



# NORTHUMBERLAND HEATH PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD TEACHER

We come to the end of the first half term of the year at Northumberland Heath and it has been an absolute delight to get to know the children and families which make up our school community. The children have made progress in their learning across the curriculum and it is always a pleasure to see the strides they make in their learning and development.

In a taste of what is happening across the school, I can say that I was treated to a delicious smell of citrus in Year 2 as the classes prepared delicious fruit salads for their DT projects. It was great to see children practising cutting skills and considering presentation of their food. The first bite is with the eye! We have also been proud of our Year 5s as they made Tudor busts with clay as part of their work on the Tudors. They have really enjoyed developing their knowledge of key figures and events too.

Our Parents and Friends of NHP have formed their core team and are plotting out key dates for bringing the community together at events and raising money for our school. We are delighted to announce that we will have a Christmas fair event after school on Thursday 8th December. This hasn't been able to happen for some time due to the pandemic and we are excited to mark the festive period with this once again. If you are able to support our PFA, have ideas or would like to meet our chair, please contact the school office. Alison is also happy to speak to people in the playground on pickup or drop-off. Next date for your diary is a non-uniform day fundraiser on Friday 11th November.

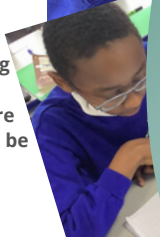
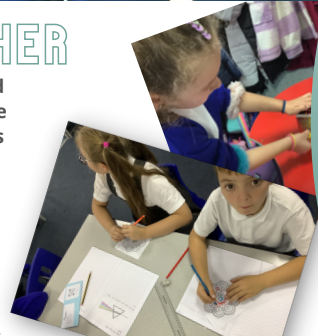
We have moved the date that was originally advertised for parents' evenings. This is to better align the event with our assessments of children both in school and in the wider trust. They will now take place on Wednesday 30th November and Thursday 1st December.

To allow for further valuable staff training to take place this academic year, an additional INSET day will be held on Friday 26th May 2023. This means that the school will be open for staff to attend on this date, but will not be open for children.

This is a decision we have made with careful consideration and have balanced the needs of staff and their development with those of the children. As the five INSET days have already taken place in September, this additional day will give school leaders and teachers an opportunity to reflect on school priorities, review the curriculum the children are receiving and in turn will strengthen our schools across the Woodland Academy Trust and ultimately enhance the learning experience for all our children.

And finally, as we go into half term, some children will be spending more time online. We cannot emphasise enough the parental responsibility to ensure the apps, games and platforms children are accessing are age appropriate. Please remember that children must be 13 years old to use Tiktok and 16 years old to use Whatsapp.

Have a lovely half term,  
Mr Leslie



Drop-in Sessions  
8.45 - 9.30 on  
Fridays

Friday 4th November - Local  
Academy Committee meet and  
greet

Friday 11th November -  
Supporting reading at home with  
Miss Allen

Friday 18th November -  
Supporting maths at home with  
Miss Redwood-Sawyer/Mrs  
Parsons

Secondary school  
applications close on  
Monday 31st October 2022.  
Please ensure that if your  
child is in year 6, you have  
applied for a secondary  
school.

The OT Toolbox is an amazing website that has a lot of information for parents. They have articles on topics such as toilet training and picky eating; resources for aspects such as fine motor control and relaxation for bedtimes; and free courses on topics such as executive functioning and sensory processing. Check it out here:  
<https://www.theottoolbox.com/parent-toolbox/>

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# Star of the Week

24th - 28th October - Half Term

**11th November** - Non-Uniform Day cash donations for PTFA

**Friday 18th November - Children in Need**  
**Theme: Rockstar & Pudsey wear**

More information and home made costume ideas coming soon.

**Parents' Evening**

30th November - 4-8PM

1st December - 4-6.30PM

Slots will be booked via Arbor from Monday 31st October at 4pm.

8th November School Nurse 1 to 1 appointments available

9th November - Photographer returns to take any missed sibling & individuals' photos. Please email office if your child missed their photo, please email the school office.

Friday 18th November - Children in Need Day Rock Concert

Additional Staff Training Day added 26th May 2023

Please also see for your information our INSET staff training day dates for the academic year 2023-2024:

Monday 4th September 2023

Tuesday 5th September 2023

Wednesday 6th September 2023

Friday 9th February 2024

Friday 24th May 2024

Search Northumberland Heath Primary School on Facebook & Twitter to follow us. Also, please ensure you have a working Arbor account to receive all important updates.

Class	Teacher	Star of the week
Bluebells AM	Mrs Eaton	Omer
Bluebells PM	Mrs Eaton	Ruth
Saplings	Mrs Bailey	Ifeoluwa
Catkin	Mrs Consterdine	Georgie
Hawthorn	Miss Milbourne	Cameron
Aspen	Miss Nicholls	Lilly
Chestnut	Mr Caton	Willow
Elm	Miss Ettien and Mrs Chapman	Ruby
Rowan	Miss Smith	Cristian
Nettle	Miss Newport	Micheal
Mountain Ash	Mr Skinner	Harry
Silver Birch	Miss Nash	Albie
London Plane	Mrs Atwell	Rosanna
Maple	Mr Metcheare	Zaniyah
Spruce	Ms Allen	Emily
Whitebeam	Miss Page	Natalie
Beech	Mr Ryan	Ivy
Linden	Miss Oliver	Julia
Pine	Miss Ludlow	Mabinty
Oak	Mrs Van Dyk	Millie
Cedar	Mr Clark	Blake
Elder	Mrs Parsons	Tyler

## ATTENDANCE

Registration Form	Present R/C: Marks
Bluebells	85.8%
RCATK	89.2%
RSAPLINGS	84.7%
1ASPEN	88.6%
1CHES	87.4%
1HAWT	93.5%
2ELM	83.2%
2NETTLE	92.3%
2ROWN	96.3%
3LP	94.3%
3MA	93.3%
3SB	87.3%
4MAPL	95.7%
4SPRU	96.0%
4Whitebeam	93.2%
5BEE	92.8%
5Linden	92.9%
5PINE	97.5%
6CED	93.6%
6ELD	91.4%
6OAK	92.5%

## Head Teacher's Award

**ANMOL & AIDAN (Y4) CHIMAMANDA (Y2)**

### STAY & READ

Stay and read sessions are on Wednesdays. If it is the turn of your child's class, please come round to the office after you have dropped your child off to be registered. We will then take parents to the Book Barn to share books. Next dates are:

Wednesday 2nd November - Nettle Class

Wednesday 9th November - Elm Class

Wednesday 16th November - Silver Birch

Wednesday 23rd November - Mountain Ash

Wednesday 30th November - London Plane