4 for Y5 Sayers Croft Meeting in Y5 Rowan
18	Personal Safety Assembly – Police
19	Deadline for Parent Governor nominations
May 2024	
6	Bank Holiday
10	FONH Bags 2 School Day
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 Last Day of Half Term
27 - 31	Half Term
June 2024	
3	Inset Day
20	FONH Summer Mufti Day and Bags 2 School Day
25	10.00 – 11.00 AM – YR 2024 – 25 School Visit
27	9.30 – 11.30 AM – YR, 1 and 2 Sports Day 10.00 – 11.00 AM – YR 2024 – 25 School Visit
July 2024	
1	Financial Education Curriculum Day 1
2	Financial Education Curriculum Day 2
4	Y1 visit to Tilgate
5	District Sports
7	Horsham Children’s Parade
8	9.00 – 9.20 AM – Y2 Silver Birch Stay and Read
12	9.30 – 11.45 AM – Y5/6 Sports Day 1.00 – 3.00 PM – Y3/4 Sports Day
15	9.00 – 9.20 AM – Y2 Elder Stay and Read
16	Open Evening – All welcome to meet 2024/5 teachers in new classrooms

23	Last day of academic year
September 2024	
2 and 3	Inset days
4	Pupils return
17 - 20	Y6 to Fairthorne Manor
October 2024	
8	3.40 – 6.10 PM Parents' Evening 1
10	Individual school photographs 4.00 – 7.00 PM Parents' Evening 2
16 - 18	Y5 to Sayers Croft