

NORTH HEATH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL ERICA WAY HORSHAM WEST SUSSEX RH12 5XL

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Dear Parent/s/Carer/s,

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Thank you

As the end of another academic year draws to a close I wanted to thank all of our community for the support you have given the school this year and in years gone by. Working together to benefit pupils does not always mean things go as you wish and I thank those who have recognised this fact and moved on positively, enabling resilience in their children as they do so.

It feels that as each year passes the intensity increases and the challenges faced in education become more complex, but I am forever grateful for the energy, enthusiasm, passion and compassion shown by all staff that enabled me to fulfil my role.

Even through some of the most trying times and most difficult incidents that I have had the privilege to support some of our staff with, one thing has always remained constant; without exception everyone has always had the best interests of the child in their hearts and minds, and they remain central to all decisions.

On top of all that, staff still manage to provide opportunities that allow children to experience things that they may not otherwise be able to access and they make sure that we do our best to prepare the children for their next steps. They are a remarkable team.

So, whilst I look back and remember both the tough times and good, I sit here now remembering my tenure as headteacher of North Heath with pride and gratitude. I will be forever thankful for the opportunity that came my way to serve our community with the integrity I proudly inherited.

Charity Food Help for Families

With the summer holidays fast approaching I wanted to let you know of the provision a local charity is offering to families.

Those in need of food can access foodbank provision, by contacting support@horsham-matters.org.uk or by phoning 0300 1240204. They provide food on a fortnightly basis, but they need contacting for a voucher code prior to visiting one of their foodbanks.

Families using the foodbank will also be able to access a children's prepacked lunch box on three specific dates to coincide with the free HDC entertainment at the bandstand in Horsham park.

To access this additional provision, families need to select one of the following dates: 23rd July, 6th August or 20th August.

House Cup

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

1. **Tilgate** **84 tokens**
2. **Ashdown** **83 tokens**
3. **Owlbeech** **79 tokens**
4. **St Leonard's** **67 tokens**

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

Reminders for Autumn Term

- Due to potential accidents and incidents, pupils are not allowed to play ball games before or after school
- For the same reason, bikes and scooters cannot be ridden on school grounds at any time
- Hair wraps need to be removed at the end of the holiday so that pupils can take part in PE

Y4 Times Tables Check Average Score

Well done year 4 – a super effort with your multiplication check this year! The maximum mark was 25 and the North Heath average was 22.5!

Year 6 SATs Results

Whilst a detailed analysis and national comparisons are not yet available, both attainment levels and progress measures are set to be extremely positive this year. Testament once again to the hard work of pupils and staff and the support provided by families. Quite remarkable when you consider the impact of covid:

2024 SATs Results (pending national appeals)	Expected standard +	
	North Heath	National
Reading Test	95	74
Writing Teacher Assessment	76	72
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Test	92	72
Mathematics Test	90	73

The Year 6 results place us in the top 25% of all schools for pupils reaching the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Mathematics combined. Further data should be confirmed later in the Autumn Term.

Summer Works

As ever, the summer holiday has presented an opportunity to organise many jobs in school – a slab base for the new bug hotel, repairs to the running track, tree work, provision of a leaf protector for the outdoor provision in YR, remedial works to part of the YR path, solar panel checks and a freshly painted hall!

Goodbye

On behalf of all staff, thank you for your kind thoughts and gifts. Mrs Chesshire and I are spending time over the summer to ensure our handover is as rigorous as possible and I leave knowing that the school is in safe hands.

I will miss many things, but above all I will miss the children.

I wish you all the time of your lives.

Kind regards

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Former Headteacher