



North Mundham Primary School

The Heron Newsletter



Welcome to our fortnightly newsletter

Spring 4

6th March

In this newsletter, find out about:

- **Mrs Gordon's message and school news**
- **OPAL updates**
- **Reminders and Notices**
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- **Upcoming events**

A Message from Mrs Gordon



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy couple of weeks we have had! On Wednesday last week we took a group of 18 dancers to Worthing to perform in the Dancehouse show. They were absolutely incredible and performed with grace and style. Their behaviour was excellent and the whole event was a real pleasure. Well done dancers! Last Thursday we had a the great excitement of a visit from Youtube fitness sensation Jumpstart Jonny. Jonny injected a huge amount of energy as he delivered 2 sessions over the morning. Everyone had great fun taking part and we would like to say a huge thank-you to our PTA for organising and funding his visit. Thursday was also the day of Ladybird Class' visit to Aldingbourne Country Centre. With their focus on the farm this half term, they had a wonderful day meeting the animals and exploring the grounds. the

children were a credit to the school and Mrs Ford and Mrs Cruttenden were very proud of them.

On Friday we held our first Food Festival throughout the day. Many thanks to all of the parents and carers who provided food from their country. We had so many delicious delicacies to taste and the children also prepared food based on a theme in their classes. For many it was an opportunity to try something different and was a great success all round.

Friday was also the turn of Year 1 to show off their learning in their class assembly. I was incredibly impressed with the children and how they presented their work with loud, clear and confident voices. Well done Bumblebee Class.

Table 8 were the winners of February's Table Cloth Friday and they got to have some special treats with their lunch. I was lucky enough to join the second sitting and had a lovely time chatting to them while they ate their lunch.

Wednesday night saw the first of our 3 Corporate Challenge races. We had a team of 25 children who all ran a really steady race with some excellent personal achievements. Mrs Ford and I are training them each week in run club and are hopeful of some very good outcomes by the end of the race series.

Yesterday we started the day with our termly Bags2School collection- many thanks to everyone who brought in bags, we raised over £100 which will be added to our PTA funds for this term. Yesterday was also World Book Day, once again many thanks for providing, making and creating some incredible costumes. We had a wonderful day spotting book characters, sharing stories and in assembly we really enjoyed seeing all of the amazing shoe box story scenes that have been created over the last couple of weeks. Many thanks to all of you who helped your children- the results were fantastic!

Today, year 6 have been busy raising funds for their Leavers' jumpers. They produced some delicious cakes (thanks parents) for the rest of the school to buy and have been pedalling away in their sponsored (static) cycle. By the end of the day, they should have raised a significant chunk of money to go towards their jumpers.

Many thanks to all of those parents who attended the Parent consultations this week. We hope that it gave you a valuable opportunity to find out how your child is progressing and what you could do at home to further support them in their learning. If you weren't able to make it, please contact the office or your child's teacher to make an alternative arrangement.

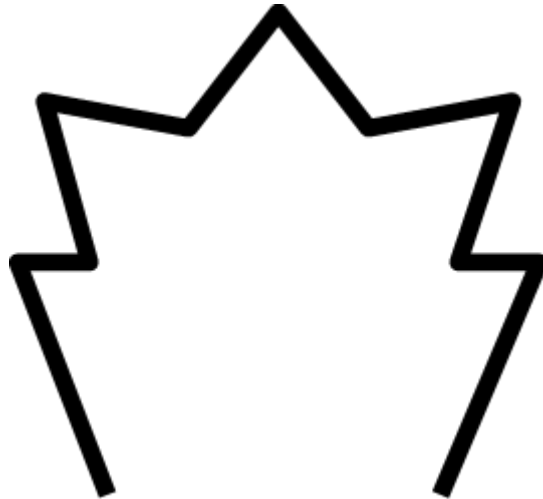
Once again, many thanks for your support in these events- we are constantly looking to enrich our children's education and we can't do that without your support.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Zoe Gordon, Headteacher

The Power of Reading



The Importance of Reading for Pleasure

Reading enjoyment is a more important indicator of a child's educational success than their family's educational or socio-economic background

(OECD, 2002)



Parent Power

Parents and the home environment are essential to the early teaching of reading and fostering a love of reading; children are more likely to continue to be readers in homes where books and reading are valued (Clark and Rumbold, 2006). **Bedtime books**

Reading for just 6 minutes per day is proven to have a more Wellbeing



The Power of reading together at Bedtime.

An investment of a few minutes a day has the power to positive impact on wellbeing than a cup of tea, a chocolate bar or create a lifelong love of books and reading. playing video games, reducing stress levels by 68 per cent on

A bedtime story provides:

- Connection, conversation and calm
- Higher level of vocabulary
- Improved concentration
- Developed empathy
- Vital brain connections
- A deeper understanding of the world

This is still important even when a child can read.

average. (University of Sussex)

Empathy

Scientific evidence shows that immersion in literature is an effective way to build our understanding of other people.

Words

Children who have five books a day read to them from birth go into School having heard about 1.4 million more words than kids who were never read to, a study finds. (Ohio

State University)

The empathy we feel for book characters wires our brains to have the same sensitivity towards real people' (Raymond Marr, York University, Toronto)

Thank you for supporting your child to become a reader.

Dancehouse







Table Cloth Friday- February winners



Ladybird Class visit the farm















Food Festival

















World Book Day



















Year 6 fundraising day











JumpStart Jonny









Corporate Challenge







OPAL- Outside Play and Learning

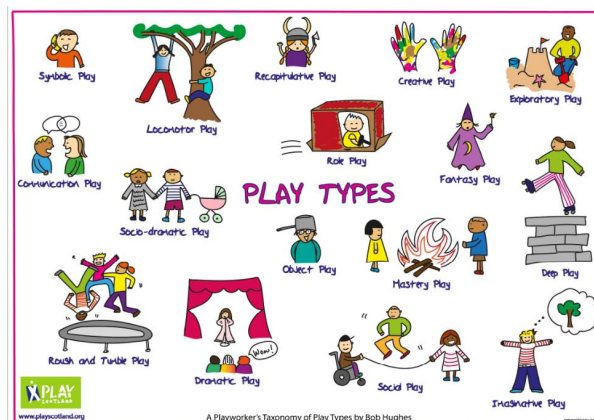


We are looking for some helpers for our summer term gardening and craft OPAL clubs- please let us know if you can help.

Thank-you!



1 - Please remember your wellies!!

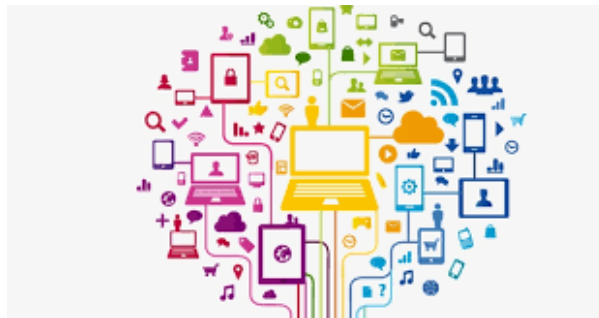


2 - We are always looking to develop the different play types and create new opportunities.

OUTDOOR PLAY AND LEARNING



Internet Safety



West Sussex County Council have some very good advice for parents about how to keep your child safe online. See [this link](#) for more information.

Notices and Reminders



Parent Mental Health Ambassadors

As part of our focus on whole school mental health and wellbeing, we are excited to be starting a new project with mental health support providers Thoughtful. It is a pilot project and we need some parents who feel that they may have skills and ideas to support the Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing of the school community. If you are interested and/or feel that you could help, please come along to a short meeting on Wednesday 19th March at 2.30.

Easter Holiday Activities

Please see below for some opportunities (both paid for and free that your child can take advantage of.

Gym Club

JC Sports run a gym club at school every Thursday morning. Please see information below for details if you would like your child to join.

Term dates

Please see below for additional dates (going into the summer term and beyond). In many cases, additional information will follow on. If you have any questions, please see the school office.



The poster is for the JC Sports Gymnastics Club at North Mundham. It features a blue background with white and yellow text. At the top left is a logo with a stylized figure. To the right are three photos of children performing gymnastics: a boy jumping, a girl on a beam, and a boy in a crouch. The main title 'JC SPORTS GYMNASTICS CLUB' is in large white and yellow letters. Below this, a yellow box contains the text 'GYMNASTICS CLUB £33 THURSDAYS BSC 07:45 - 08:30 £5.50 per session'. At the bottom left is a QR code. To its right, the text 'North Mundham' is in large white letters, followed by a paragraph about the club's offerings and a note about inclusivity. At the very bottom is a small booking link.

JC SPORTS GYMNASTICS CLUB

GYMNASTICS CLUB £33
THURSDAYS BSC 07:45 - 08:30
£5.50 per session

North Mundham

JC Sports is now offering a high-quality Gymnastics Before School Club for 5-11yrs at North Mundham Primary School. Starting on the W/C 24th February and running until the W/C 31st March.

This club will be open for all abilities.

Booking Link: <https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity/west-sussex-jc-sports-north-mundham-gymnastics-club-chichester-e43ddc10-e586-4a1a-e111-1db51e2d9868>



OPEN EVENT

Sunday 23rd March

Open to all

Tired of dull evenings? Want to try something exciting, learn skills leadership, teamwork, and become one of the Volunteers in Chichester? Come and see what we have to offer!



Can you help?

We can't do it without volunteers! Whatever time you can spare, whatever skills you can bring to the table - find out about how you can get involved!

Come along to our **FREE** open event

Join us for skills, challenges, crafts, games, and fun

 Sunday 23rd March 2025

 10am - 15:00

 Bosham village hall, Walton Lane,
Bosham, PO18 8QF.

 Recruitment@chichesterscouts.org.uk



Please register your interest using the QR code, or send an email.

Join the adventure and learn **#SkillsForLife**

west sussex music



ACTIVITIES



7 - 9 April

BOGNOR REGIS - Rap & Lyric Writing

CHICHESTER - Interactive Soundtrack & Music

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CHICHESTER - Interactive Soundtrack & Music

CRAWLEY - Music Production & DJ

- Interactive Soundtrack & Music **LITTLEHAMPTON** - "Soundz" Contemporary Choir

WORTHING - Rock & Pop Band

- Interactive Soundtrack & Music

AGES 8 -16YRS



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HOLIDAY CLUB

"MORE THAN JUST CHILDCARE"

Every children's activity we run aims to stimulate the children physically, intellectually and socially. The children will have access to our outstanding college, all within a safe and secure private facility. We are OFSTED registered and with more than 11 years' experience, you can leave your children knowing they are in good hands.

7 APRIL - 17 APRIL 2025

WHY CHOOSE US

Our popular children's holiday club caters for children aged 8-14 years, offering an abundance of great activities which are guaranteed to keep your children entertained and active over the holidays. We also offer Gymnastics & Trampolining (for children aged 5-16) and specialist camps ranging from Rock Climbing, Tennis, Football and Netball.

We run trips to local attractions throughout the year, including Skiing & Snowboarding, New Forest Aqua Park, Swimming, Paultons Park and many more. You can rest assured that if your children attends our holiday club they will have FUN!

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/CHICHESTERHOLIDAYCLUB[@CHICHESTERHOLIDAYCLUB](https://www.instagram.com/chichesterholidayclub)

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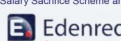


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Chichester College Holiday Club supports the facilitation of childcare costs for working families by accepting payment from government funded schemes such as the Childcare Voucher Scheme and Tax-Free Childcare

Childcare Voucher Providers
We accept payment from all providers accredited by the Childcare Voucher Salary Sacrifice Scheme and our most frequently used providers are listed below.



WHERE IS HOLIDAY CLUB BASED?

Chichester College Holiday Club is organised and run by The Sports Centre at Chichester College.

The Sports Centre, Chichester College, Westgate Fields, PO19 1SB

HOW DO I MAKE A BOOKING?

Booking onto our holiday club couldn't be simpler!

Give our reception team a call on 01243 812936, we advise discussing what sessions and activities your child would like to attend prior to calling, if there are any sessions you're unsure of, our team are on hand to explain.

Our Reception team are available:

-Mon - Fri 7am-9pm
-Sat-Sun 9-4pm

DO WE NEED TO PAY FOR PARKING?

Holiday Club parents receive a 30 minutes grace from charges to allow drop off and pick up.

ARE THERE ANY FORMS TO COMPLETE UPON ARRIVAL?

When you drop off for the first time, we will require a detailed contact card to be completed, please allocate 5 minutes of your time to complete this form.

WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD BRING TO HOLIDAY CLUB?

We recommend children wear comfortable clothing and closed toe footwear. During warmer seasons please apply sun protection cream each morning, we will ensure children stay topped up throughout the day, however, if your child can only use a specific brand of sun cream please advise us on your child's contact card. Children should come with a balanced packed lunch and a reusable bottle for water.

- Gymnastics & Trampolining - Long hair should be tied back and please bring socks as they are required to go on our trampolines.
- Wet & Wild Sessions - A towel and change of clothes is required.
- Football sessions - The children should wear trainers or boots if the session is held on grass and shin pads are advised.

WHAT ARE THE PAYMENT OPTIONS?

+ Cash or Card upon booking. Full payment must be made upon booking, however, we will discuss part payments in particular circumstances.

+ Childcare Vouchers or Tax-Free Childcare

You can use childcare vouchers as full or part payment, contact your childcare voucher provider to forward your payment to us, we can provide you with our account number upon booking. Payment should be processed within 48hrs of booking.



CALL TO

WEEK 1					
Session	Age	Activity	Price	Tick	
MONDAY 7 APRIL	8-9am	8-14	Sunrise	£2	
	9-12pm	8-14	Gladstons	£14	
	12-1pm	8-14	Lunch	£2	
	1-4pm	8-14	Games Master	£14	
	4-6pm	5-10	Gymnastics - Bars & Beam Masterclass	£20	
	4-6pm	8-14	Twilight - No Food	£6	
TUESDAY 8 APRIL	8-9am	8-14	Sunrise	£2	
	9-12pm	8-14	4 Corner Fort Wars	£14	
	9-12pm	8-14	Epic Challenges	£20	
	12-1pm	8-14	Lunch	£2	
	1-4pm	8-14	Fugitives	£14	
	1-4pm	8-14	Brigo Bonanza	£20	
WEDNESDAY 9 APRIL	8-9am	8-14	Sunrise	£2	
	9-12pm	8-14	Team Sports	£14	
	12-1pm	8-14	Lunch	£2	
	1-4pm	8-14	Capture The Flag	£14	
	1-4pm	5-10	Gymnastics & Trampolining	£20	
	4-6pm	8-14	Twilight - No Food	£6	
THURSDAY 10 APRIL	8-9am	8-14	Sunrise	£2	
	9-12pm	8-14	Ultimate Tag	£14	
	9-12pm	8-14	Gaming Legends (Consoles)	£20	
	12-1pm	8-14	Lunch	£2	
	1-4pm	8-14	Benchball Dodgeball	£14	
	1-4pm	8-14	Rock Climbing & Benchball Dodgeball	£20	
FRIDAY 11 APRIL	8-9am	8-14	Sunrise	£2	
	9-12pm	8-14	Battle Games	£14	
	12-1pm	8-14	Lunch	£2	
	1-4pm	8-14	Fun House - Easter Extravaganza	£14	
	4-6pm	8-14	Twilight - Takeaway	£12	
	4-6pm	8-14	Twilight - Hot Meal	£12	

												WEEK 2	
		Session	Age	Activity	Price	Tick			Session	Age	Activity	Price	Tick
MONDAY 14 APRIL	8-9am	8-14	Sunrise	£2			WEDNESDAY 16 APRIL	8-9am	8-14	Sunrise	£2		
	9-10pm	8-14	Bouncy Castle & Games	£14				9-10pm	8-14	Mission Impossible - Prison Break	£14		
	9-10pm	8-14	Ultimate Easter Egg Hunt	£20				12-1pm	8-14	Lunch	£2		
	12-1pm	8-14	Lunch	£2				1-4pm	8-14	Court Clash (Tennis, Netball, Basketball)	£14		
	1-4pm	8-14	Team Sports	£14				1-4pm	5-16	Gymnastics & Trampoline	£20		
	1-4pm	8-14	Rock Climbing & Team Sports	£20				4-6pm	8-14	Twilight - No Food	£6		
	4-6pm	8-14	Twilight - No Food	£6				4-6pm	8-14	Twilight - Hot Meal	£12		
	4-6pm	8-14	Twilight - Hot Meal	£12				4-6pm	8-14	Twilight - Hot Meal	£12		
TUESDAY 15 APRIL	8-9am	8-14	Sunrise	£2			THURSDAY 17 APRIL	8-9am	8-14	Sunrise	£2		
	9-10pm	8-14	Floor Is Lava	£14				9-10pm	8-14	Fugitives	£14		
	9-10pm	8-14	Dragons Den - Easter Edition	£20				9-10pm	5-16	Gymnastics - Tumble & Trampoline	£20		
	12-1pm	8-14	Lunch	£2				12-1pm	8-14	Lunch	£2		
	1-4pm	8-14	Big Hitter Cricket	£14				1-4pm	8-14	Battle Games	£14		
	1-4pm	8-14	Dance Workshop	£20				1-4pm	8-14	Rock Climbing & Battle Games	£20		
	4-6pm	8-14	Twilight - No Food	£6				4-6pm	8-14	Twilight - No Food	£6		
	4-6pm	8-14	Twilight - Hot Meal	£12				4-6pm	8-14	Twilight - Hot Meal	£12		

CALL TO

CONTACT INFORMATION

CHILD'S NAME

D.O.B

MAIN CONTACT NUMBER

CONTACT NAME

ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION

PAYING VIA CHILDCARE VOUCHERS

PAID UPON BOOKING

PROVIDER

DATE

DATE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

STAFF INITIALS

ALL PARENTS' GUARDIANS WILL BE REQUIRED TO FULLY COMPLETE A CONTACT CARD.

BY SIGNING THE CONTACT CARD, YOU CONSENT TO THE 'HOLIDAY CLUB TERMS & CONDITIONS'. PLEASE FAMILIARISE YOURSELF WITH THESE. ADDITIONAL COPIES CAN BE VIEWED AT THE SPORTS CENTRE ALONG WITH OUR POLICIES & PROCEDURES.

IF YOU WISH TO CANCEL, A REFUND WILL BE REQUIRED. A REFUND OF 7 DAYS' NOTICE IS REQUIRED. A REFUND WILL BE PROVIDED IF YOU CANCEL 7 DAYS' NOTICE BEFORE THE START OF THE HOLIDAY CLUB.

THE SPORTS CENTRE HOLIDAY CLUB OPERATES ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS. IF THE AREA IS FULL, WE WILL USE THEIR PHONES THIS FIRST FIRST AND A NUMBER OF 10.

PERSONAL INFORMATION, WHICH YOU ENTER ON THIS FORM, WILL BE USED TO PROCESS YOUR BOOKING AND KEEP IN LINE WITH THE COLLEGE RETENTION POLICY. THIS INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT IN A SECURE AND SAFE MANNER. YOUR CURRENT DATA PROTECTION LEGISLATION AND THE INFORMATION COLLECTION AND PROCESSING POLICY OF THE COLLEGE WILL BE KEPT IN A SECURE AND SAFE MANNER.

Dates for the diary



12th March- Year 5/6 swimming gala

14th March- Comic Relief

14th March- Film Night- Year 3 and 4

17th March- year 4 trip to Chichester Harbour*

17th March- year 1 Alien Day*

18th March - Y2 Pirate Day

17th-21st March- science Week

20th March- Year 6 to Titanic Museum in Southampton

21st March- Poetry Slam

24th March - IRock Assembly 9am for parents and carers of IRock pupils

25th March- Year 2 to Selsey Beach

25th March- Y5/6 netball finals

27th March- YR Class assembly 9am

1st April- Year 5 to Fruit Farm*

3rd April Easter Church service

4th April Kestrel cake sale

4th April- break up Easter and PTA Smartie Challenge*

Summer Term

22nd April- return to school

29th and 30th April- Year 3 and 4 production*

30th April- cricket tasters all day

7th May- Y5 Bikeability*

12th May Y6 SATs week

14th May- Y3 Bignor Roman Palace trip*

16th May- Y5 canoeing day 1*

17th May- Chichester Cormorants swimming gala*

19th May- Y6 Bikeability

23rd May INSET

26th-30th May- Half term

2nd- 6th June- Chichester Week*

6th June- Y5 Canoeing day 2*

13th June- PTA summer event

18th-20th June Y4 camping

23rd-27th June- Y6 Cobnor

24th June- Year 2- Arundel

26th June- GAS sports' event at Boxgrove

2nd July- Transition Day*

4th July- Arts' evening*

8th July- Sports' day 1*

9th July- Sports' Day 2*

12th July- North Mundham Gala*

14-16 July- Year 5/6 production*

22nd July Year 6 Leavers' assembly- 9am

22nd July- break up.

3rd September- INSET Day

4th September- return to school

27th-31st October- half term

19th December- break up

INSET Days

Friday 23rd May 2025

West Sussex Term dates 24-25

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

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

Summer 2- 2nd June- 22nd July

West Sussex Term Dates 25-26

Autumn 1 Wed 3rd September (INSET)- 24th October

Autumn 2 3rd November- 19th December

Spring 1 5th January- 13th February

Spring 2- 23rd February- 27th March

Summer 1- 13th April- 22nd May

Summer 2 1st June- 22nd July

(Other INSET days to be confirmed)

Contact Us



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