



Norton CEVC Primary School
 School Close, Norton, Bury St Edmunds,
 Suffolk, IP31 3LZ



Newsletter 1
Summer 2017



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
 Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich

Welcome

Welcome back after the Easter Holidays and I do hope you have all had a good break. May I take this opportunity to thank you for your kind words of encouragement as I take on the role of Acting Headteacher for two terms. I am really looking forward to the challenge and the opportunity to continue to make Norton CEVC Primary School a place where your children can be happy, learn, develop and reach their full potential.



Acting Headteacher Mrs Lisa Sparkes

Telephone 01359 230520

Fax 01359 233445

Email

office@norton.suffolk.sch.uk

Website

www.norton.suffolk.sch.uk

Staff Changes

We started the term by saying a fond farewell to Mrs Harris as she left to go on adoption leave. She was deeply touched by your kind wishes and we wish her well as she embraces motherhood. We welcome Miss Self to our teaching team, she will be teaching Planet Class during the summer term, and Mrs Bouttell and Mrs Tucker who will be teaching Galaxy Class for the forthcoming weeks.

Special points of interest:

- ☺ SATs Testing p2
- ☺ Values for Life p3
- ☺ Other News p6
- ☺ Events and visits p6

Staying Safe

So that you and your children are safe and everything runs smoothly, here are some gentle reminders and clarifications.



***Parking.** Please kindly honour the parking Respect Zone. Parking on the junction of School Close/The Street or outside the school on the zigzag lines causes obstructions and is dangerous for all. In order to keep everyone safe, parking at the Village Hall or Salvation Army is recommended.

***Paths.** Use the pathways and zebra crossing to walk round the front carpark.

***Bikes.** PLEASE do not use scooters or bikes through the playground or car park. This is a potential hazard for all!

***Playground.** A member of staff will be in the lower playground from 8.35. Once they are outside you may leave your child in the lower playground to run around or chat to friends! All class teachers will be out on the playground at 8.40am. If you wish to speak to a class teacher at this time, please ask. We shall ring the bell at 8.45 for the children to line up.

***Gate.** The field gate will be locked once

all children have lined up and been sent to class. Any child arriving late must be signed in via the main entrance of the school.

***Rainy Days.** On wet days, EYFS, Y1, Y2 children should come to the library door and then to their classes. Key Stage 2 children can go to their classroom buildings from 8.35am.

***End of the day.** Staff will not let children go with another adult at the end of the day unless you have given your permission. Please email, phone or write with any changes early in the day.

***Car park.** Staff vehicles will be accessing the car park between 8.00am-8.30am so be aware of moving vehicles, especially for those early morning clubs. We have requested that delivery vans do not access the car park between 8.30-9.00am and 2.45-3.15pm.

***Bus and Clubs.** Please let us know of any changes well in advance. Thank you for your support.



Inside this issue:

Star Class news	3
Miss Reading	
Galaxy Class news	4
Mrs Bouttell/Mrs Tucker	
Planet Class news	4
Mrs Self	
Comet Class news	4
Miss George	
Rocket Class news	5
Miss Lawrence	
Meteor Class news	5
Ms Henderson	
Supernova Class news	5
Miss Miles	
Events in the term	6



Governor Profile

Governor Profiles

I am Richard Bishop and I have had the pleasure of being Chair of Governors for Norton CEVC Primary School for 8 years. I have been a local resident in the Norton and Tostock area for 16 years. I am married with 2 children, both of whom were educated at Norton. I bring 20 years of management experience as well as specific skills in business administration, project management and technology. My motivation for being a governor is to contribute my skills, experience and time to support the school in doing the very best job they can for our community, and our children. My aim is for all children to enjoy their time at Norton CEVC Primary and to reach their full potential. In my own time I try and spend as much time with the family and enjoy a game of squash.



Key Stage 1 and 2 Assessments

If you have a child in either Year 2 or Year 6, you'll be aware that the SATs - standardised tests for primary schoolers - are happening this term. The Key Stage 1 tests are all teacher-assessed (no external marking but some external moderating) and are meant to be low-key and incorporated into lesson time. The Key Stage 2 tests are a bit more formal: done on a set day and marked externally. There are papers in English reading comprehension, grammar, punctuation, and spelling, and in maths

You can also help your child at home in the following ways:

Talk to them about SATs and tell them not to worry about them. This is the message we will be telling your children, but it will be much more meaningful coming from you.

Keep at the daily reading. Talk together about the books, the characters, the storylines and encourage them to express their own opinions about them.

Play mental maths games - on the way home, in the car and so on.

Keeping everything ticking over normally. Dilute any feelings that SATs are stressful by sticking to the normal routine and keeping up with regular out-of-school activities.

We encourage all our pupils to demonstrate their learning muscles, not just for one week of the year but every day .

Keep it in proportion. Stay positive. You never know, your child might actually enjoy them!



Extra-Curricular Activities

Mondays

Lunchtime **Homework Club** run by Mrs Anderson. **Football** run by Y6 Sports Ambassadors.

3.00-4.00pm **Football** Y1-4.

Tuesdays

Lunchtime **Lego** Y3-4. **Hockey**

run by Mr Caulder

3.00-4.00pm **Netball** Y3-6. run by

Mr Caulder

Wednesday

Lunchtime **Fun & Games** run by

Y6 Sports Ambassadors.

3.00-4.00pm **Basketball** Y3-6. run

by Miss Linton

Thursdays

Lunchtime To be announced and run by Y6 Sports Ambassadors.

Book Club run by Mrs Terry for Y6.

3.00-4.00pm **Running** (Norton Swifts) Y2-6.

Fridays

8.00-8.45am **Gymnastics** YR-3.

Lunchtime **Fun & Games** run by Y6



Sports Ambassadors

Hi there Norton

As it is the summer we were thinking of some new activities for our lunchtime clubs.

We have already thought of a few ideas but we would also like to hear from you. Any suggestions please come and let us know. We plan to run some competitions at playtimes too. We will give you information during assembly so listen carefully. Now the weather is nice please try to join in with some of the activities. Thanks Casey and Sophie.

Eco Warriors

Hello all

Our focus has been to find out how we can improve our school to make it more eco-friendly. We found out that we are actually already doing quite a good job. Each class created their own eco-code. We then got together in an eco-meeting and used a bit from each class to create a whole school eco-code. Each class were also asked to create a poster on a particular focus. If you look round the school you will find them on display. Harry



Message from Mrs Harris

Friday night I changed my Facebook status to "Well what a lucky girl I have been! There must be a reason I have stayed at the same school for 11 years; the answer is simple, it's the people! All I will say is the staff, parents and children are the best! Thank you everyone!" I was so touched by all the kind words, cards and gifts I received last week and will always treasure them.

My final assembly was a real treat; the song and dance that the staff and children performed for me was simply amazing. I will never be able to listen to Justin Timberlake again without smiling. It will be added to all the other wonderful memories I have from Norton, the children singing Spring Chicken at our wedding, galloping around Framingham castle on my imaginary horse, eating chips on the beach at Felixstowe, toasting marshmallows at Bradfield Woods, hanging out with the stars on the set of Ant and Dec, to name a few. Wherever we have taken the children we have always been complimented on their impeccable behaviour and manners, that has given me a deep sense of pride.

Over my 11 years at Norton, I have seen many changes. The school has gone from having 90 children to over 200, new classrooms have been built, the outdoor area has been developed to include a wildlife garden, pond, reflective area, vegetable gardens and a chicken coop. As Norton School enters a new exciting chapter in its history, I look forward to seeing how it develops in Mrs Sparkes' capable hands.

Curriculum News

Sports & PE

Mr Ian Caulder, Sports and PE specialist, will be working with classes on Tuesdays this term. On Tuesday 12th June we have a British Volleyball player taking our assembly. We are looking forward to being inspired.

Values for Life

This half-term's theme is Perseverance. Please find attached the Home School Value Sheet. There are many interesting activities and

facts on the sheet and I would like to encourage to share these together with your family. I know I shall be giving the Perseverance Challenge a go!

Music Lessons

Year 5 and 6 have the opportunity to learn Mixed Strings with Mrs Vincent, music specialist from the County Music Service. Other classes have music lessons with Miss Jones. Mrs Baxter offers piano lessons to children in school at KS2. This is a contract with individual parents. Please contact the office if you are interested.



Field Update

Good news, the works to the new field will hopefully start this week. I have been informed that the field will be levelled and seeded. Fencing of the field will be in about 4 weeks time. This is exciting news for Norton and I know the children are really looking forward to using this extra space.



Stars

Welcome back I hope that you all had a wonderful Easter. If you gave anything up for Lent I am sure that you are enjoying it again now.

This half term our topic has changed and is now **The Jolly Postman**. This is linked to the book by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. Each week we will focus on a new one of the letters that he delivers. These will focus on many traditional tales:- Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Hansel and Gretel, Jack and the Beanstalk, Cinderella and Little Red Riding Hood. As part of this topic it would be wonderful to encourage the children to write different styles of letters. If anyone has any spare letter writing sets with envelopes they would be very gratefully received for

our writing area. If anyone also has a postman's bag this would be wonderful for role play.

In **Numeracy** we will continue to develop the children's understanding and use of number. We will also look at size, ordering, position and distance. Where possible these will be linked to our topic to help give a purpose to their learning.

We will continue to have Miss Jones joining us for **Music** on Mondays and Miss Stonard for **Art** on Wednesday afternoons. We are very fortunate to also have Mr Caulder teaching our **PE** on Tuesdays. This term he will teach Games and I will be teaching our dance unit on Fridays. Please can you ensure that all school uniform

and PE kit are named. Unfortunately there are often items that get mixed up or misplaced whilst getting changed for PE. If they are named it is much easier to sort this out.

You are still very welcome to join us on Monday afternoons 2:30-2:50pm to read with your child. Babies are welcome to join us also however I am afraid we have to say no to toddlers.

Thank you for all of your contributions to **Tapestry** so far this year. We will continue to share your inputs with the class on Fridays. The children really enjoy showing their classmates their achievements from home so please carry on adding these.

Please do not hesitate to speak to me if you have any concerns, queries, or questions, my door is always open.

Thank you, Miss Reading

Galaxies



We will be learning about different parts of plants and growing plants from seeds.

Welcome back, for the final term of year one. This half term we will be learning about forests. In **Geography**, we will be learning what a forest is, we will be thinking about the animal and plants you find in a forest, both in the UK and around the world. The children will be identifying and plotting forests on maps of the UK and the world. On the 11th, 18th and 25th May, the children will be visiting Bradfield woods and participating in the Forest Schools programme, more details to follow.

In **Science**, we will be learning about plants, naming and describing them.

Planets



Welcome back and I do hope you had a good Easter Break. Now it's back to work for the Summer Term and what a busy one we have planned.

Our topic for this half term is '**Forest Friends**'. We shall start the topic by identifying features of woodlands and forest and what we would expect to find in these environments. To really make this topic come alive on the 9th, 16th and 23rd May, the children will be visiting Bradfield woods and participating in the Forest Schools programme, more details to follow. In **Literacy**, the first half of

Comets



Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely Easter break and are ready to start a new term.

Our **topic** this term is World War II. We will be learning about the events leading up to the war and the countries and people involved. We will then look at the life of Winston Churchill, evacuees and the importance of food rationing.

Our **Art/DT** we will be creating our own rationing books and painting a portrait of Winston Churchill.

PE sessions will change this term to a Monday and Wednesday, please can you ensure that PE kits are in school. This half term we will be focusing on tennis and devel-

In **Design and Technology** the children will be designing and creating their own puppets based on the story of the Gruffalo, using a running stitch to join their fabric. They will also be responding to the story through the use of clay, making models linked to the story.

In **Literacy**, the children will be continuing the Read Write Inc scheme. They children have the opportunity to read and write every day, developing their phonic knowledge and grammar skills. The children will be given new spelling lists for this term, don't forget to keep practising reading and spelling the list of common

this term will be focusing on books written by Anthony Browne.

We shall begin by reading a range of his books before looking in depth at 'In to the Forest' and 'Gorilla'. Through these books, we will write character descriptions and settings before using them as a stimulus to write our own stories. We will then move on to look at Roald Dahl's book 'The Minpins'. We shall also be writing a recount after each visit to Bradfield woods, so that we can record our memories.

In **RE** the children will look at Pentecost and how celebrating this Christian festival reminds Christians that God is with them always. In **Science**, the children will look at animals including humans. The chil-

oping many skills such as our volley and serve technique.

In **Literacy**, we will begin our Adventure and Mystery unit, focusing on the Anthony Browne story 'The Tunnel'. We will end the unit by writing our own adventure story.

In **Numeracy**, children will begin to add and subtract 3-digit numbers with and without regrouping. We will also be looking at short multiplication and division, fractions, volume and capacity.

In **Science**, we will begin exploring rocks. The children will be comparing and grouping rocks based upon their properties, gaining an understanding of palaeontology and carrying out an experiment on the permeability of rocks and soils. We will also be creating a mini compost bin so if you have any plant saucers, clear

words in your spelling book.

In **computing**, the children will be learning how to create simple programs using Espresso Coding.

PE will now be on Mondays and Wednesdays. We will be developing their throwing, catching and batting skills. We will be applying these to simple target and net/wall games.

If your child needs to change their reading book, please remind them to put it in the green box at the start of the day. We do try to remind them as well.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to catch one of us after school or make an appointment.

Thank you, Mrs Buttell/Mrs Tucker

dren will investigate the life cycles of humans, a frog, a butterfly and chicken. They will learn why exercise and healthy eating are important.

The Gruffalo will be the focus for **art** this half term with the children looking at joining material to make a finger puppet. They will also be inspired to make 3D work from clay.

PE is planned for Monday and Friday so please make sure your child has their PE kit in school. This term the focus will be games.

If you have any concerns or wish to discuss anything then please do not hesitate to see me.

Thank you, Miss Self



plastic bottles, thin fabric, shredded paper and/or small stones, then please bring them into school.

Homework will still be sent out on most Wednesdays. Children will continue to be tested each week on a selection of spellings from the Year 3/4 curriculum spelling list. Numeracy homework will be an activity to practise what has been taught during the week.

Our **French** topic this half term is La Famille, during which we will be learning the names of our family members.

RE sessions will focus on Christianity, where we will be exploring Christian symbols such as the cross.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to speak with me after school.

Thank you, Miss George.



Rockets



Welcome back. I hope you enjoyed the Easter break with your families.

This term we are beginning an exciting new topic on **World War II**. We will begin by exploring the events leading up to the outbreak of war, and the key countries and individuals involved. We will explore life in war-time Britain, looking at evacuation, rationing and the changing role of women.

In **Literacy**, we will be learning about the language and structures used to report news. We will revise how to write play scripts as we prepare to create our own news programmes linked to our topic. Towards the end

of half term, we will work towards producing an information text on the life of Anne Frank.

In **Numeracy**, we will be developing our understanding of the relationship between fractions and decimals and using this to solve problems. We will spend more time on the four operations, ensuring that we can use mental and written methods effectively.

In **PE**, we will be developing skills for playing tennis. These sessions will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

In **RE**, we will be exploring why Christians believe they are on a 'mission'. We will also be learning key terms linked to Christianity.

In **Science**, we will be learning all about electricity. We will explore con-



ductors and insulators, as well as investigate switches.

During our **French** sessions, we will be learning terms for food items and expressing our likes and dislikes about food.

The weekly spelling test will return this term as they have been very successful. Word lists will continue to come home on Wednesday, and the test will take place the following Tuesday. Please take time to practise these spellings with your child, as this is always helpful. Numeracy homework will continue to revise key topics that we have learned in the week.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do come and see me. I'm always available after school.

Thank you, Miss Lawrence.

Meteors



Welcome back; I hope you've all had a relaxing Easter. We have an exciting term ahead. Our topic is **History** based; we will explore life in ancient Egyptian times. We will get an understanding of where ancient Egypt fits in the chronology of the World, and explore the importance of the River Nile. We will make inferences and deductions about life in ancient Egypt from artefacts and other sources where we will aim to go beyond simple observation.

We will begin the term by looking at the features of

persuasive writing in **Literacy**. This type of writing encourages careful word choices and the development of logical arguments. Following this we will discover how authors create tension and suspense when writing mysteries so that we can do this in our own writing.

In **Numeracy**, further work on decimals and fractions will be completed, including converting between fractions, decimals and percentages. Using the bar model to represent both fractions and percentages should help to make the connections between these clearer. Setting this work in a problem-solving context should help the children to see how

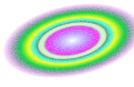
this relates to maths in real-life.

We are continuing our work on forces in **Science**. We will look at the effects of balanced and unbalanced forces and how these affect objects. We will investigate Newton's laws of motion and discover where these can be seen in everyday life. Linked with our science will be our **DT** work on moving toys where we can see forces in action. At the end of this unit, the internet will be used to research ideas for creating a moving toy using a cam mechanism. This will involve lots of practical maths and problem solving. **PE** will be on a Tuesday at the beginning and end of the day.

As always, please see me if you have any queries or concerns. Ms Henderson



Supernovas



I hope you had a wonderful Easter. We are looking forward to the new term ahead. Our topic this term is **History** based where we will be exploring Ancient Egypt. We will look at where Egypt is and the **Geography** of the country before learning more about the Ancient Egyptian civilization: how people lived, the rulers of the land and the practice of mummification.

Leading up to the SATs tests on the week beginning 8th May, we will be using old SATs papers to help us identify key areas that we need to revise to prepare us for the tests.

We will be revising key grammar terms and punctuation. Along with this we will be developing our comprehension skills when reading and how to interpret texts. We will be revising the key features of non-fiction texts in our writing along with techniques to use in fiction writing.

Our **Maths** revision will focus on the whole range of maths topics as well as developing the skills required for answering higher level word problems. We will also continue to work on becoming confident with our times tables and arithmetic.

Science this half term we will be working on our unit 'All Living Things' where we will investigate how animals and plants are classified. We will also learn about microbes, both good and bad.

In **RE** we will be learning about Buddhism with our topic 'Journey of Life and Death'. We will be focusing on the Buddhist concept of refuge, particularly on the Three Refuges that Buddha established: Buddha, Dharma and Sangha.

PE this half term is on a Tuesday and Thursday. Tuesday's lessons will be developing pupils' outdoor skills in orienteering, giving directions and map reading. On Thursday's lessons we will be working on our techniques as we play striking and fielding games. Parents can help pupils practise their times tables, gaining in speed, practise their spellings and gain confidence with key grammar terms.

Thank you, Miss Miles



Diary Dates, Educational Visits, Term Dates

Other News



Class Assemblies

Wednesdays at 9.00am in the school hall for parents and grandparents of children in:

Planet Class **28th June**

Galaxy Class **5th July**

Stars Class **12th July**

Leaver's Assembly **To be Confirmed**

Educational Visits & Events

11 May Year 4 Trip to Burwell House

17th May Year 5 and 6 Netball Competition 4 - 6 pm

23rd May Year 3 and 4 Tennis Competition 4 - 6pm

15th June Year 5 Thorpe Woodlands

29th and 30th June Year 4 African Adventure

Week beginning **Monday 3rd July** Year 5 Bikeability

5th July Year 4 Multisport Competition 9.00am - 12.30pm

Diary Dates

27th April Class Photos

13th May FAPONS Family Quiz Night at the Village Hall 4 - 6.30pm

25th May Cake Sale Year 5 and 6 From **Friday 9th June** FAPONS will be doing Freeze Friday.

14th July TBC FAPONS Summer Fayre after school

PE Kits

Please ensure that your child has a named PE kit (including suitable footwear) in school EVERY DAY. Children should not wear jewellery, earrings should be removed and long hair must be tied back. Children wearing tights should bring a pair of socks, as some PE lessons will be outside. Track suit bottoms are also allowable items of kit for outside games.

Mathletics

We would encourage your children to use Mathletics as part of their homework. It costs the school about £1000 a year for children to use Mathletics, so please make the most of it!



Supporting Us In School

Can you help in school for a few hours each week? We would love to see you! The children really enjoy the extra support they receive from volunteers in school and their curriculum is enriched too! A DBS check is required for regular volunteers.

Term Dates

Summer Term 2017

18 April-21 July 2017

PD Day 5 June

Half term break: 29 May-2 June

Return of the chickens

Our chickens have been allowed to roam again following the bird flu restrictions being lifted.

Share Day

We do plan to run a Share Day in the second half of the summer term. Key Stage 2 will have a focus linked to Eco-Schools, with Key Stage 1 having a global theme.

Sports Day



We are in the process of trying to arrange a sports day at a different venue. We will keep you updated with arrangements.

Bags 2 School Thank you to those of you who filled and returned your bags. The school received £104.00.

Easter Egg Colouring Competition

We had many entries and the competition raised £63.14

Children's Achievements



Congratulations!
Elliott Sparkes
For getting distinction for debut level in Rock School Electric Guitar Exam



Congratulations!
Caitlin Millen
Achieving Gold Award on Mathletics



Congratulations!
Darcey Brown
For raising £190 for Little Princess Trust



Congratulations!
Rosie Belham
Achieved Pony Test A



Congratulation
Matilda Marshall
Achieved Pony Test A



Congratulations!
Archie Sparkes
Achieving Merit in Grade 2 Guitar Exam



Congratulations!
Oscar Gleeson
For his swimming ASA Stage 5 Award



Congratulations!
Faramir Newport
For passing his Stage 1 Swimming Award



Congratulations!
Theo Newport
For passing his Stage 2 Swimming Award

