

Weekly News – 27th September 2024

A message from Mrs Farren...

On Friday (4th October) we will be holding our Harvest Festival in the Village hall (2.40pm). You are all welcome to attend.

This year, we are collecting items for Gloucester food bank. Please bring any donations in on Thursday 3rd October. Many thanks.

This year, we are asking you to please focus your efforts on Tinned Meat!

However, any donations will be gratefully received. Donations we can accept: ✓ All tinned food products such as fish, meat, prepared meals, vegetables, soup, custard, rice pudding, spaghetti ✓ Dry pasta, rice, noodles + instant packet products (e.g Pot Noodle) ✓ Jars of cooking sauces, jams, spreads & sugar ✓ Long-life UHT milk, fruit juices, squash, tea & coffee (containing no alcohol) ✓ Cereal, porridge, snacks & treats (not chilled) ✓ Cooking oil, flour, dry herbs & spices, dried pulses (lentils, chickpeas, kidney beans etc) ✓ Toiletries, household cleaning products, sanitary items, tin openers, nappies, baby care goods & formula milk

Items we are unable to accept: ✗ Any fresh/frozen food products ✗ Any food containing alcohol ✗ Furniture, white goods or electricals.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Farren and Team Norton

This week we have been learning about Autumn in **Little Learners**, we have listened to the Leaf Man story, used conkers, autumn leaves and cones to make art work, and explored our woodland tray. Could you go on an autumn walk this weekend? We would love to see any autumn treasures you find or send us a photo.

This week in **Reception** class we have been very busy in our maths sessions! Our focus has been matching and sorting using colour, shape, size and natural resources. We have been looking at the similarities and differences that help us to classify the objects when matching and sorting objects. We read the book 'The Button Box' and enjoyed looking at lots of buttons. Then we moved onto creating our own sorting rules and explaining how and why.

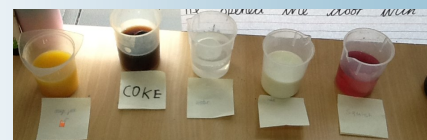


In our PSHE lesson this week the **Year 1** children were learning about different emotions we all feel. We discussed what they may look like and what they feel like. The children then played a game of charades and we all had to guess what emotion they were feeling

In **Year 2** this week we have written our first draft of our Paddington 'Wanted' posters and have started to copy these into best ready to display around our school. In history we have learnt about life in London in 1666 (at the time of the Great Fire). In art we have experimented pointillism using different media such as paint, crayon and felt tip.

This week in **Year 3** we have started to learn how to write to persuade! In our French we have continued with our French phonics and alphabet, particularly practising our listening skills. In Science the children flexed their scientific classification skills using vertebrates and invertebrates and we have been sorting and ordering 3-digit numbers.

In science this week **Year 4** continued learning about our teeth. We have set up an investigation with the enquiry question; "What effects do different drinks have on our teeth?". We used eggshells to represent teeth and poured different drinks (Cola, water, milk, squash and orange juice) on them. We made predictions and talked about how we made sure this was a fair test by using the same volume of liquid in each container.



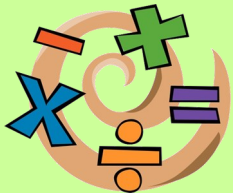
This week **Year 5** have been using their ever improving skills to create 'purposeful' writing about the Ukrainian refugee crisis. We also have been learning how to use a compass and had a go at providing directions for a friend around the school.

This week, we finished our first reading for pleasure book, The Ickabog. This is always a fan favourite in **Year 6!** It has loveable characters, a brilliant plot and meaningful messages. Give it a read and you'll see why we like it so much!

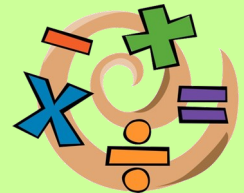
COMMUNITY CORNER!

Last week Dotty & Bonnie Scott and some more Norton children (including William and Jack Page) completed the Apperley Kidathon, they all did fantastically.

What a great local community event to take part in - well done everyone!



Maths challenge of the week!



Budget for a day out!

Plan a day trip with a set budget for activities and snacks.





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, starting at 2:40 in the village hall.

We will be supporting Gloucester food bank again this year so any food donations would be much appreciated, please bring donations in on Thursday 3rd October.

This year Gloucester food bank are choosing one food per school to be the main focus of collection, please see the poster below for our school:



This Harvest, we are the



Tinned Meat Champion

For our collection drive, in support of Gloucester Foodbank's emergency food parcel service



Please support their work by including tins of corned beef, pork, ham, or hot dogs in your donation this Harvest Festival.



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.
- ⇒ 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 for the next two weeks:

Thursday 3rd October
for one week only!

- FISHY THURSDAY! Friday and Thursday dinner menus will be swapping

Friday 4th October

- Maths information drop in for parents with Miss Bussey 3:30-4pm

- Harvest festival assembly at 2:40

- Girls football workshop (Years 1, 2, 3) please can all girls in these year

groups wear PE kits to school. Thank you

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)

Please return reply slips for Cheltenham literature festival.

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Next week's diary:

30th September 24	The School Day	After School	Lunch Menu (week 2)
Monday		<u>Reading</u> 3:30 - 4:00 <u>Fitness</u> 3:30 - 4:15 <u>Infant football</u> 3:30 - 4:15	Summer vegetable risotto Cheese and tomato pinwheel Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna
Tuesday		<u>Junior football</u> 3:30 - 4:15	Pork sausage in a bun Mexican five bean rice 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 Turkey Vegetable wellington Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna
Thursday	3:30 - 4 ~ Maths parents drop in with Miss Bussey	<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	Fish fingers Vegan sausages Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna
Friday	Football workshop for all Year 1, 2, 3 girls. Please wear PE kits. Harvest assembly 2:40pm in the village hall. All welcome.		Chicken korma with rice Wholemeal vegetable pasta bake Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna

