

Weekly News – 13th September 2024

A message from Mrs Farren...

As many of you will remember from last year, Norton school celebrates less screen time for children.

The use of technology can be positive- it can enable us to access a world of instant information; we have everything we want at the push of a button. However, it also creates an element of vulnerability which can separate us from reality. Children do need to be able to use technology but they also need the education and maturity to understand the dangers associated with this fast-changing world of social media, internet and plethora of platforms.

This year we are celebrating community. We would love for you to share photos of anything community based with us. This could be simple things such as sharing time with family and friends in the community, helping to make the community better in any way and supporting those around us. Remember, small acts of kindness can make a huge difference. Linking with this, we would like you to limit your child's screen time. Why not set yourselves a target, limiting the daily or weekly time spent on a device? Please let us know- we would love to hear about this and celebrate with you.

Some ideas to help with this and to grow your family community:

- Cook together with your children- this is a great learning opportunity
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Please share any other idea with us!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Farren and Team Norton

Our **Little Learners** have had a wonderful first week back. We have been painting, mark making, cutting and sticking, meeting new friends and most of all playing and having fun!

This week in **Reception** class we have been reading the book of 'The Colour Monster' and 'The Colour Monster goes to School'. We have used this book as a stimulus for discussing our feelings, in PSHE this week we focused on the feeling of 'happy'. The children enjoyed talking about what and who makes them happy. Then they painted their own colour monster.



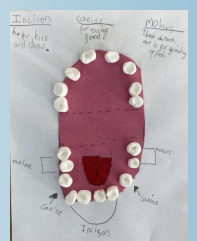
It's been a wonderful first full week with the **Year 1** children. In Maths they have been sorting objects out into groups of shapes, sizes and colours. As well as counting out amounts and using mathematical language such as 'total' to talk about the amount they have counted.



In **Year 2**, we have had another fantastic week. The children have been working hard and embracing all new learning with a smile! They have been working hard to recognise and use adjectives in their writing in preparation for their Paddington Wanted Posters. In maths we have continued to explore place value and have started to look at numbers to 100. In Science, they have learnt about mammals.

This week in **Year 3** we have extended our knowledge of the number system to include three-digit numbers. In French we learnt some French phonics, we looked at the chronology of prehistoric Britain in History and in Science we looked at the bones of some different animals.

This week in **Year 4** we started our science topic of 'teeth and digestion'. We looked at the types of teeth we have, as well as how teeth in other animals differ. We talked about what the functions are of the different teeth. We made models of teeth using marshmallows and had great fun shaping them into the correct shapes!



In **Year 5** this week we have been writing our own persuasive speeches, taking inspiration from Martin Luther King; keep an eye out for these in a future assembly. In Science we planned our own experiments to explore the relationship between weight of an object and the gravitational pull.

Within science **Year 6** have been looking at the classification of organisms. We have determined that organisms can be classified initially into plants and animals. From this, we discovered that we can further classify these groups. Plants can be classified into flowering and non-flowering. Animals can be classified into vertebrates and invertebrates and so on.

SCHOOL AND PE UNIFORM!

- ⇒ Please ensure **all** uniform is **named**
- ⇒ Please make sure that all children are dressed in school colours for PE. PE clothes need to be inline with our policy and appropriate. Brightly coloured/logo sports clothes are not inline with school policy and are therefore not appropriate. If your child arrives in inappropriate uniform, we will provide them with an alternative appropriate kit for the session

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 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.**

Teacher led clubs:

- **due to the popularity of junior football club, we are going to split the club into two groups: the first group will be for the five weeks before half term, and the second group will be for the five weeks after half term.**

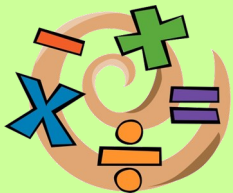


- **Text messages to confirm club places will be send out on Thursday 19th September.**

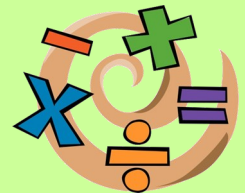
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Maths challenge of the week!



Supermarket scavenger hunt:

- ♣ Find an item that costs **EXACTLY** £3.65.
- ♣ Find out how much **ONE** banana costs.
- ♣ Calculate the difference between the most expensive and least expensive item in your shopping.





Strive

Think

Act

Respect

Dates for your diary:

Monday 16th September - Year 4 parents information meeting 3:30pm

Wednesday 18th September - Year 6 parents information meeting 3:30pm

Thursday 19th September - Year 1 explorers morning
- Year 1 parents information meeting 3:30pm
- Texts will be sent home to confirm teacher led clubs

Monday 23rd September - Teacher led clubs starting from today

Wednesday 25th September - Year 5 swimming lessons start (letters going home today - 13.9.24)



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

Next week's diary:

16th September 24	The School Day	After School	Lunch Menu (week 3)
Monday		Y4 parents meeting 3:30pm	Vegetable fajitas with wedges BBQ quorn with rice Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna
Tuesday			Spaghetti bolognaise Cheese and tomato pizza Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna
Wednesday		Y6 parents meeting 3:30pm	Roast Gammon Vegen quorn Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna
Thursday	Year 1 explorers morning	Y1 parents meeting 3:30pm	Chicken paella Spinach and cheese whirl Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna
Friday	Assembly 2:45pm in the village hall. All welcome.		Fish fingers Cheese and bean pasty Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna