



North Mundham Primary School

The Heron Newsletter



Welcome to our fortnightly newsletter

Summer 1

2nd May 2025

In this newsletter, find out about:

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

A Message from Mrs Gordon



Dear Parents and Carers,

The beautiful Spring weather has certainly helped with our return to school after the Easter break. We have made full use of our OPAL areas and the children have been enjoying the summer term sports of cricket and rounders.

This week our Year 3 and 4 children have performed in 'Alice in Wonderland', which was their annual production. It was a truly amazing experience with some stand out performances and everyone taking part with enthusiasm and confidence. The singing was so good- lots of the songs have really stuck in my head! A huge thank-you to Mrs Palin and Miss Hull who prepared the children and directed such a lovely production.

Smarties Competition

Thank-you so much to everyone who took part in the Smarties competition over the holidays. We raised £445, which will go towards projects and activities. A particular well done to Bumblebee Class who were the overall winners. They will receive a treat later in the term when they go to Drusillas.

Ladybird Assembly

We were very proud of our youngest pupils when they had their first ever class assembly. It was a true marker of how much the children have learned this year as well as how confident they have become. It was wonderful to see them all taking part so enthusiastically. Their singing was fantastic and they shared their learning with us all. well done Ladybirds!

Cricket

It is the start of the cricket season and this week we have been involved in two events to mark this. On Tuesday some of our Y5 and 6 and girls went to The Regis school to take part in a cricket festival. They completed a number of activities including a catching challenge set by Mr Tran for them.

On Wednesday Alex from Sussex Cricket came in and delivered sessions to all classes to give them a cricket taster. The children all took part and learnt some basics. It was great fun- thanks to Mr Tran for organising it.

We have lots more sporting and other activities planned for the term so do keep an eye on our calendar for more opportunities.

The Walking Bus

This morning was our first successful Walking Bus. Children met Mrs Munden and Mrs Robins at Hunston Stores. It was very popular and they had a wonderful walk through the fields and up Church Lane before arriving at school. The 'Bus' will leave Hunston Stores at 8.15 every Friday. a huge thank-you to Mrs Patel at Hunston Stores who helped to publicise the bus and to the parents who joined- please let us know if you can help.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Zoe Gordon, Headteacher

Alice in Wonderland













Whole School Cricket Tasters





Ladybird Assembly





Walking Bus





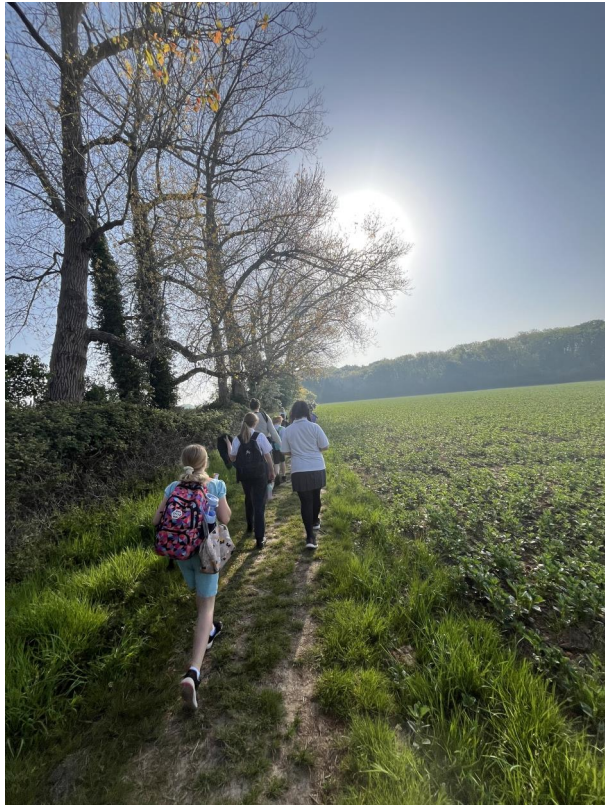
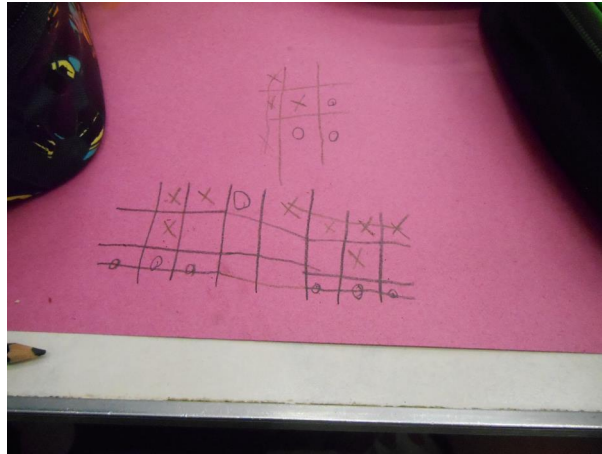




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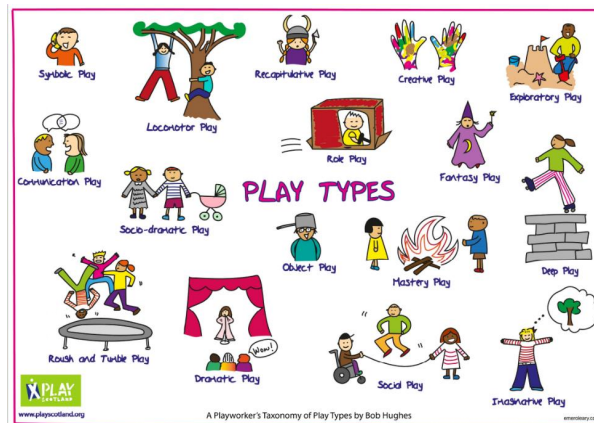
OPAL- Outside Play and Learning



What a fantastic start to the school term for our OPAL playtimes.







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

Internet Safety



West Sussex have produced some useful posters about how to stay safe online.

Please check your child's activity online- remember that it is your responsibility.

Parent and Carer

March 2025

Digital Safety Newsletter

O nline influence and dangers to young people

Following the Netflix drama Adolescence, it's clear that young people today are growing up surrounded by toxic online influencers on social media that portray masculinity and the treatment of women and girls in an alarming manner.

Social media algorithms can amplify extreme content, such as misogynistic posts, which normalises harmful ideologies for young people and can leave them feeling confused or anxious and may even lead to harmful behaviour.

What can parents do?

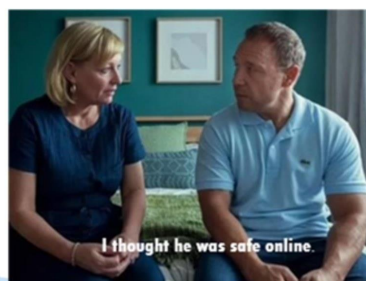
- Firstly, familiarise yourself with what your child is looking at on the internet.

It is useful to familiarise yourself with

terms and emoji language, CCDH has a useful [glossary of terms](#), (like incel, bluepill, chad, looksmxxing) which can help understanding of the cultures online.

- Being familiar with the most common platforms and understanding how your children engage with them. For example, do they post regularly, share content, have lots of friends/followers?
- Talk to your child about what they are engaging with online and how it makes them feel.

Staying safe online



- Have conversations with your children about the sites and chat forums they visit. Their views may be attached to their identity, and attacking the views may feel personal. This is

called 'Identity Fusion' and although you may not change their mind immediately, moving them into uncertainty is a positive start.

- Explain to your children about age appropriateness and help them understand how they can change algorithm 'bubbles' if they feel they are seeing too much of a particular kind of content.
- Teach your child to block, mute, unfollow, and report content that makes them feel uncomfortable.
- If you are concerned your child is being harassed or negatively influenced online, report it to the Police.
- Please watch our [Eventbrite collection page](#) for parents webinars coming soon.

Digital Safety & Fraud Prevention Team

Notices and Reminders



Walking Bus

See the leaflet below if you are interested in using our Walking Bus.

Year 5 Bikeability

Please remember that Year 5s will need to have their bikes and helmets in school on Wednesday 7th May for their Bikeability session.

VE Day

We will be joining the local community on the North Mundham Playing Fields for a flag flying service to commemorate VE Day. The children can wear red, white and/or blue on that day and parents are welcome to attend. the ceremony will be at 10.00 on the field.

SATs Week

SATs week is the week beginning the 12th May for our Year 6 children. We will be providing a breakfast club for the children in Year 6 from Monday to Thursday that week. The children can arrive from 8.15. Please ensure that teachers/ office are aware of any dietary requirements.

Year 4 Solar Farm day

Year 4 will be visiting the solar farm on Wednesday 7th May- please see separate letter about this.

Phonics Screening Check

There is a meeting for parents of children in Year 1 on Wed 7th May at 3pm.

Warm weather

The weather has taken us by surprise this week with higher than average temperatures. Please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school every day and especially when warm. Children should also have suncream applied and have a hat to wear outside when it is hot.

Staff led clubs

These start on Tuesday- you should have received notification about this. Please ask at the office if you have any questions.

New parents YR

If you have a child starting school in September, please come to a meeting at 6pm on Thursday 8th May. Even if you already have a child in school, this is a good opportunity to find out things that may have changed and to meet the other parents in the new cohort.

Archery Club

See poster below- unfortunately there was not enough take up for this half term but we hope to run it after half term.

New building poster

Apologies that this was not attached to the bulletin last week- it is attached separately to the email.



Dates for the diary



5th May- Spring bank holiday

7th May- Y5 Bikeability

7th May- phonics screening check meeting year 1 parents

8th May- VE Day – see above

8th May- New intake parents' evening

12th May Y6 SATs week

13th May- Book Fair Delivery- Books on sale 14th, 15th, 16th May

14th May- Y3 Bignor Roman Palace trip

16th May- Y5 canoeing day 1*

16th May- Storyteller VE Day theme Yrs 3, 4 and 6*

17th May- Chichester Cormorants swimming gala

19th May- Y6 Bikeability

19th May- Choir Big Sing at Parklands School

22nd May Pyjamarama

23rd May INSET

26th-30th May- Half term

2nd- 6th June- Chichester Week*

6th June- Y5 Canoeing day 2*

12th June- textile recycling – Little Recyclers

13th June- PTA summer event*

18th-20th June Y4 camping

23rd-27th June- Y6 Cobnor

24th June- Year 2- Arundel Castle

26th June- GAS sports' event at Boxgrove

2nd July- Transition Day*

4th July- Arts' evening*

8th July- Sports' day 1- Y3/4 am and 5/6 pm

8th July- Drussilla's Y1 visit

9th July- Sports' Day 2- YR, 1 and 2am

9th July- Music

11th July- Choir Showcase evening

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)

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