

Weekly News – 4th October 2024

A message from Mrs Farren...

A huge thank you to everyone who donated food for the Harvest food bank. This will make a massive difference to people who are really struggling. When communities come together to support those less fortunate, we see the very best of humanity. Together, Norton school filled 14 crates of food. Thank you!



Next week Norton children will attend the Literacy Festival in Cheltenham. This is always a wonderful event where books are very much brought to life for the children. Did you have a favourite book when you were a child? In a week where we celebrate reading and books, please discuss your book choices at home. Let's all get reading and sharing our love of books.

Kirsty Spencer is leaving Little Learners today to pursue a career in early language development. She has been a great asset to the school and she will be missed. Heidi Stephens will be taking over her role and will start after October half term with interim arrangements in place until then. Heidi is an experienced, positive practitioner and we look forward to welcoming her to Norton.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Farren and team Norton.

Today is World Animal Day. This week **Little Learners** have been learning about animals. One of our Little Learner's brought in photos of his lovely cats. Some of the children shared experiences they've had at the zoo or farm, or spoke about their pets at home. We explored different creative techniques like collage, painting, and handprinting. We also baked biscuits with tiger stripes.

An extra message from Kirsty: I would like to send my thanks to everyone for their kind words, gifts and cards. Its been a pleasure to look after your children and I will miss them lots.

This week in **Reception** class we have been looking at the artwork of Damien Hurst. The children responded to the questions What do you notice? What do you like? What do you not like? It was lovely to hear their ideas and feelings towards



the art. We then focussed on their favourite piece of artwork and recreated this using paints and cotton buds. They look beautiful and colourful in class.

This week **Year 1** have been working really hard and with great enthusiasm to learn cursive writing. They have also been learning lots of new maths language and have today been comparing groups and matching - are there enough or not enough to match two groups of objects.

In **Year 2** we have looked at the timeline of the Great Fire and sequenced the events before and during the fire. We have experimented with more Pointillism techniques in art. In music we have learnt to accompany a piece of music by playing four notes on the glockenspiel.

This week in **Year 3**, we learnt how to count in 50s using our 5s and then we started adding ones and tens to three digit numbers. In English, we finished off our persuasive writing and wrote an extension to a book we have read in class: "The Wolves in the Walls". In history and art, we learnt about and formulated opinions on the earliest artwork of humanity: cave paintings.

In **Year 4** we finished our self portraits based on the artist Jil Mendeng. In music we had a go at using body percussion to different songs, such as Mamma Mia! It was great fun to clap, tap, nod and click along to the music trying to find the rhythm!



This week In art, design and technology, **Year 5** have been learning the techniques of block printing and mono printing which we are using to design our own graffiti tags.



This week **Year 6** have been looking into what life was like within the Ancient Islamic Civilisation. They looked into clothing, food, education and what the buildings were like.

We spoke about the comparisons between Baghdad and Britain during this time.

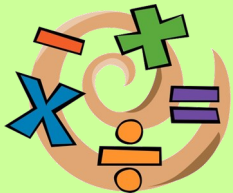
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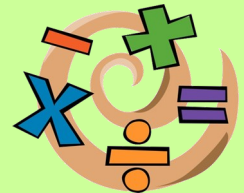
Thomas Labdon had a busy day in his local community on Saturday. He got Man of the Match on Saturday playing for Churchdown Panthers scoring from the half way line and taking lots of corners. He then went home to dig up parsnips that he has grown in the garden. What a wonderful and purposeful weekend!



Here is a photo from last Sunday's Apperley 1/4 marathon. There were lots of Norton children running and Jack and Will finished in the top ten! Amazing achievement!



Maths challenge of the week!



How many clocks can you find in your house?

How many are digital clocks? How many are analogue?

This week, we are challenging you to plan a schedule for activities.



How long do you think each activity will take? How long does it actually take?





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!)

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:



- ⇒ Please check parent pay and settle any dinner accounts.
- ⇒ GDPR is carried over from previous years, if your circumstances have changed please update the school office.
- ⇒ 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 for October:

Monday 7th October	- Cheltenham literature festival (Reception, Year1, Year 2)
Wednesday 9th October	- Cheltenham literature festival (Year3, Year 4)
Thursday 10th October	- Photographer in (individual and sibling photos)
Friday 11th October	- Cheltenham literature festival (Year5, Year 6)
Friday 18th October	- Reception parents stay and play/craft session (9am-10am)
Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd October	- Whole school Diwali workshops (painting and dance)
Thursday 24th October	- Reception and KS1 phonics sessions. Please see dojo for full information. - Norton headphone dis-glo! (Village hall 5:30pm-7pm)
Friday 25th October	- Last day before half term (finish at 3:15pm)

Next week's diary:

7th October 24	The School Day	After School	Lunch Menu (week 3)
Monday	Cheltenham literature festival (Reception, Year1, Year 2)	Reading <u>3:30 - 4:00</u> Fitness <u>3:30 - 4:15</u> Infant football <u>3:30 - 4:15</u>	Vegetable fajitas with wedges BBQ Quorn with rice Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna
Tuesday		Junior football <u>3:30 - 4:15</u>	Spaghetti bolognese Cheese and tomato pizza Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna
Wednesday	Cheltenham literature festival (Year3, Year 4) Y5 swimming lessons	Lego <u>3:30 - 4:00</u> Choir <u>3:30 - 4:00</u> Infant gymnastics <u>3:30 - 4:15</u>	Roast Gammon Vegan Quorn Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna
Thursday	Photographer in (individual and sibling photos)	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</u>	Chicken paella Spinach and cheese whirl Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna
Friday	Cheltenham literature festival (Year5, Year 6) Sharing assembly 2:40pm in the village hall. All welcome.		Fish fingers Cheese and bean pasty Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna

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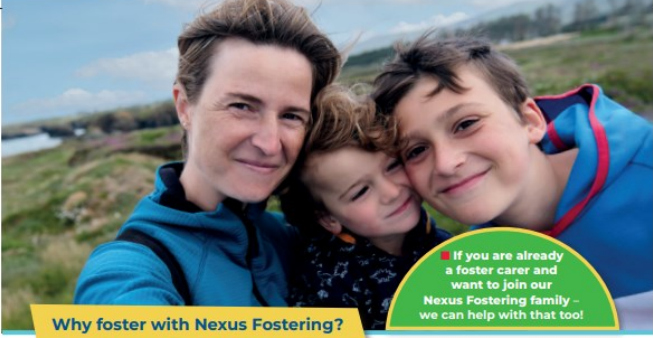
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Good Afternoon,

We are in the process of recruiting volunteer Panel Members to assist with virtual School Admission Appeals. We are particularly in need of Parent Members (those with children currently in education).

We would be extremely grateful if you could help us spread the word to parents of your own pupils, or those who work / have worked in an Education setting.

Here's the link to the relevant page on the Gloucestershire County Council website:

[Apply to become a volunteer school appeals panel member | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

Many thanks

Vicki Hopson
Democratic Support Officer

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