

## Weekly Newsletter – 6th December 2024

### A message from Mrs Farren...

Many thanks to all of you who completed the parent questionnaire following parents' evening last week. The results are overwhelmingly positive. If you have not already completed the form, and would like to, here is a link to an online version.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeFdYxBSvKfgNE\\_yBZ\\_OTdWvEPD3BjoPkkVdZSegpNBMksQVQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeFdYxBSvKfgNE_yBZ_OTdWvEPD3BjoPkkVdZSegpNBMksQVQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0)

#### Friendship:

Our Christian value this term is 'friendship'. Our worships this week have centred around the concept that unlike other, tangible things, the more love and friendship you give away, the more you get in return. Showing our friendship with small acts of kindness is wonderful.

Please let us know how you have been showing your friendship this week.

Have a wonderful weekend

**Little Learners** have had a creative week with lots of Christmas crafting!

This week in **Reception** class we have been learning about hedgehogs. We have been learning about their diet, habitat, body features and other amazing facts. This is helping us write a fact page on Hedgehogs. We have had lots of fun decorating Christmas tree decorations too, the class is looking very sparkly!

In **Year 1** we've been really impressed with the children's positive attitudes to their learning this week. Particularly in phonics lessons where they have been learning all about split digraphs. They've been noticing them in books, on displays and when playing phonic games.



**Year 2** In Year 2 this week we have been listening to the Nativity and talking about how the characters might have felt at different points in the story. In maths we have learnt to subtract 1 and 10 from a number. We have continued to practise our songs and lines for our Nativity next week. We can't wait to perform it for you!

This week has been a fantastic week in **Year 3**. We created our very own stop-motion animations using the iPads. They did a fantastic job. Please come along to sharing assembly next week if you would like to see it. In music, we created our own compositions to be played on the glockenspiel. In English we created our own mythical creatures which we are going to write reports about.

In **Year 4** this week we have been learning our times tables. We have learnt the 7s, 11s and 12s and used these to solve word and reasoning problems. In science, we explored pitch and learnt that low pitch sounds have slower vibrations and high pitch sounds have faster vibrations.

This week **Year 5** have been planning their own experiments to test the effect of the surface area on air resistance. We concluded that the greater the surface area, the longer it took for our toy men to reach the ground.



This week, **Year 6** have started to learn about algebra. They have looked at how to form algebraic expressions and how this helps with their problem solving. This knowledge will underpin next week's work which will have us solving 1-step and 2-step equations.



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas.... Everywhere you go....

...Especially in school! Have you spotted any of the decorations that our Norton elves have put up to make the school feel festive and bright?

It's a time of year where family and community really feel even more special, so we've found these lovely ideas that you could do over advent if you like...

### Advent Calendar Activities that focus on family and kindness

1. Read Christmas books by the (TV) fire
2. Make Christmas cards for some neighbours
3. Choose some too small or never worn clothes to donate
4. Have a fancy hot chocolate party
5. Do a Christmas scavenger hunt
6. Pick a toy or book (or both) to donate
7. Help someone today
8. Have a Christmas music dance party
9. Go for a walk to spot Christmas lights
10. Make something for a grownup you live with
11. Make salt dough ornaments
12. Bake cookies
13. Make something for a sibling/cousin/friend
14. Sing some Christmas songs or carols together





# Head teacher's worship challenge!



Design 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 half term.

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

## CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK!

## Have you written your letter to Santa yet?

If you haven't written it yet, it's not too late!

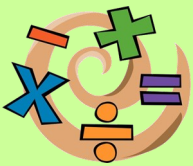
Take some time this week to let Santa know what you'd like. Maybe you could draw pictures of the toys you'd like and label them.

Remember he may not be able to bring everything on your list but I'm sure he'll try his best!

If you're posting a letter make sure you write the address clearly on the envelope... I wonder where you could find the address? Have a think...



## Maths challenge of the week!



**Solve the sums to uncover the answer to the riddle!**

e  $2+2=$

s  $3+7=$

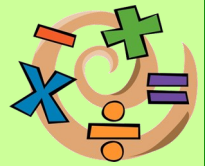
a  $9+4=$

**p**  $10+7=$

**t** 7+0=

u  $5+10=$

$$n \ 8+1=$$



## What do you call Santa when he stops moving?



10 13 9 7 13

17 13 15 10 4

NRICH has published its 2024 Primary Advent Calendar

<https://nrich.maths.org/advent-calendar-2024-primary> ...

24 problems in the run-up to Christmas (a perfect mathematical stocking-filler!)



## Important reminders:

### Snacks

A healthy diet is crucial for a healthy lifestyle. Only healthy snacks are allowed in school for break time. Healthy snacks include: fruit, veg, cheese, crackers, yoghurt, plain pop- corn **(no nuts please - please check packaged food labels carefully)**. **NO sweets, crisps or chocolate!**

### Uniform

Please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform to school. Jewellery such as necklaces should **not** be worn in school. This is because they can be dangerous when the child is being active and also because there is a high risk they will be lost!

### 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 ParentPay and settle any outstanding dinner accounts. School dinners can only be paid for through ParentPay, this includes the Christmas dinner.

### Before and after school club

Please fill out before and after school club forms for next term and return to the office by 20th December 2024.

Forms can be found on the website. **NO FORM = NO CLUB!**





Strive

Think

Act

Respect

## Dates for your diary for the rest of the term:

- Monday 9th December - Nativity dress rehearsal
- Tuesday 10th December - Nativity performance - 10am (the performance will be filmed this day, no preschool or younger children please.)

Paper copies of the video order forms will be available at both of the performances.

### Norton C of E Primary School Infant Nativity – Higgledy-Piggledy Nativity

#### VIDEO ORDER FORM

The nativity is being filmed on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December and will be available to purchase as a download. The cost of the video is **£6 per download**.

To order, please bring money in named envelope to school and email [Norton.sch.pta@gmail.com](mailto:Norton.sch.pta@gmail.com) with your request. This is to ensure we send the link to the correct email address. Orders are required no later than **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**.

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

I have emailed Norton PTA to place my order and enclose cash \_\_\_\_\_ (amount)

- Wednesday 11th December - Christmas dinners: pre-orders only. If you haven't ordered then you must bring in a lunchbox
- Thursday 12th December - Nativity performance - 2pm
- Friday 13th December - A Christmas sharing assembly - see the benefice news page for more info!
- Wednesday 18th December - Norton school carol service in the village hall - 2pm
- dance festival at Ribston
- Thursday 19th December - sharing assembly 2:45pm
- Friday 20th December - last day of term - collection between 1:15pm - 1:30pm

## Next week's diary: 9th December 2024

| 9th December 24 | The School Day                                                                               | After School             | Lunch Menu (week 3)                                                                                                          |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday          | Nativity dress rehearsal                                                                     | Dance <u>3:30 - 4:15</u> | Macaroni cheese<br>Vegan plant balls in tomato sauce with rice<br>Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna                   |
| Tuesday         | Nativity performance 10am<br>- being filmed. <b>No preschool or younger children please.</b> |                          | Cowboy casserole<br>Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna                                                                 |
| Wednesday       | Please wear school uniform with a Christmas Jumper if you wish                               |                          | <b>Christmas dinners: pre-orders only</b>                                                                                    |
| Thursday        | Nativity performance 2pm                                                                     |                          | Spaghetti bolognaise with garlic doughballs<br>Chinese vegetable curry with rice<br>Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna |
| Friday          | Special Christmas assembly<br>2pm                                                            |                          | Breaded fish<br>Cheese and red pepper frittata<br>Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna                                   |



# PTA NEWS



Thank you from  
Norton PTA

Thank you to everyone  
who supported our  
Christmas Fair.

Together we raised  
over £700!



## Local benefice news



### The nativity is coming to Norton!

We are having a special Christmas sharing assembly... where the Norton children will be helping to complete the local community stable!

After our normal sharing assembly in the hall, we will all follow the star outside to share in a very special Christmas worship together. This will include songs from the nativity, the school choir and also the whole school!

We hope you'll join us on Friday 13th December at 2pm in the Village hall.

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