

Weekly Newsletter – 15th November 2024

A message from Mrs Farren...

It has been another busy week here at Norton!

Today, for Children in Need, we raised £170 in donations as well as £103.50 from guess the number of sweets in the jar. Many thanks for your support, especially with all the donations for the cake sale after school today - a grand total will be on next week's diary when we've added on the money from the cakes!

A special thanks goes to School Council for organising the fund-raising events.

Well done to Aishwarya who guessed correctly the amount of sweets in the jar!

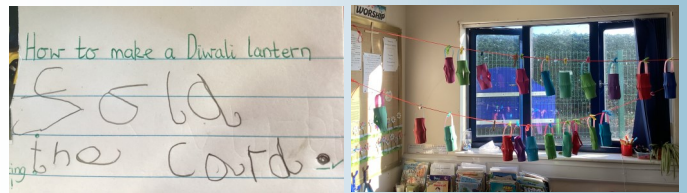


Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Farren and team Norton

Little Learners, In Little Learners, we started our week by learning about Remembrance day. We observed a two minute silence and made poppies from play dough, as well as drawing our own. During World Nursery Rhyme week we enjoyed lots of singing, as well as completing lots of fun activities based on our favourite rhymes. The number songs were a great opportunity for us to practice our counting.

Reception WOW! We have been blown away by the children in Reception this week. On Monday we made Diwali lanterns to reflect the celebration of the festival of light. We have used this as a stimulus to write a set of instructions! The children have worked incredibly hard to use their phonic skills and have all been focused and determined. Next week we will finish our instructions, before moving onto learning about hedgehogs.



Year 1 In English this week, the Year 1 children have been thinking of adjectives and nouns to describe what they could hear, see, feel, smell and taste at bonfire night gathering. After brainstorming their ideas we created our own poem and used actions to help them to remember it.



Year 2 In Year 2 we have been learning about why Christmas is special to Christians. We have looked for signs of Christmas and have designed a bedroom for Baby Jesus. We have also started to learn songs from our nativity and tell the Christmas story.

Year 3, This week has been an exciting week in Year 3 as we started learning how to make stop motion animations on the iPads. We will be using this knowledge in the coming weeks to create some even more complex ones! In our maths we have been finding compliments to 100 and learning how to estimate the answer to a calculation. In History, we looked at how historians use sources of evidence to learn about the past. We also learnt how to say our names this week in French.

Year 4 We had Egyptian Day in Year 4 this week! There were some great costumes! We learnt about the process of mummification, created our own Egyptian Gods, tried some Egyptian maths, created clay pyramids and made our own papyrus paper! Some parents and grown ups joined us in the afternoon to get crafty with their child which was lovely to see.



Year 5 This week we have enjoyed using the iPads- learning different videography techniques with our partners. We also have been gathering information in preparation for our Non-Chronological reports!

Year 6 Within Computing, Year 6 are looking into 3D Modelling. We have been looking at how to manipulate 3D objects in terms of size and colour to create various designs. This week we tried our hand at creating a house with these skills. This photo is one of the student's designs.



COMMUNITY CORNER!



Xander and Alexander who took part in a local Remembrance Parade for Cubs/Beavers. Xander was a flag bearer and Alexander took part in the church service.

Mums and dads very proud of them!

Last weekend Dotty, Lydia and Will represented Gloucester City in the Gloucestershire Under 8's Mixed Hockey Festival at Dean Close School.

They played 5 games;

Won - 4

Drew - 1

A superb start to the season!



Last weekend Lettie received her GOLD award at Rainbows. This takes incredible dedication and effort to complete all the badges and extra work required. It is the highest award available in Rainbows.

She was also the flag bearer for her Rainbows at the remembrance parade in Churchdown. Hazel and Grainne also took part in the Remembrance parade and all three of them received special badges to go on their blankets or uniform. As a Guider and Mum I was incredibly proud of all the girls who took part. They were very smart, respectful and patient throughout.





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!

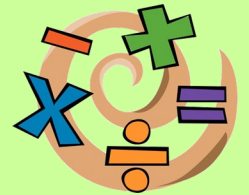
So this term we are asking you to submit a new logo for our Christian value this term: **FRIENDSHIP**

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 half term.

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



BEAR	HOPE	SPOTS
CARE	FUN	SUPPORT
COMMUNITY	KINDNESS	UNITE
HAPPY	PUDSEY	YELLOW



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

Congratulations!

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE
WHO ATTENDED OUR
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR.**

Together we have raised... **£420**
for our school to spend on **FREE BOOKS**

Dates for your diary for the next few weeks:

- Next week - 2 football matches! See below for days! No sports clubs those days.
- Wednesday 20th November - cross country championships
- 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 information*)
- boys football match vs Kings at Norton
- Thursday 28th November - parent information evening (*see previous page for information*)
- Monday 2nd December - last week for teacher led clubs for this term
- Monday 9th December - Nativity dress rehearsal
- Tuesday 10th December - Nativity performance - 10am (the performance will be filmed this day)
- Thursday 12th December - Nativity performance - 2pm
- Wednesday 11th December - Christmas dinner day. **Order by Wednesday 27th November**
- Friday 13th December - A special Christmas sharing assembly - 2pm

Next week's diary:

18th November 24	The School Day	After School	Lunch Menu (week 3)
Monday		<u>Reading</u> 3:30 - 4:00 <u>Fitness</u> 3:30 - 4:15 <u>Dance</u> 3:30 - 4:15 <u>Infant football</u> 3:30 - 4:15	Macaroni cheese Vegan plant balls in tomato sauce with rice Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna
Tuesday	Boys football match at Kings	<u>Junior football club cancelled</u>	Cowboy casserole Cheese and tomato pizza Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna
Wednesday	Y5 swimming Cross country championships	<u>Lego</u> 3:30 - 4:00 <u>Choir</u> 3:30 - 4:00 <u>Infant gymnastics</u> 3:30 - 4:15	Roast Turkey Vegan quorn Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna
Thursday	Boys football match at Norton (vs Hempstead)	<u>Junior gymnastics club cancelled</u> <u>Board games</u> 3:30 - 4:00 <u>Craft & colouring</u> 3:30 - 4:00 <u>Gardening</u> 3:30 - 4:15	Spaghetti bolognaise with garlic doughballs Chinese vegetable curry with rice Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna
Friday	Sharing assembly 2:45pm in the village hall. All welcome.		Breaded fish Cheese and red pepper frittata Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna
Saturday	PTA Christmas fair 2pm - 4pm @ Norton village hall		



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



THANK YOU
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NORTON PTA



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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