



NORTHUMBERLAND HEATH PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD TEACHER

Dear parents and carers,

We come already to the end of the first week in our new term. The children have settled back into their routines and have been getting into their new sequences of learning across the curriculum.

As part of our curriculum offer, the children have begun their new topics with their Big Bang Days these enable children to get into their new topic through a hook that inspires them to learn and gain knowledge. It was great to see Year 5 creating their own solar system in the playground and Year 4's Viking longship in the hall. We can't wait to see the fantastic outcomes that the children will produce throughout the term and to share them at parents' evening in a few weeks.

As we move into November, we begin to think about Remembrance Day and we will therefore be launching our Poppy Appeal next week. If children would like to bring a donation to the appeal, they can exchange it for a poppy from Monday. Our Year 6 Ambassadors will be bringing the collection tins round at the start of each day to classes.

Next Friday will be a non-uniform day to raise money for our Parents and Friends Association. Your child can bring a donation for our PFA and raise money for the school and wear their own clothes to school. Please give anything you can as it all goes towards events and resources for our children. No child will be stopped from participating if they are unable to donate.

Thank you to everyone who was able to come to the PFA coffee afternoon on Thursday and today's parent coffee morning today. These meetings are a great opportunity to get to know other parents and talk to people around the school and enable us to work together to develop aspects of our school which will have an impact on the children. Remember, there is a parent coffee morning every Friday at drop-off (8.45). There is usually a focus aspect to the morning so please see below for those of particular interest to you. Everyone is welcome to come for a cuppa and a chat on any of the dates.

Further into the term, we are happy to be holding a Christmas Fair event on 8th December. The PFA will be sending information about donations very soon. Towards the end of term, each year group will host a short Christmas sing/performance which we would like to invite parents to. Details of dates and how to register attendance will be sent out soon. Each class will have a song to learn so please encourage your child to practise with you at home!

Remember to stay and read with your child at Wednesday drop-off (8.45) if it is the turn of your child's class. The list of our next Stay and Reads is included below.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Leslie and all the staff at Northumberland Heath Primary School



**Drop-in Sessions
8.45 - 9.30 on Fridays**

Parent/carer Friday coffee:

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

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

**Friday 25th November -
Supporting homework on
Showbie**



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Stay and reads:

**Wednesday 9th November - Elm
Class**

**Wednesday 16th November - Silver
Birch**

**Wednesday 23rd November -
Mountain Ash**

**Wednesday 30th November -
London Plane**

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Fidgets are a very controversial topic – they’re amazing for people who struggle with attention, sensory processing and emotional regulation, but they can end up being misused and becoming a distraction to all in the immediate area. It’s vital that children have the right tools to meet their needs and know how to use them effectively. What works for one child might not work for the next.

If your child struggles with attention, sensory processing and/or emotional regulation, spend some time talking about what their needs are and when they need something to help. Are there certain times of day or particular lessons? Do they struggle more during the teacher input or when they need to work independently? Identify times that a fidget might help.

Establish the difference between a fidget and a toy. A fidget is a tool to meet a need and a toy is for fun. In fact, try to avoid the term ‘fidget toy’ because this confuses the matter – ‘fidget tool’ is far better. This video explains it perfectly:
<https://youtu.be/nfxDz9Zc2k8>

Explore different options with them, taking time to see what works best for them. Do they need something to bend, twist, squish, pull, snap, pop, chew or spin? Do they prefer a certain texture or movement? Is this meeting their need or do they just enjoy it? This helps to distinguish between a tool and a toy.

Set the rules for using the fidget:

1. Only use it to help with concentrating, or regulating their emotions or senses
2. Use it discretely so that it doesn’t distract others (or themselves)
3. If they play with it, they lose it until they can prove they can use it appropriately
4. When they’re done with the fidget, put it back where it belongs for safe keeping

If you feel your child needs a fidget tool, talk to their teacher to make sure you’re all in agreement and establish rules and expectations for use. If children bring in objects that haven’t been agreed with teachers or another member of staff, we will remove it and give it back at the end of the day. This is to prevent toys being brought in under the guise of ‘needing a fidget’. We are happy to provide fidgets but where necessary, things from home may be brought in with agreement with the teacher.

If you have any questions or comments, or you want to get in touch for any other reason, my email is nhpsenco@watschools.org.uk.

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Save the Date



Star of the Week

Parents Evening

9th November - 4-8PM

10th November - 4-6.30PM

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

Guys and Gals Night - Friday 11th November

Wednesday 16th November - Reception Open Day for parents applying for schools

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



ATTENDANCE

Registration Form	Attendance
Bluebells	89.7%
RCATK	93.3%
RSAPLINGS	84.6%
1ASPEN	91.6%
1CHES	90.7%
1HAWT	91.9%
2ELM	92.2%
2NETTLE	90.6%
2ROWN	95.5%
3LP	95.7%
3MA	90.5%
3SB	96.5%
4MAPL	85.7%
4SPRU	85.0%
4Whitebeam	94.2%
5BEE	95.9%
5Linden	87.9%
5PINE	96.5%
5Willow	83.4%
6CED	93.6%
6ELD	96.0%
6OAK	88.8%

Class	Teacher	Star of the week
Bluebells AM	Mrs Eaton	Noah
Bluebells PM	Mrs Eaton	Gurkirat
Saplings	Mrs Bailey	Rubi
Catkin	Mrs Consterdine	
Hawthorn	Miss Milbourne	Barron
Aspen	Miss Nicholls	Amelia
Chestnut	Mr Caton	Skyla
Elm	Miss Ettien and Mrs Chapman	Darron
Rowan	Miss Smith	Emmanuella
Nettle	Miss Newport	Qawiyya
Mountain Ash	Mr Skinner	Jenson
Silver Birch	Miss Nash	Spencer
London Plane	Mrs Atwell	Aaran
Maple	Mr Metcheare	Bonnie-Rae
Spruce	Ms Allen	Alex
Whitebeam	Miss Page	Ruby
Beech	Mr Ryan	Bobby
Linden	Miss Daniels	Paulina
Willow	Ms Jensen	Blessing
Pine	Miss Ludlow	Lisa
Oak	Mrs Van Dyk	Sofiia
Cedar	Mr Clark	Faith
Elder	Mrs Parsons	Cai

Head Teacher's Award

Sangari (Y5) for great writing all week

Bibika (Y1) for excellent maths