



# NORTHUMBERLAND HEATH PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD TEACHER

We reach the end of another great week at Northumberland Heath with children busy learning, developing and showing their values in everything they do. Children are becoming settled into term in their classes and routines as we move through the autumn term.

As new headteacher at Northumberland Heath, it has been fantastic to get to know parents and carers on the school gate and to discuss the school and learn about the children and the community. I was privileged this morning to meet and greet parents in the Book Barn over coffee and have some time to discuss the school in greater depth. It is really important that we continue to support parents, gain feedback and continue to develop the school in partnership. As a start to this, there will be coffee drop-ins in the Book Barn on Friday mornings, with a focus on a particular aspect of the school, enabling parents to meet with each other and our leaders. Sessions for this half term are listed to the side. We are also exploring ways to ensure we are inclusive of parents and carers who cannot make it on Friday mornings. Come to the Book Barn after saying goodbye to your children in the playground.

We will also be inviting parents in to read with their children on Wednesdays in the Book Barn. Each week, there will be a class in the book barn from 9-9.30. If it is your child's class, you are welcome to stay and read with your child. We hope to see you there. Sessions for this half term are listed below.

If you have any questions, please contact our Reading Leader, Ms Allen, via the school office or at school collection.

Wednesday 28th September – Aspen Class

Wednesday 5th October – Chestnut Class

Wednesday 12th October – Hawthorn Class

Wednesday 19th October – Rowan Class

As it is the autumn term, we celebrate the time of harvest and the food around us. Because of this, we are supporting our local food bank through harvest donations. We are asking families, if they are able to, to donate food for our collection throughout next week. Please send it into class with your child. Each year group has been assigned a type of food to give. However, please give what you are able to even if it isn't listed for your child's year group. We are grateful for everyone's support for this important cause. Year group foods are listed below.

Please ensure that your child attends school with the correct uniform each day. Guidance on uniform is on our website [www.northumberlandheathprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.northumberlandheathprimaryschool.co.uk). Please note that PE kit uniform is also specified on the website and children are expected not to wear branded clothing (except in exceptional circumstances as agreed with their teacher).

Finally, we are very excited to see the return of singing assemblies. Mrs Mashedor will be leading assemblies on Mondays and Fridays to get the school singing. This is linked to our work for Young Voices at the O2 where our choir will be performing in January to a packed-out arena audience.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Leslie and the staff at Northumberland Heath

### Drop in Sessions - all at 8.45 - 9.30 on Fridays

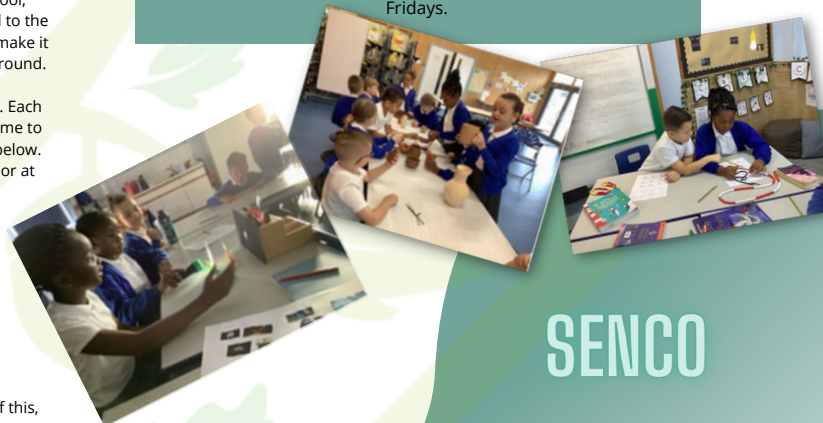
Friday 30th September – SEN with Ms Thorn, SENCO

Friday 7th October – Early reading with Mr Caton, Early Reading Leader

Friday 14th October – Curriculum with Miss Redwood-Sawyer, Deputy Headteacher - Curriculum

Friday 21st October – Supporting reading at home with Miss Allen, Reading Leader

Please drop off your children and head to the Book Barn on these Fridays.



## SENCO

My name is Maree Thorn, and I am NHP's interim SENCO while Miss Rouse is not in. I've been a mainstream teacher, a special school teacher, a SENCO, a local authority SEN advisor and now I'm an independent SEN advisor and lead trainer for the Autism Education Trust. I'm passionate about working with schools to ensure children with special educational needs get the right support at the right time. I have ADHD (and very proud of it) and have a grown-up child with SEN, so I have lived and breathed all aspects of special education needs for a very long time. I look forward to meeting many of you next Friday 30th September after drop off at the Book Barn.



# Save the Date



# Star of the Week

## Week beginning 26th September - Harvest Donations

Nursery & Reception - Cereals  
Year One - Tinned Items  
Year Two - Toiletries  
Year Three - Pasta  
Year Four - Sweets / Biscuits  
Year Five - Tinned Items  
Year Six - Toiletries

## Friday 30th September - Children University Launch

## Monday 3rd October - Flu Vaccination Day

## Thursday 6th October - Census Day

### Parents Evening

9th November - 4-8PM

10th November - 4-6.30PM

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

## Friday 7th October - Hello Yellow Day

Children can come to school in non uniform with a yellow theme. Donations will be accepted to go towards the Hello Yellow charity who help children with their mental health.

## Friday 14th October - Individual & Sibling School Photos

## ATTENDANCE

Bluebells 90.7%	London Plane 96.2%
Catkin 94.9%	Silver Birch 86.6%
Saplings 91.3%	Mountain Ash 97.7%
Aspen 92.7%	Maple 90.6%
Chestnut 92.7%	Spruce 96.7%
Hawthorn 95.2%	Whitebeam 96.9%
Elm 97.9%	Pine 94.1%
Rowan 96.6%	Beech 92.7%
Nettle 92.6%	Linden 94.0%
	Oak 95.0%
	Cedar 96.3%
	Elder 94.9%

Nursery AM - Whole Class

Nursery PM - Whole Class

Catkin - Ollie

Saplings - Grayson

Chestnut - Nahida

Aspen - Petar

Hawthorn - Anna

Elm - Dollie

Rowan - Teddy F

Nettle - Ava

London Plane - Michelle

Silver Birch - Millie

Mountain Ash - Ella

Spruce - Ivy

Maple - Arthur

Whitebeam - Olivia

Pine - Stefanie

Linden - Tayo

Beech - Tegan

Oak - Martin

Cedar - Ela

Elder - Emily

## Head Teacher's Award

**Emanuella - Beech Class**

For great work during the RE presentation.

**Lillie-Rose - Whitebeam**

A great response to reading activities.