



# Friday Flyer



Northchapel Primary School and Little Oaks Pre-school

**SAFE KIND READY**

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## Future Key Dates

Book Week : 1st –5th March 2021

Wednesday 3rd March : 6:30pm Sleepy Story time with Miss Coggin Yrs R-2

6:45pm Sleepy story time with Miss Coggin Yrs 3—6

March 4th—World Book Day—Book trail day in and out of school.

Dress up as your favourite book character if you wish.

Mon 1st March	Tues 2nd March	Weds 3rd March	Thurs 4th March	Fri 5th March



## NEWS FROM THE HEAD:

Welcome back to the second half of our spring term. I can certainly feel that spring is in the air. Monday 1 March is the meteorological first day of spring and I don't know about you, but I am certainly wanting to celebrate some change and new beginnings! It also offers us the chance to get out and restart our Forest School sessions.

### Returning to School

I hope by now that you have been able to read the letter sent home to parents and carers yesterday about opening up on the 8 March. If not you can find it on our website under Covid-19 information. There you will also find a copy of our risk assessment should you need further details than those described in the letter.

### World Book Day

As I mentioned in my last newsletter next week is our Book Week. It is very much scaled down this year, however, we are still celebrating the importance of reading good quality books and developing children's vocabulary and imagination through them. The book we have chosen, 'What we'll build: Plans for our future together' by Oliver Jeffers complements the competition being run by MRC. Please enter, it would be fantastic to get Northchapel's name into the winning categories. You all have a great chance of winning. The Haslemere Book Shop is kindly supporting us again this year with free books for all of our children. We will hold on to them for the following week when all children will be back in school.

If you would like to join me for a Sleepy Story Time on Wednesday 3rd March, please book in via the office by Wednesday 12pm, so that we can send out a Teams link to you. Technology willing, it will be lovely to read you all a short story before bedtime. I look forward to seeing many of you then.



## Staffing

*It is with great sadness, that I have to tell you that Mrs Falkner is leaving us next Friday. She has been a great asset to our team here at Northchapel over the last 11 years . She will not only be missed by the children , but she also played a vital role on our Swimming Pool Committee. Mrs Falkner is moving to Lincolnshire to start a new and exciting chapter with her family. I am sure that you will join me in wishing her good luck and happiness in her new home. Miss Smith and Mrs Gibbs will be supporting Dragonfly Class for the rest of the term.*

*In my newsletter back at the beginning of November, I mentioned the need to restructure staffing here at Northchapel to reflect the current financial planning of the school. As always, we have the children's education, needs and wellbeing at the heart of everything that we do here at the School.*

*I am now able to let you know that as a result of consultation with West Sussex County Council, we have now followed the redundancy process and if nothing changes financially in the meantime it is planned that we are to lose Miss Smith and Mrs Francis from our teaching team as from 30 April 2021. It is indeed very difficult and sad news for all of us and I am sure that you will join us in supporting them and wishing them well for their futures too. I can confirm that Mrs Gibbs, Mrs Kirby and Miss Tranter will be remaining in post, to support all of the classes across the school. If you feel the need to discuss this further please contact the office to make an appointment to speak with me. Deborah*



## LITTLE OAKS NEWS

*Well it has been a positive start to the half term with the news of lockdown easing, and some much needed, warmer weather. It is starting to feel like Spring which has given us the enthusiasm to refresh our outdoor learning environment. One of the aims on our School Development Plan is to enrich our Early Years outdoor learning environment and to ensure we provide challenge for all age groups.*

*This will include provision of more maths, literacy and creative learning opportunities for children in Pre-school and Caterpillar class. Northchapel Parish Council have kindly given us a generous donation, which will help us to achieve our goal. We are currently in the planning stage with Mrs Noble and her team. Sharon*

*Next week - Thursday 4th March is World Book Day so we will be having a Dress Up Day (optional). Children can come as their favourite story character.*

*We will be celebrating our love of books all week so it would be great if you could share your child's story time at home on Tapestry.*

*Have a lovely weekend. Sharon*



Does your child love baking?

Love Productions are looking for young budding bakers aged between **9 -15 years old** to take part in **Junior Bake Off**

Filming would take place from July 2021, but **applications close on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021.**