



NORTHUMBERLAND HEATH PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD TEACHER

Dear parents and carers,

We come to the end of a really busy and exciting term at Northumberland Heath. This week has been a great end to term with children enjoying festive activities alongside their curriculum learning.

Throughout the week, we have had more Christmas performances. All year groups have now shown a Christmas performance to parents. It has been fantastic to have these in place again after the last couple of years and parents were clearly enjoying seeing their children in them. Parents were singing and joining in and really got into the festive spirit. Although we were unable to get to the church this year, we are delighted that children in Key Stage 2 did have a carol sing in the hall.

We thank parents and carers for their support throughout the weather conditions this week. People responded so quickly to messaging and we thank everyone for their patience and understanding. If you are having problems receiving messages via Arbor, please contact the office to update your contact details. A special thank you to our brilliant Premises Manager, Michael Debenham, who shovelled, who has been gritting and securing the site before sunrise this week.

We have been running entrances slightly differently this week through the snow and ice and have found it has been successful in enabling children to enter classes as quickly and calmly as possible. We will, therefore, continue with this in the new term. To confirm, children in years 1-6 will no longer enter through classroom doors. Years 1 - 2 will enter the building through the door under the fire escape stairs, near the alleyway. Years 3-6 will enter through the doors next to the Brook Street entrance. Reception and Nursery will continue as normal. There will be no changes to routines at the end of the day.

As a staff team, we have been looking at aspects of how we encourage excellence in behaviour across the school. We have updated visual aids for children and will be having discussions in class so children can have even more clarity on how they will be recognised for excellent behaviour and what will happen to support them to turn their behaviour around, including consequences.

Mr Davies will be running workshops for parents in the first week back about completing homework on Showbie. These will run in the Book Barn at 2.45pm on Thursday 5th January and 8.45am on Friday 6th January.

We say goodbye to two members of our teaching team this term. Mrs Parsons, who has been teaching Year 6, will be leaving to take up a role in a new school. From our Year 2 team, we say goodbye to Miss Smith, who will also be moving to a new school. We thank both teachers for all their hard work at Northumberland Heath and we wish them both well in their new roles.



We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Mr Leslie and all the staff at Northumberland Heath



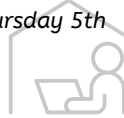
Save the Date

Big Bang Days

On Wednesday 4th January 2023, pupils will be taking part in their Big Bang Day for their new topic. This is a fun day for the children, full of activities that introduce their new topic and the learning that they will be covering for the half term. Please see the table below, which includes details of topics covered in each year group, in addition to suggested dressing up for each of the Big Bang Days. Topic overviews for the term will also be sent out so you can see in more detail what your child will be learning.

Year Group	Topic Title	Information
Nursery	Once upon a time	Children are welcome to dress up as their favourite fairy tale or book character as we begin to look at fairy tales
Reception	Is there always a happy ever after?	Children can dress up as their favourite fairy tale or book character.
Year 1	No Place like home	Children are welcome to come to school dressed up as an alien.
Year 2	Shiver Me Timbers	Children do not need to dress up. We are going to travel back in time to the Golden Age of Piracy. There will be a pirate themed obstacle course, creating our own pirate hats and maps, and a pirate ship competition!
Year 3	Disaster	Children are welcome to come to school dressed up in anything orange, red or yellow representing the colours of volcanoes and take part in a range of activities.
Year 4	Marvellous Medicine	Year 4 will have a day of all things medical. Come dressed as a medical professional or a patient!
Year 5	Secrets of the Sun King	Children are welcome to come in dressed in an item of clothing worn by Ancient Egyptians.
Year 6	Beating the Blitz	Children are welcome to come into school dressed in preparation for a journey as an evacuee.

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ATTENDANCE

Registration Form	Present R/C: Marks
Bluebells	61.8%
RCATK	80.3%
RSAPLINGS	59.6%
1ASPEN	82.7%
1CHES	74.2%
1HAWT	77.3%
2ELM	67.1%
2NETTLE	86.6%
2ROWN	78.8%
3LP	70.3%
3MA	80.1%
3SB	88.8%
4MAPL	62.5%
4SPRU	80.9%
4Whitebeam	82.6%
5BEE	89.2%
5Linden	82.7%
5PINE	69.9%
5Willow	69.4%
6CED	83.8%
6ELD	79.5%
6OAK	80.8%

Star of the Week

Class	Teacher	Assembly Awards
		Star of the week
Bluebells AM	Mrs Eaton	Carter
Bluebells PM	Mrs Eaton	Ruth
Saplings	Mrs Bailey	Ariana
Catkin	Mrs Consterdine	Alexsander
Hawthorn	Miss Milbourne	Anna
Aspen	Miss Nicholls	Matilda
Chestnut	Mr Caton	Victoria
Elm	Miss Ettien and Mrs Chapman	Anisa
Rowan	Miss Smith	Chimamanda
Nettle	Miss Newport	Paige
Mountain Ash	Mr Skinner	Lily
Silver Birch	Miss Nash	Millie
London Plane	Mrs Atwell	Parker
Maple	Mr Metchear	Jeremiah
Spruce	Ms Allen	Izma
Whitebeam	Miss Page	Lena
Beech	Mr Ryan	Sangari
Willow	Ms Jensen	Sophia
Linden	Miss Daniels	Keenan
Pine	Miss Ludlow	Sidney
Oak	Mrs Van Dyk	Neve
Cedar	Mr Clark	Sherifat
Elder	Mrs Parsons	Tyler

Head Teacher's Award

Sienna for her creative festive story

Mary for her well written festive story

Lenny for fantastic maths

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