



Dear Parent/s and Carer/s,

We've had a busy three weeks back at school and you should be very proud of how well your children have settled back into the school. Thank-you for all you have done to support this over the holidays to prepare them for their next year. There is a buzz of learning in every class I enter and they have participated enthusiastically in our Y1-Y6 assemblies all of which help make the school such a positive place to be.

Year Group Welcome Meetings (Years 1-6)

Thank-you so much to all the parent/s and carer/s who attended our welcome meetings in the second week of term. I'm sure that the efforts made by the class teachers to explain procedures and upcoming events were useful and helped to provide further clarity about the year ahead. Knowing our expectations, rewards and having an overview of the curriculum should help us all work in partnership to best support your children. Reception pupils' meeting will be included in their 6-weeks in meeting.

If you were unable to make the evening, you should have received a PDF of the presentation shared at the meeting and they will also be up on our website very soon. Please let class teachers know through the year group emails if you haven't yet received the relevant one/s for your child/ren.

Drop Offs and Pick Ups

It has been lovely seeing so many parents, pupils and siblings in the mornings and after school. Thank-you for taking the time to stop and chat, pass on book recommendations(!) or just saying 'Good Morning/Afternoon'. Please feel free to come over and ask questions if I can help in any way.

Please remember that although we are happy for your children to use the lower and side playground, under your supervision, after school, it is a busy place. They do need to be aware of other adults and children on-site so that there are no avoidable injuries. For consistency with our school rules, it would be helpful if they did not use sticks or playground equipment, go behind or between the sheds on the front playground, up onto the top playground or climb the grass banks on the way to the hall or by the Y6 mobile classroom.

Harvest

This year our Harvest Festival Assembly will be held on Friday 25th October. Although we do not have the space to invite parents to join us, we will be collecting for the Horsham Food Bank who are under great pressure to support local families and adults. They are particularly asking for donations of:

- Toilet rolls
- Long life custard
- Hot chocolate
- Jars of cooking sauces
- Long life fruit juices
- Instant coffee
- Savoury snacks



If you wish to make a financial contribution, please scan the QR code above.



Music Tuition

Dynamic Music services currently have spaces for children interested in piano lessons. Ms Chan has provided tuition at North Heath for many years and, as several Y6 pupils moved to secondary schools in the summer, has some lesson availability. Please scan the QR code follow [this online instrumental application form](#) or email info@dynamicmusicservices.co.uk to find out more and/or book a place.

Our guitar teacher also has some vacancies on Thursday mornings and you can contact Steve through bsharpguitarschool@hotmail.com

There are also a few spaces available in our Rocksteady bands for drummers, guitarists and singers. Sign up is online via the Rocksteady website.



Mathematics Curriculum Evening

To support parents with the demands of the primary curriculum, Ms Davies will be leading 2 evenings focusing on how the four main operations (+, -, x, ÷) are taught in school. The first will concentrate on the progression of methods and use of resources for addition and subtraction. The second will focus on multiplication and division. These will be held on the 13th and 27th November. Further details



to follow soon.



Open Evening

For any parents with children due to start school in September 2025, we have our New Starters Open Evening next Wednesday (2.10.24) from 5:30-7:00pm. There will be an opportunity to look round the school, talk to teachers about different year groups, then join us for a talk and presentation in the hall at 6:30pm. There are also a number of tours running through October November – look on our



Uniform Reminders

Pupils should be in school uniform each day. This consists of their **yellow** polo shirt and trousers/shorts/skirt or a yellow summer dress, a **grey** school or unbranded jumper/sweatshirt or cardigan and a waterproof, hooded coat. They should have **black** shoes that are suitable for playtimes as well as all-day wear. Plain black trainers can be used in place of standard school shoes. PE kit will consist of a PE T shirt (in house colours), black shorts or tracksuit trousers/joggers and a grey or black hoodie or jumper.

For school, hair should be neat and we ask that hair of shoulder length or longer to be tied up during the day. Make-up and nail varnish are not permitted.

For a number of reasons, we ask that pupils do not wear jewellery, particularly bracelets. We do permit small hoops or stud earrings and/or an unobtrusive necklace with a religious charm but these should be removed for PE. Pupils can wear watches in school but will be asked to remove them for PE.



Congratulations to the following pupils who have been selected by their peers to be our new school council representatives. We know we are in safe hands and that they will be resourceful, supportive and trustworthy in this role. We look forward to seeing what they can help the school to achieve.

Pupils in Reception will have a chance to join the School Council in January.

Y1 Cherry	Mabel L Max B
Y1 Chestnut	Arthur G Ivy D
Y2 Elder	Libby K Oliver B
Y2 Silver Birch	Jude D Poppy D
Y3 Hazel	Gregory W Tilly M
Y3 Willow	Jasmine T Kuba K

Y4 Larch	Benjamin L Olivia F
Y4 Lime	Fern B Percy R
Y5 Hawthorn	Chloe H Max A
Y5 Rowan	Florence E Thomas B
Y6 Mulberry	Mikaela R Seb J
Y6 Whitebeam	Alex H Jithruvi W

Year Six



Finally, it is lovely to have our Year Six pupils back in school after their residential trip! We are proud of all the praise they received from Fairthorne Manor staff about their excellent manners and behaviour as well as their positive, resilient attitudes. The children have reported to us that they enjoyed the experience and were very proud of having a go at some adventurous activities for the very first time – even if they had previously thought they wouldn't dare! I am so thankful to Y6 parents for supporting the trip and our own staff for giving up their time so positively to make the experience possible. They will celebrate their adventures with a performance to Year Six parents and carers on Tuesday evening (1st October at 6pm).

Well done Year Six!



Christmas Cards

Friends of North Heath are once again organising the creation of your children's Christmas Cards this year. As a slight change, pupils will get the opportunity to design them in school and then you will see the finished designs and have an opportunity to purchase them.

Just so you don't miss out on the excitement, however, there will also be a competition at home to design a Christmas Card for the North Heath CP School! We send cards to our neighbouring schools, businesses and other organisations every year and it would be great if they represented some of the talent we have within the school. Watch out for separate information in your child's bookbag (or equivalent) in the near future. Thank you for your creative support with this project!



Upcoming Dates

SEPTEMBER			
Monday	30	Y6 9am-12pm	Millais Computing workshop
OCTOBER			
Tuesday	1	Y6 6pm	Y6 Fairthorne performance to parents
Wednesday	2	YR 2025	New Starters Open Evening
Monday	7	Y6 9am-12pm	Millais Computing workshop
Tuesday	8	3:30pm – 6:00pm Parents Evening 1	
Thursday	10	4:00pm – 7:00pm Parents Evening 2	
Wednesday	16	Y5 + staff to Sayers Croft	Remaining pupils to Y4/6.
Friday	18	Y5 + staff return	Siblings can be collected following Y5 return
Tuesday	22	Individual Pupil Photos	
Friday	25	Harvest Festival	Donations to the hall from 8:30 please
Half Term			
NOVEMBER			
Monday	4	Pupils return	
Wednesday	6	Y3 trip	Y3 + staff to Butser Ancient Farm
Wednesday	13	Parents	+ and – Mathematics evening
Thursday	14	Y3 9am	Year group assembly to parents
Friday	15	Y6 4pm-6pm	Hockey tournament
Thursday	21	Y5 6pm	Sayers Croft performance for parents
Monday	25	YR am NHS nasal spray	Nasal spray in cookery room
Wednesday	27	Parents	x and ÷ Mathematics evening
Friday	29	Y6 4pm-6pm	Hockey Tournament

DECEMBER		
Tuesday	3	Y3/4 Christmas rehearsal performance for grandparents and siblings 1:45pm
Wednesday	4	YR Christmas rehearsal performance to grandparents 9:30am Y3/4 Christmas performance to parents (Hazel and Lime) 6pm
Thursday	5	YR Christmas performance to parents 9:30am Y3/4 Christmas performance to parents (Willow and Larch) 6pm
Tuesday	10	Y1/2 Christmas rehearsal performance for grandparents and siblings 1:45pm
Wednesday	11	Y1/2 Christmas performance for parents (Elder/Chestnut) 9:30am
Thursday	12	Y1/2 Christmas performance for parents (Silver Birch/Oak) 9:30am
Monday	16	Rocksteady Performance 9:30am
Wednesday	18	Y5/6 performance to grandparents 1:30pm
Thursday	19	Rocksteady Performance 9:30am Y5/6 Christmas performance for parents at St Marks Church 6:30pm (TBC)
Friday	20	END OF TERM

We look forward to seeing you all at the Parents' Evenings in a couple of weeks. Until then, enjoy your weekend and fingers crossed for more dry weather!

Yours sincerely

Nicky Chesshire

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