



# NORTHUMBERLAND HEATH PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we are delighted to share some updates about Reading across the school and we hope you enjoyed last week's Writing update. We will be sharing curriculum areas in a similar way over the next weeks so you can find out more about the learning that takes place in our school.

Last week we introduced 'Golden Ticket Friday' whereby any children that are entered into the Golden Book across the week are given a golden ticket and invited to meet for a milkshake at the end of the day - last week was the first session which the children thoroughly enjoyed. This morning I was greeted by a very excited child in Reception who declared "milkshake today!" - lots of children have been expressing how they will be improving their learning and behaviours for learning in order to demonstrate positive progress and meet any next steps that have been identified for them. As a team, we are all proud of the progress that the children have been making and look forward to sharing more successes as a school.

Thank you to the parents/carers from Year 2 who attended this week's SATs information session. There is another information session for parents/carers in Year 1 which will be a focus on Phonics Screening Check, run by Mr Caton - we look forward to seeing you there! In addition, thank you to everyone for your support and understanding as we saw further strike action yesterday and another planned next Tuesday.

Wishing everyone a happy bank holiday weekend.

Miss C Ingrams & the Northumberland Heath Primary team

## This Week IN PICTURES



Reception have been drawing some observational sketches this week in forest school. Some of the children decided to label their work too.



# CELEBRATING OUR READING



## NURSERY

Nursery Children have enjoyed inviting their family members in to Stay and Read, they all enjoyed some of our fabulous books. Some books even have the matching teddy to have a nice snuggle with whilst listening to the adult reading. Some of the children used their newly gained phonic knowledge to read some sounds and words themselves.



## RECEPTION

In Reception we have been enjoying reading Mr Men books. We discovered them when we were learning about the author Sue Hendra. When she was growing up her favourite story was Mr Silly. We are looking forward to reading the new Mr Men book 'Mr Men Little Miss The New King'.



## YEAR 1

Year 1 have been enjoying our new and improved reading corners! The children have a full range of non-fiction and fiction books to encourage a love of reading. The class reader books have also been great. Next week we are looking forward to "Mole's Star", which is about friendship and the wonders of the world. The children have also enjoyed the new Little Wandle books they get every week.



## YEAR 2

This week in Year 2, we have been reading 'A Walk in London' by Salvatore Rubbino. We have been using this story to help us write descriptive sentences about what we can see, hear and feel in London and comparing this to our local area.



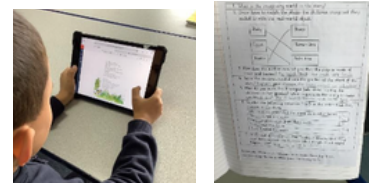
## YEAR 3

Year Three have been reading 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes in guided reading this term. The children have been using their inference and retrieval skills to explore the character's feelings and to retrieve information from the text. They have also been practising reading with expression and learning about the different techniques to do so, such as changing the pitch and volume of our voices and the speed of sentences to create tension for the audience.



## YEAR 4

In Year 4, we have been reading 'The Green Ship' by Quentin Blake. We have used retrieval and inference skills to answer questions and make predictions about the text. This week, we have also completed our Star Reader tests and gone to the Book Barn to choose new books.



## YEAR 5

Year 5 have been looking at Folk Tales in both Writing and Reading lessons. In Reading, we are looking at 'The Woman who Outshone the Sun' by Alejandro Cruz Martinez. This book retells the legend of Lucia Zenteno who is driven away from the village that she moves to because she is different to them. The children have been using the text to make predictions, discuss morals and practise their retrieval and inference skills. We will be using the character of Lucia to talk about what subtext is and the link this shares with feelings and actions.



## YEAR 6

As Year 6 continue to prepare for their upcoming tests, they have been practicing their retrieval and inference skills based on a text about Charles Darwin linked to their half termly topic of learning.



# REMINDER



## KING CHARLES CORONATION



### OUR SCHOOL

On Friday 6th May the choir will sing us into school. Children are encouraged to wear red tops and black bottoms to become bearskin guards (the rest of the outfits will be made in class).

Class Teachers have planned engaging lessons with a royal theme including who King Charles is, about the Princes Trust and why we have a monarchy.

We will make bearskin guard hats from paper and parade around the school electing a king and queen from each class to lead the procession.

Before the big day children can design and draw their own crown at home. The crowns who show the most effort made will feature in the newsletter the week of the Coronation & we will send all of the pictures to Buckingham Palace!

Look out for more information.

As a school we look forward to celebrating the coronation of King Charles III. Activities in the lead up to the coronation will include:

'Life in Britain' Canvas Making to learn about different communities within our nation.

An Andy Warhol style King Charles III wall hanging created by our pupils.



## FRIDAY MAY 5TH 2023



## A ROYAL LUNCH

All pupils are invited to order a royal themed school lunch on this day.



Fish & Chips  
Vegetarian Sausage  
Beans / Peas with salad bar  
Jelly & Ice Cream



**KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED ON ARBOR & SOCIAL MEDIA FOR MORE INFORMATION LEADING UP, AND PHOTOS ON THE DAY.**

CORONATION SATURDAY 6TH MAY  
BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 8TH MAY

# Family Learning Days

**11TH JULY 2023**  
NURSERY AM - 8.30-9AM  
NURSERY PM - 3-3.30PM  
RECEPTION 2.45-3.15PM  
ENTER VIA CLASSROOM

**12TH JULY 2023**  
YEAR ONE  
YEAR TWO  
YEAR THREE  
2.45-3.15PM

**13TH JULY 2023**  
YEAR FOUR  
YEAR FIVE  
YEAR SIX  
2.45-3.15PM

**COME AND LEARN**

Come into the classroom to see what topics your children are learning about. You will get the chance to participate in a lesson too! Parents & Carer's for Years One to Six should enter via the Brook Street Gate and make your way to the Classroom. Gates will be open 2.40PM. Please ensure that you arrive on time. We are unable to accommodate younger siblings.

## DON'T FORGET

Please remember Friday 26th May is a Staff Training Day  
Half term is from  
29th May - 2nd June 2023



## SNACKS



"A reminder to parents that all snacks brought into school should be healthy choices such as fruit. We have seen a rise in children bringing in unsuitable items such as chocolate/sweets, fizzy drinks, and crisps. These are unhealthy snacks and children will not be able to eat them at school. We are also a NUT FREE school so children should not have food items containing nuts under any circumstances. Thank you for your cooperation"

# GOLDEN BOOK & GOLDEN TICKET FRIDAY

Mia, Esther, Dara, Harriet, Oliver, Hannah, Teddy, Oscar, Ire, Tegan, Daniel, Joshua, Michelle, Harry, Sofia, Phoebe, Teddy, Yaya, Ronnie, Nathan, Annabel, Olivia, Archie and George.

# SPORTS DAYS

**Nursery & Reception**  
23rd May 2-3PM

**Years 1 & 2**  
24th May 9.30-11AM

**Years 3 & 4**  
24th May 1.30-3PM

**Years 5 & 6**  
25th May 9.30-11AM

Enter via the Brook Street gate and remember to arrive on time.

Please ensure your children have a hat, water bottle and sunscreen applied.

Sports Day will take place on the school field.



## YEAR 6 DENTIST VISIT TUESDAY 16TH MAY

### COFFEE CATCH-UPS

Thursdays BOOK BARN

4th May - Meet our Assistant Head  
Teachers 2.45PM

11th May - SENCO Mrs Clarke 2.45PM

18th May - Reading at home 9AM

25th May - CLO/Attendance 2.45PM

## Stay & Read

### Wednesdays

Please come straight from drop off on the  
following dates.

Locations : **KS1 – Classrooms**  
**KS2 – Book Barn**

**3.5.2023**

Reception – Saplings  
Year 3 – Mountain Ash

**10.5.2023**

Reception – Catkins  
Year 4 – Maple

**17.5.2023**

Year 1 - Hawthorn  
Year 4 - Whitebeam

**24.5.2023**

Year 1 – Chestnut  
Year 4 - Spruce



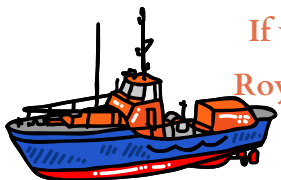
### SATS WEEKS

KS2 SATs : Week beginning 8th May 2023

KS1 SATs : Week beginning 15th May 2023

If you would like donate to the  
Royal National Lifeboat Institute we  
have boxes at the office.

You will receive a sticker for donating!



## Star of the Week

Bluebells AM	Grace
Bluebells PM	Melody
Saplings	Samuel
Catkin	Ollie
Hawthorn	Arnie
Aspen	Bailey Rae
Chestnut	Valeria
Elm	Brody
Rowan	Cristian
Nettle	Sonny
Mountain Ash	Zac
Silver Birch	Alfred
London Plane	Olivia
Maple	Nathaniel
Spruce	Chiebuka
Whitebeam	Christopher
Beech	Stevan
Linden	Eryk
Pine	Sofia
Oak	Ibukun
Cedar	Macie G
Elder	Demi

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Registration Form	Present R/C: Marks
Bluebells	87.3%
RCATK	84.1%
RSAPLINGS	66.6%
1ASPEN	88.1%
1CHES	90.9%
1HAWT	90.8%
2ELM	87.5%
2NETTLE	94.3%
2ROWN	93.4%
3LP	96.0%
3MA	94.0%
3SB	93.8%
4MAPL	89.1%
4SPRU	91.2%
4Whitebeam	95.2%
5BEE	91.5%
5Linden	96.3%
5PINE	93.8%
6CED	95.0%
6ELD	94.6%
6OAK	91.7%

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