

Weekly News – 20th September 2024

A message from Mrs Farren...

This year, Norton School are celebrating less screen time, in particular, helping others in the family and in the community. Have a look at our community corner for our first picture we've been sent this school year!

This week, we would like you to tell us anything you've done to make your local environment better. In the summer term last year, Norton held a 'love your school day'. Teachers, parents and some community members gave up their Saturday morning and, armed with spades and power tools, helped tidy up the outside of the school. Since Mrs Lewis has waved her magic gardening wand, the playground looks so much more inviting. It's important we work as a community to keep our school beautiful.

With that in mind, we are reminding children about the importance of looking after what we have, not throwing litter and respecting our environment. Please let us know if your child has helped the environment in any way- picking up litter or helping in the garden for example.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Farren and Team Norton

Ahoy me hearties! **Little Learners** have had a pirate themed week, we have been working on our fine motor skills, independence skills and building vocabulary. In PE we worked on our fundamental movement skills, walking the plank and jumping into "shark infested waters!!" We have also been on a treasure hunt, where we found chocolate coins!

WOW! What a brilliant week we have had in **Reception** class. We have begun our phonics journey and the children have been amazing! Each day we have learnt a new phoneme and been practising to blend using the taught phonemes. The children are taking home their flashcards, so they can impress their parents and have lots of practice. Well done Reception.



This week we kick started our topic of 'Adventurers and Explorers' in **Year 1** by having an adventure morning. The children and staff all had a wonderful time and it was a joy to see and hear the children's imaginations come to life.

We've had another great week in **Year 2!** In English we have been planning our wanted posters for Paddington. We are very excited to be writing these next week! In maths, we have been recognising the number of tens and ones in any 2 digit number. In Art, we have been introduced to the artist Georges Seurat and have been responding to his work, saying what we notice, like, dislike etc.

This week in **Year 3** we have started our spelling lessons by looking at the "ou" sound (in words such as pound and trout). In French, we started learning the French alphabet and in our History lessons we looked at how early human civilisation survived. Maths had us looking at adding and subtracting 1, 10 or 100 from a three digit number and in English we continued our setting writings skills by creating our own settings for a portal story.

In geography this week **Year 4** have looked at human and physical features in Egypt. We discussed each feature and whether they were physical or human and why. The desert, mountains and river are physical and the pyramids and mud huts are human. We drew the features into a map and drew where we would live if we lived in Egypt and why. Some of us chose to live near the river for water and food from the crops, some of us wanted to live in the mountains away from people!



We have had a jam packed week in **Year 5!** In Science, we had to follow instructions to create the planets in relative sizes. We also have begun to learn about the refugee crisis in Ukraine and have written diary entries to convey some of the experiences we have learnt about. In Geography we have been exploring OS map symbols.



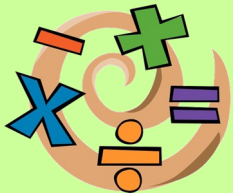
This week, **Year 6** have been looking at divisibility rules. We have looked at how we can identify whether a number is within a certain times table. For example, we can do a sum of the digits to figure out if a number is in the threes. 132 is in the three times tables because $1+2+3=6$. Because 6 is in the three times tables, we can also say, with certainty, that 132 is also in the three times tables.

COMMUNITY CORNER!

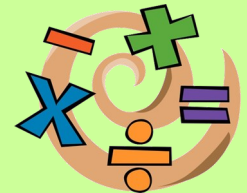
We love this picture of Jack cooking for his family! He certainly looks like he knows what he's doing! He used chicken, red peppers, onion to make fajitas for his family.



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Maths challenge of the week!



This week's maths challenge is to follow a recipe with a grown up. Carefully measure the ingredients out, follow the steps and enjoy a delicious homemade treat!

- Will you make something sweet or savoury?
- Send us a picture of your culinary creation!





Head teachers worship challenge!



We are setting a challenge every term to help us update our Christian values.

As you know our Christian vision is for all our children to shine like STARS...

"Those who are wise will shine like the sky and those who lead others to goodness will shine like the stars forever" Daniel 12:3

We think our Christian values for each term, which link to our vision, could do with a little update... we would love an image to go with each!

So this term we are asking you to submit a new logo for our Christian value this term:
COURAGE

Please send/give any entries to Mrs Farren by Friday 18th October, ready for the teachers to judge, and a winner will be announced in the last assembly before half term. Please ensure your full name is on the back (so we can judge without names showing!)

Harvest festival

Friday 4th October will be our school harvest festival instead of our normal sharing assembly,

We will be supporting Gloucester food bank again this year so any food donations on the day would be much appreciated.

This year Gloucester food bank are choosing one food per school to be the main focus of collection. Of course, any food is gratefully received, but please keep an eye out on dojo for Gloucester food bank's poster stating which food our school has been chosen to collect.





LOST PROPERTY!

- ⇒ Please ensure **all** uniform is **named**
- ⇒ We have a very LARGE pile of lost property in school, please check if your child has lost anything already this year!
- ⇒ Lost property: is located in the junior corridor next to the boys toilets in a labelled tower of drawers. Any unnamed lost property is disposed of at the end of each big term.

Important notices:

- ⇒ Reminder all dinners are chargeable from years 3-6. Please check parent pay and settle any dinner accounts.
- ⇒ Please update the office with any medical/allergy changes.
- ⇒ GDPR is carried over from previous years, if your circumstances have changed please update the school office.
- ⇒ Please don't take holidays during term time. Please see last week's diary which includes the letter outlining the changes from the government around school absences.
- ⇒ Text messages have been sent out for teacher led clubs.
- ⇒ Please return offsite visit forms for every child. These need to be updated every year.
- ⇒ Please return reply slips for Cheltenham literature festival



Strive

Think

Act

Respect

Dates for your diary:

Monday 23rd September - Teacher led clubs starting from today

Wednesday 25th September - Year 5 swimming lessons start (please return: reply slip, swimming consent form and offsite visit forms)

Thursday 3rd October - FISHY THURSDAY! Friday and Thursday dinner menus will be swapping for one week only!



Friday 4th October - Harvest festival assembly. See previous page for more information.

Monday 7th October - Cheltenham literature festival (Reception, Year1, Year 2)

Wednesday 9th October - Cheltenham literature festival (Year3, Year 4)

Friday 11th October - Cheltenham literature festival (Year5, Year 6)

Next week's diary:

23rd September 24	The School Day	After School	Lunch Menu (week 1)
Monday		<u>Reading</u> 3:30 - 4:00 <u>Fitness</u> 3:30 - 4:15 <u>Infant football</u> 3:30 - 4:15	Macaroni cheese Vegan meatballs Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna
Tuesday		<u>Junior football</u> 3:30 - 4:15	Beef burger in a bun Vegan spaghetti bolognese Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna
Wednesday	Y5 swimming lessons	<u>Lego</u> 3:30 - 4:00 <u>Choir</u> 3:30 - 4:00 <u>Infant gymnastics</u> 3:30 - 4:15	Roast chicken Vegan sausages Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna
Thursday		<u>Junior gymnastics</u> 3:30 - 4:15 <u>Board games</u> 3:30 - 4:00 <u>Craft & colouring</u> 3:30 - 4:00 <u>Gardening</u> 3:30 - 4:15	Minced beef and onion pie Lentil and sweet potato curry Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna
Friday	Assembly 2:45pm in the village hall. All welcome.		Fish fingers Cheese and tomato pizza Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna