



North Mundham Primary School

The Heron Newsletter



Welcome to our fortnightly newsletter

Autumn 5

15th November

In this newsletter, find out about:

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A Message from Mrs Gordon

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a busy couple of weeks since we returned from our half term break. The children came back full of stories about their Halloween and bonfire adventures and it sounded like families had enjoyed some special times together. We started the half term thinking about Anti-bullying week (which is actually this week) and the 2024 slogan 'Choose respect', we thought about what respect meant and how important it is to show each other respect and also to respect ourselves. The children came up with respect pledges such as 'respect your friends and be kind', 'respect your team mates', 'respect each other in class'. In our School Council meeting we discussed different types of bullying and how we could make sure that they don't happen in our school. As always the children were able to express themselves clearly and came up with excellent advice for each other.

Last Wednesday Year 1 had a special campfire evening. There was huge excitement when they returned to school all warmly dressed to go down to the Fuzzies and experience it in darkness with the campfire where they roasted marshmallows and were even allowed a sparkler each. It was a lovely occasion. Many thanks to everyone who helped.

Last Friday saw the first class assembly of the year. Scarab Beetle (Y4) class shared everything that they have done so far this term. They all spoke very clearly and articulately about their work and their singing was fantastic- we even had some glockenspiel playing! Well done!

Today Year 6 have gone up to London to the British museum as part of their Maafa topic. They were very excited yesterday and all reports have been very positive about the day and also about how the children represented the school. I'm sure they will all (including the staff!) be very tired, but what a wonderful experience!

We have had some sporting activities this half term already and our football team has been in action twice as well as both boys and girls' cricket. We like to try and offer as many extra sporting opportunities as we can throughout the year as it is a wonderful way of extending the children's experiences.

Here are some pupil reports about the sporting events:

Tuesday 12th November 2024 The Regis School , Football Tournament

As we were preparing for the tournament, everyone was pumped. We put on our strip, made sure we had everything we needed, and we were off. On the way there, we talked about how we were going to play and what our tactics should be. When we arrived, everyone thought about how we were almost definitely going to lose. The person who helped organise the competition spoke to all the contestants about what was going to happen that afternoon. Now it was not just us who were pumped, it was everyone else. And it wasn't just that, you could feel tension in the air. No one was safe. As the first match kicked off, our opponents, were pressing high. Overall we came 8th out of 10 teams but we were really proud of our team performance. We showed resilience and teamwork. We actually drew with the team that came 2nd overall. (In one game that team had won 10-1)

Chichester Football tournament (Local Schools) Just before the school holidays we also participated in a tournament involving the following teams. St Richards, Portfield, St Josephs, The March. We had made it through all the games undefeated with a win and 3 draws. We came second overall. By Zeph

Monday 4th November 2024 The Arena (Bognor Regis) Boys Indoor Cricket Tournament As we were preparing for the tournament, we were so excited yet nervous. Our team was ready. On the way there, we talked about our strategies and discussed how we should play. As soon as we got there, Mr Tran signed in. Then we arrived in the sports hall. Then we did a practice, but not long after a man called us over. He went through the rules of countdown cricket [not that we didn't know them already]. Then we started our first game against Jesse Younghusband. It was very tough, but we drew with them in the end. We were very happy. The next match looked much too hard but in the end we smoked them with a massive 93 runs to 39. We topped our group and went through to the next round [which was much harder]. There were 3 teams in the next round but unfortunately we bottomed the knockout stage. But at least we came 3rd in all of the Bognor and Chichester Schools. Pretty cool title right! In the end, we did pretty well we could of done better, but we could of done worse. Me [and probably all of us to be honest] are very thankful that we had this opportunity to play at this cricket tournament.

By Zeph, Freddie and Eric

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Zoe Gordon, Headteacher



Year 1 campfire evening









Year 6 go to London







Year 4 class assembly





Cricket and Football fun







OPAL- Outside Play and Learning



OPAL celebration

We finally managed to have our OPAL Platinum celebration this week. On Thursday, we had an special OPAL extra and some parents came too to help us celebrate.

In addition to our celebrations, Mrs Ford has been planting tree saplings in the school grounds. These have been donated to us and will grow to produce some amazing hedgerows. If any parents or carers have a spare half and hour or so and would like to help out with tree planting, please let Mrs Ford know as we still have plenty to plant.

Plea!

If you have an old broken microwave, we would love one for our mud kitchen.

Many thanks









As part of our focus on bullying this week and last week, we talked about online bullying and how it can be equally harmful as face to face bullying.

If you are worried that your child is experiencing cyberbullying, here is some good advice that may support you.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/cyberbullying-advice-for-parents-and-carers>

Notices and Reminders



Parents' Consultation Evenings

These will be during the week of 18th November. Days as follows:

- Ladybirds, YR- Monday 18th Nov and wed 20th Nov
- Bumblebee, Y1- Monday 18th Nov and Thursday 21st November
- Caterpillar, Y2- Monday 18th November and Tuesday 19th November
- Butterfly, Y3- Tuesday 19th November and Thursday 21st November
- Scarab Beetle, Y4- Tuesday 19th November and Wednesday 21st November
- Praying Mantis, Y5- Monday 18th November and Wednesday 20th November
- Dragonfly, Y6- Tuesday 19th November and Thursday 21st November

If you have been unable to book an appointment (booking now closed), please contact your child's teacher or the school office.

Clubs next week

Due to Parent Consultation Meetings, there will be no drama or construction next week

Cinema Trips

See below for dates- please let us know as soon as possible if you need help getting your child to the cinema on these days.

School Photos

All children will have their individual photo taken next Friday morning. Please ensure that they are wearing full school uniform on this day (bring PE kit if it is a PE day). Please ensure that your child's slip for photographer has been handed in to the school office.

Year 6 Class assembly



This is on Thursday 21st November and NOT Friday 22nd as previously stated (due to the photographer being in the hall on Friday).



PTA Christmas Fair


Hopefully you have seen the letter detailing all of the details for the Christmas fair this year—see below for posters. The Christmas Fair will be the Falcon bake sale so Falcons have the opportunity to bake Christmas themed cakes for this occasion (not a separate sale).


Remember to book your Santa slot, sell your raffle tickets and let us know if you can provide a prize for the raffle.

Hunston Christmas Fair



 Exciting news, everyone! The Hunston Christmas Market is just around the corner—mark your calendars for Sunday, 24th November! 

They are thrilled to announce that bookings are now open for our Santa Grotto!  For just **£2 per child**, your little ones will get to meet Santa and receive a special gift! 

 To reserve your spot, please book through Hunston Village Stores. While walk-ins will be available on the day, they will be limited, so we highly recommend pre-booking to avoid disappointment!

We're also delighted to share that the North Mundham Primary School choir will be performing on the day!  Bring your family and friends to support the children and enjoy their festive spirit!

Remember, by attending, you're not just creating magical memories for your family; you're also supporting the village and the local community. Let's make this holiday season one to remember!

Spread the word and share with your friends!  

Year 3 Swimming

Reminder that 25.11.24 is the last Monday swimming session for year 3.

Hunston residents

As the winter days close in, some of our families find it increasingly difficult to get to and from school. If you live in Hunston and would be willing to help out, please let the school office know.

HOUSE CAKE

Competition



Friday 6th December

This year we are asking houses to provide cakes for the cake sales...our next cake sale for this year will be the **'Festive Cakes'** sale!

WITH THE HELP OF YOUR HOUSE CAPTAINS, *Chloe & Drake (Y6)* & YOUR FELLOW HOUSE MATES, CAN FALCONS WIN?

Second to compete, are the **FALCONS!**
Can you make the most money?
Are you ready for the challenge?

If your child is unsure of which 'House' they are in, they (or you) can check with their class teacher or the school office.



Watch out, it could be your house next!

GO TEAM FALCONS





HUNSTON CHRISTMAS MARKET



PRESENTS



**NORTH MUNDHAM
PRIMARY SCHOOL CHOIR**

Performance at 1.45pm




24th
November
Hunston
Village Hall
12-4pm

HUNSTON CHRISTMAS MARKET





24th
November
12-4PM

Hunston
Village Hall
& Hunston
Club

*Book Santa
Grotto at
Hunston Village Stores
& Post Office
£2 per child

Raffle
Food Van
Games

Local Stalls
Santa's Grotto*
Performances
Elfs Workshop
Refreshments







HUNSTON
CHRISTMAS
MARKET

SANTA GROTTO

24th November
 @ Hunston Village Hall
 12-4pm

Book at
 Hunston
 Village Stores.
 Limited Walk-ins
 on the day.

£2
ONLY
 (Inc. gift)

Book NOW!



NON-UNIFORM DAY

DONATE AN ITEM FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAIR IN
 EXCHANGE FOR WEARING YOUR OWN CLOTHES.

Friday 29th November

EAGLES - BOTTLES FOR TOMBOLA

FALCONS - CAKES FOR 'FESTIVE CAKES' SALE
 (to bring in on 6th Dec)

KESTRELS - 2ND HAND BOOKS

KITES - TEDDIES FOR TOMBOLA

ALL - WRAPPED SWEETS FOR PRIZES

EAGLES

FALCONS

KESTRELS

KITES

Dates for the diary



Week of 18th November- Parents evenings- see above

20th November – Year 5 and 6 visit to cinema

21st November- Year 6 assembly 9am

24th November- Hunston Christmas Fair- choir to perform at 1.45pm

27th November- Year R, 1 and 2- visit to cinema

28th November Year 3 and 4 visit to cinema

29th November- Year 5 Class assembly 9am,

29th November- non-uniform day for Christmas fair donations- see above

6th December- Christmas Fair

9th December-1.30 pm Y1 and 2 Dress Rehearsal (younger siblings welcome)

10th December 1.30pm- Year 1 and 2 performance 1*

11th December-9.30 am YR- Dress rehearsal (younger siblings welcome)

11th December 1.30pm year 1 and 2 performance 2.

12th December 9.30am YR (Ladybirds) Christmas performance (new date added)

17th December- Christmas party (YR, 1 and 2) and disco (KS2)*

18th December- Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day

19th December- Christmas church service

19th December 2.50- Christmas singing event

20th December- **break up for Christmas**

6th January- start of Spring term

15th January- United Voices concert at Chichester Festival Theatre

16th January- Maths Day

14th February- finish for half term

24th February- INSET day

26th February- Dancehouse performance in Worthing

INSET Days

24th February 2025

Friday 23rd May 2025

West Sussex Term dates 24-25

Autumn 1- 3rd September- 25th October (INSET)

Autumn 2- November 4th- December 20th

Spring 1- 6th January- 14th February

Spring 2- 24th February (INSET)- 4th April

Summer 1- 22nd April- 23rd May (INSET)

Summer 2- 2nd June- 22nd July

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