

Weekly Newsletter – 8th November 2024

A message from Mrs Farren...

It's been a busy week in school this week. Today was non school uniform day organised by the PTA - you all brought in a lot of bottles for the Christmas fair bottle tombola! Thank you!

The book fair is in school from this Thursday to Tuesday next week. Please come and have a look if you haven't already. This also helps raise money for the school.

Children In Need- Friday 15th November

School Council have been working together to plan fund raising for 'Children In Need' next Friday. This is what they have decided:

- ◇ Children can come to school in fancy dress or pyjamas (with or without crazy hair!) or just with crazy hair!
- ◇ There will be a cake sale on Friday. Please bring cakes into school to support us with this. Cakes can be bought for 50p after school. **NO NUTS PLEASE.**
- ◇ From Monday next week, children can bring 50p into school to guess how many sweets are in a jar. The closest guess wins the jar of sweets.

Have a wonderful weekend
Mrs Farren and team Norton

In **Little Learners** we started our week with exploring Diwali, where we decorated Diya lamps. We then moved on to fireworks, where we made 'sparklers' for snack and danced like fireworks! . We celebrated Children's Book Week, with lots of stories. One of our favourites was We're Going on A Bear Hunt, we had great fun as we went on our own bear hunt! We also made our own brilliant bear pictures.

What an amazing first week back in **Reception** Class! This term we are learning about lots of different celebrations and to start this we have learnt about Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day. The children have shown a great interest in the History behind these special events, asking some fascinating questions. We have had lots of fun creating fireworks pictures from glue, salt and water paint, as well as painting poppies using finger prints. Our class is full of sparkles and bright colours!



It has been lovely to be back with the **Year 1** children this week and to hear about what they did during the holidays. In Design this week the children learnt about what an Architect is and enjoyed looking at pictures of architectures drawings and models. In computing we discussed what technology is and identified the different types of technology that we might use.



In **Year 2** we have been learning about Remembrance. We have shared the story 'Where The Poppies Now Grow' and used this as a stimulus for poetry writing in english. We have created poppies in art using the pointillism techniques we have learnt. We have explored our new Christian value for the term which is 'Friendship'. We have talked about how to be a good friend and why this is important.

This week in **Year 3**, we have been studying a poem called "The Magic Box" by Kit Wright. We have used this as a basis for our own poetry. We finally finished off our cave paintings this week which look fantastic and we have moved onto adding 3-digit numbers with exchanging.

We have had a great first week back in **Year 4** . We have started our new class book 'The Last Bear' by Hannah Gold. In science, we have started our new topic of sound and explored different objects and instruments to observe how sounds are made. In maths, we have been using our knowledge of addition and subtraction to estimate answers and check strategies



On the last day of term, **Year 5** received some exciting post from 10 Downing Street! The letter thanked the class for their letters regarding the current refugee crisis and they have sent them to the UK, Visas and Immigration team.

This week, **Year 6** looked at Micro:bits and their functions. We looked into how to program a Micro:bit by downloading code onto it. We will be using these within our DT unit this term to send and receive morse code.



Our school community collected an incredible amount for Gloucester food bank at harvest... and they have sent us this certificate with how much we collected! Thank you so much to everyone who helped us achieve this for such a great cause. What a generous community we have at Norton.



Jade and her sister baked treats and delivered them to their neighbours. What a wonderful thing to do for the local community!

Worship workshops this week!

This week Reverend Joe and Reverend Stefan came in to do a worship workshop with all of the juniors. The aim was to look at the Lord's prayer and have some reflective discussions on each verse. Here is a write up from some year 6's about their session...

Reverend Joe gave everybody a small cardboard box. He told us to open it, inside was something for each verse in the Lord's Prayer. There was; a star, white tack, a scroll of paper with a verse from the bible, a dice, some ribbon, folded patterned paper, a folded strip of plain paper and a plaster. We also listened to some calm, peaceful music. At the end we all said the Lord's Prayer together. It was very interesting and fun!

The infants also got stuck in to some worship sessions with a fun 'crafternoon'. They looked at our vision and our value together to create colourful stars with pictures and messages on.

These will be part of a new display coming soon...



Head teacher's 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: **FRIENDSHIP**

Please send/give any entries to Mrs Farren by Friday 13th December,
ready for the teachers to judge, and a winner will be announced in
the last assembly before Christmas.

Please ensure your full name and class are on the back (so we can
judge without names showing!)

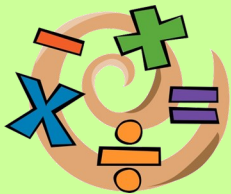


CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK!

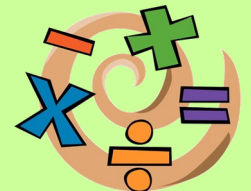
New for this term! We're also going to give you an English challenge every week... here's the first one!

How many words can you create from the word:

FRIENDSHIP



Maths challenge of the week!



Shapes, templates and scissors!

As it's remembrance day on Monday, we would love you to create and cut out a poppy...



What shapes do you need to draw around to create a poppy design? You need one for the petals, one for the center, one for the stem and one for the leaf.

You could also think of different ways to decorate it if you don't have the correct colours to start with!

Parent Consultation – 26th & 28th November (3:40pm until 6:30pm)

We would like to invite you to school to see your child's work and meet your child's teacher.

This is an opportunity to discuss progress. Please do try to come in for this appointment as good communication between school and home is very important for your child.

The meetings will take place in the classrooms and will last for 10 minutes. You are welcome to come 10 minutes before your appointment to have a look at your child's work. After School Club will be available for children to wait in (please sign them in and out) whilst you have your appointment or you may wish your child to attend the meeting - that decision is yours.

Please message the class teacher via Dojo with your availability and they will confirm your appointment by Monday 25th November. If you prefer, please speak to Mrs Bluck, Mrs Cass or Mrs Higgins who can also book appointments.

Important notices:

Lost property

- ⇒ Please ensure all uniform is named. Lost property is located in the junior corridor, please check if your child has lost anything this term. All items left at the end of the term will be disposed of.

Parent pay

- ⇒ Please check parent pay and settle any outstanding dinner accounts.

Before and after school club

- ⇒ Please fill out before and after school club forms and return to the office. Forms can be found on the website. **NO FORM = NO CLUB!**



Strive

Think

Act

Respect

Dates for your diary for November:

- Tuesday 12th November - last day of the book fair
- Wednesday 13th November - Y4 Egyptian day
- Friday 15th November - children in need
- Girls football workshop (years 4, 5 and 6)
- 15th - 17th November - tracks festival (see benefice news page for full information)
- Monday 18th November - girls football match at Elmbridge
- Sunday 24th November - PTA Christmas fair (see PTA news page for full information)
- Monday 25th November - reports out
- Tuesday 26th November - parent information evening (see previous page for details on booking)
- boys football match vs Kings at Norton
- Thursday 28th November - parent information evening

Next week's diary:

11th November 24	The School Day	After School	Lunch Menu (week 2)
Monday		Reading 3:30 - 4:00 Fitness 3:30 - 4:15 Dance 3:30 - 4:15 Infant football 3:30 - 4:15	Cheese and tomato pizza Carribean stew with rice Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna
Tuesday	Last day of the book fair	Junior football 3:30 - 4:15	Meatballs in tomato sauce with rice Cheesy pasta with garlic bread Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna
Wednesday	Year 4 Egyptian day Y5 swimming	Lego 3:30 - 4:00 Choir 3:30 - 4:00 Infant gymnastics 3:30 - 4:15	Roast gammon Vegan sausage Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna
Thursday		Junior gymnastics 3:30 - 4:15 Board games 3:30 - 4:00 Craft & colouring 3:30 - 4:00 Gardening 3:30 - 4:15	Chicken tikka masala with rice Mild Mexican chilli with rice Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna
Friday	Children in need: Fancy dress/pyjamas/funky hair or a combination of all three! Girls football workshop (years 4,5,6): Please wear PE kits to school, you can bring non-uniform to change into after if you like. Sharing assembly 2:45pm in the village hall. All welcome.		Fish fingers Cheese and tomato quiche Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna



PTA NEWS



Norton Christmas fayre

Sunday 24th November 2pm - 4pm @ Norton Village Hall

Elfridges
Shop

Raffle

Games

Stalls

Sweets

Tombola

Get ahead and buy some gifts, play
Face some games and get into the
Painting Christmas spirit!
Plus Refreshments available



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Local benefice news



tracks

faith : hope : landscape

15-17th November 2024 in Seven Towers Benefice

tracks:festival | 15th-17th November 2024

a weekend of creativity, action, and inspiration celebrating place and belonging in the natural world

Friday 15th
7.30pm:

'Early Bird & Nightfulness' : an evening of songs and poetry with priest, author and musician Dan Pierce.
The Leigh church, £5 suggested donation, refreshments and books available.

Saturday 16th
10-4pm
1pm-4pm:
7pm:

'When I in Awesome Wonder : Photography Exhibition' : Down Hatherley Church
'Getting Creative' : in Nature in Art education centre. Donations welcome.
'Film Festival' : an evening of short films reflecting on our place on earth.
Boddington Church. Refreshments available. Donations welcome.

Sunday 17th
3pm:

'Open Mic' Storytelling : for all ages and Autumnal Afternoon Tea.
Sandhurst Church. Donations Welcome.

Taking submissions for poems and short stories (no more than 500 words) celebrating local places and communities, past, present and hope for. All ages welcome. Winners will be invited to perform during the afternoon.
Submissions, with subject 'Open Mic Story', including name and age to be sent to admin@seventowers.org.uk before 1st November, 2024

Sunday 17th is what we're asking Norton children (and parents/grandparents/carers/aunts/uncles etc...) to enter! See above information on how to enter.

We're asking for stories or poems, no more than 500 words, that celebrate our local places - past, present or hoped for. It's a broad theme, and could be fiction or non fiction, but something that shows how special it is to be where you are.

If anyone 'wins' they will be asked if they want to read their piece on the Sunday afternoon tea event in Sandhurst church (but they don't have to, it will be read out by someone else if they can't attend or you'd rather not talk in front of others.)

Children's Christmas Party



Sunday 8th December
2-4 p.m.
Sandhurst Village Hall

For all children in Sandhurst
Norton, Twigworth, The Leigh
Down Hatherley, Boddington
Staverton.

Games, crafts, song, story
food, drink + surprise gift.

To book a place call

07712229976
[Graeme]

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24th December 2024

Run 5k or 1k

**Around historic Gloucester dressed as santa,
an elf or just join in the festive fun!**

Tickets now on sale

www.GlosSantaFunRun.co.uk

ALL profits to charity

**You can also register on the day from 9:30am
at Kings Square**

We are looking for elves to help run the event please go to our website if you would like to get involved

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