NORTH HEATH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Dear Parent/s and Carer/s,
It has been an eventful half term and we have been delighted with how well our pupils have settled into their new classes and year groups. Thank-you for all your support and we hope you have also been proud of their many achievements.

Gallery Council

With a new year comes new positions of responsibility. I would like to introduce our new gallery council, selected by staff members, who will be working after half term to update their display.



Robin : Nevaeh	Kestrel : Holly
Starling: Michael	Red Kite : Ronny
Fox : William	Woodpecker: Malia
Badger: Emir	Kingfisher : Nicole

Currently, we are displaying the celebration of our 50th Anniversary with some very inventive schools of the future. I look forward to seeing our pupils' creative side and what is selected for our next mini art exhibition!

Friends of North Heath

As ever, we would like to thank FoNH for their hard work in support of the school. I know the latest Halloween pop-up was greatly enjoyed by pupils.
They are currently planning Christmas Discos and I know that pupils are working to design new Christmas Cards in class after half term. Their unique designs will then be available to purchase in time to send to family and friends this Christmas.
If you are at all able, it would be great if you could join them for their AGM on Thursday 19th Nov at 7pm. Thank-you

Present and Purr-fect!



We have introduced a new award in school! As experience shows, consistent school attendance has a great impact on children's academic and personal development. At North Heath, we are grateful that our parent and carer community clearly recognise this and support us in regular attendance. As we know, every day in school is a chance for them to learn something new and spend time with friends. We are, therefore, awarding our "Chesshire Cat Present and Purr-fect Award" weekly to the class that has the best attendance. The children are excited by this and are keen to follow in Dragonfly's footsteps after they won for its first appearance!

Harvest

Thank-you all so much for your generous harvest donations. Horsham Matters were delighted and we know that this food will go to support the more vulnerable people and families across Horsham. The children were amazed by the amount of food and keen to discuss what they had donated and are aware that these donations really support families in need.



Thank-you for your generosity!

School Council

Congratulations to our democratically elected new School Council Representatives. Mrs Sherwood continues to lead and support the School Council and they have a packed schedule again this year! This starts with Children in Need organisation after half term. Congratulations

Butterfly: Oscar + Nevaeh Dragonfly: Louis + Suzie Ladybird: Avery + Willow

Robin: Cali + Arthur	Starling: Arthur + Jithnu
Kestrel: Libby + Louis	Red Kite: Arthur + Mabel
Badger: Emma + Ella	Fox: Olive + Lucas
Kingfisher: Olivia + Fred	Woodpecker: Chloe + Danny



Site Security + Safety

I would like to remind everyone that pupils should be arriving on the school site between 8:30-8:40am ready to enter classrooms by 8:45am. We are increasingly seeing children and families arriving early and, especially with the colder and wetter weather, it is not the best start to their day to be waiting outside for more than 5-10 minutes. It is important that even older pupils should not be on the site unsupervised before 8:30am as we are not in a position to take responsibility for them before this time. Thank-you for your support.

Y5 Sayers Croft

Our Year 5 cohort have recently returned from their 3 day residential trip with much praise from Sayers Croft staff and I was very impressed with their campfire songs when Mrs Smith and I visited on Thursday evening. They had a great time and learnt a huge amount…though that doesn't always seem to be uppermost in their memories! Here is some of their feedback:

Sayers Croft is so amazing! The food is delicious and some of our favourites were pizza as well as sponge cake with chocolate custard. But, all of the food was yummy! When we asked the year group, the favourite activities were Woods Compass, the challenge course and the plant games but all the activities were super-dooper fun. All of the staff at Sayers Croft are kind and generous and North Heath staff were fun and helpful – we are very thankful for them. We would like to say thank you to all the parents and carers who paid for us to go on the residential and made sure we had the right clothes. We are so thankful for the experience and it has been our favourite trip so far at North Heath!

Charlotte + Marley

Armistice Day

Remembrance Day will be celebrated on Sunday 8th November this year and, as usual, we will be selling poppies and other branded merchandise on behalf of the Royal British Legion for the first week after half term. Depending on the items we ask for minimal donations of 50p (paper poppies) or £1 for any other items such as wrist bands, pencils, reflective poppies. Prefects will visit classrooms daily through that week with items available. We would advise putting any money into a named envelope labelled with Poppy Money (or similar) so that it can be looked after by the class teacher.

In school, we will show respect with 2 minutes silence at 11 o'clock on 11/11/26. We look forward to seeing a proud display of poppies for Remembrance on Wednesday 11th November.

We are also happy for Brownies, Beavers, Cubs (and other similar groups) to wear their uniform that day as long as it doesn't clash with PE activities.

Assemblies

I have to send apologies as I thought I had sent out class assembly dates in September. I am sorry that I missed these somehow. However, here are the planned assemblies for this year:

9am, Thurs 5th Nov – Year 2
9am, Thurs 12th Nov – Year 3
9am, Thurs 19th Nov – Y5 Sayers Croft
9am, Thurs 14th Jan – Y1/2 Dragonfly
9am, Thurs 21st Jan – Y1/2 Ladybird
9am, Thurs 28th Jan – Y1/2 Butterfly
9am, Thurs 25th Feb – Y5 Fox
9am, Thurs 4th March – Y5 Badger
9am, Fri, 5th March – Reception (Mothers Day)
9am, Thurs 11th March – Y4 Kestrel
9am, Thurs 18th March – Y4 Red Kite
9am, Thurs 6th May – Y3 Starling
9am, Thurs 13th May – Y3 Robin
9am, Fri 18th June – Reception
9am, Thurs 8th June – Year 1

Nails and Jewellery



While most of our pupils abide by our rules brilliantly, we do have a few children who seem to test the limits! We appreciate your help with reminding pupils that bracelets or necklaces are not allowed, with the exception of a small religious pendant on a thin necklace chain. Friendship and other 'string' based bracelets should not be in school. Earrings must be small studs or sleepers. Pupils should also not wear nail varnish to school. Thank-you for helping us maintain these standards.

Children In Need

Our School Council representatives have been working to organise our celebration for Children in Need this year which falls on Friday 13th November.

Phones and Toys



We continue to ask that pupils do not bring smart phones to school. This includes not wearing watches that send and receive messages or record. We also ask that any camera or recording devices (particular brands of trackers have this ability) are left at home.

There are an increasing number of toys coming in to school. Unless they have been requested by the class teacher for a lesson, children should leave toys, fidgets and other possessions at home.

Year 4 Football



We were very impressed with Year 4's performance in their recent Football tournament where they came Runners Up across all the schools taking part. Here is their report

Year 4 took part in a football tournament last week. We had the most exciting time. It was fun and although it was difficult at times, we scored lots of goals. In the end, we won all but one match and scored the most goals in the tournament. We passed well from the back and up the pitch. Our amazing goal-keeper saved some brilliant shots on target and our defenders were outstanding and never gave up trying to win the ball back. We worked our hardest and came runners-up. Our team was brilliant and so was our coach and we are proud of the result. We had the best time and can't wait for the next tournament.

By Louis, Theodor, Wilbur and Gus

Training Opportunity





Join 'Young Voices' choir

West Sussex Young Voices is a choir for younger singers, aged 9yrs to 13yrs. They will learn to sing in parts, music reading skills and developing their individual voices. No previous experience is necessary, just a love of singing and willingness to learn.

Horsham Music Centre, Saturdays 10:45-12pm. Click here.

It was lovely to see so many parents, carers and even grandparents at our recent Parent Consultation Evenings. These are such a good way of keeping in touch and celebrating progress. I know that several families also met with Mrs Brazier-Main (our new Inclusion Lead) over the two evenings which is an effective use of time when you are already on site.

I have, this morning, reminded your children that they should be showing the school values outside of school as well as within, especially kindness! I look forward to hearing how well they have done on their return on Monday 2nd November.

As ever, thank-you for your support of the school and the hard work you put into supporting your children – they are a pleasure to work alongside.

Yours sincerely *Nicky Chesshire* (Headteacher)

Dates for 2026-2027 (blue = new dates added)

NOVEMBER			
Wednesday	4	Y3 Trip	Year 3 Starling, Robin and volunteers
Thursday	5	Y2 Assembly for Y2 + Parents	
Friday	6	Y5 Bikeability	AM – KS1 Autumn Walks (details to follow) PM – Y6 Computing workshop (led by Millais)
Monday	9	Y6 Bikeability	PM – KS1 Visit – the History of Teddy Bears
Tuesday	10	Y6 Bikeability	2:30pm – Volunteer Safeguarding training
Wednesday	11	Y6 Bikeability	11am – 2 mins silence
Thursday	12	9am Y3 Assembly + parents Y6 Bikeability	4-5:30pm Y5/6 Netball @ The Bridge
Friday	13	Y6 Bikeability	PM – Y5 Computing workshop (led by Millais)

Tuesday	17	AM Pudsey Bear visit – whole school
Wednesday	18	8:50am – Volunteer Safeguarding training
Thursday	19	9:10am – Y5 Sayers Croft Assembly for parents and siblings 7pm – FoNH AGM in Woodpecker Classroom – please come and join!
Friday	20	PM – Y6 Computing workshop (led by Millais)
Thursday	26	AM – YR/Y1 Phonics + Welcome Meeting + Stay and Play 2:30pm – Volunteer Safeguarding Training 3:15pm – FoNH Pop-up pocket Money Stall
Friday	27	PM – Y5 Computing workshop (led by Millais)
Monday	30	10am – RockSteady Concert for parents and siblings
DECEMBER		
Wednesday	2	9:30am – YR Christmas performance to grandparents
Thursday	3	9:30am – YR Christmas performance to parents
Monday	7	2:15pm – KS1 Christmas performance to grandparents
Tuesday	8	9:30am – KS1 Christmas performance for parents
Wednesday	9	9:30am – KS1 Christmas performance for parents
Friday	11	FoNH – Christmas Disco – details to follow
Monday	14	2pm – Y3/4 Christmas performance to grandparents and siblings
Tuesday	15	9:30am – Y3/4 Christmas performance to parents (Robin + Kestrel)
Wednesday	16	9:30am – Y3/4 Christmas performance to parents (Starling + Red Kite) 1:30pm – Y5/6 Christmas performance at St Marks to grandparents
Thursday	17	1pm-3pm – Christmas parties 6:30pm – Y5/6 Carol Concert for parents and the community
Friday	18	END OF TERM
JANUARY		
Monday	4	INSET – No pupils on site
Tuesday	5	Pupils return
Thursday	14	8:50am – Volunteer Safeguarding Training
Thursday	14	Y1/2 Dragonfly Assembly
Friday	15	AM - KS1 Winter Walks
Thursday	21	Y1/2 Ladybird Assembly
Thursday	28	Y1/2 Butterfly Assembly
FEBRUARY		
Friday	12	END of SPRING 1
Monday	22	Staff and Pupils return
Thursday	25	Y5 Fox Assembly + parents
MARCH		
Thursday	4	9:00am – Y5 Badger assembly + parents 4-5:30pm Y5/6 Netball at The Bridge
Friday	5	Reception Mothers Day Assembly + parents
Thursday	11	Y4 Kestrel Class Assembly + parents
Tuesday	16	Parents Evening (3:40-6:20pm)
Thursday	18	Y4 Red Kite Assembly Parents Evening (4:00-7:00pm)
Thursday	25	END of TERM