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Newsletter 2



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Welcome back I do hope you had a wonderful half term break and enjoyed the lovely autumnal weather. As we enter Autumn 2, there are many exciting events planned for this half term, with some key celebrations happening at the end of the year.

Communication Communication is so important to us at Norton CEVC School. If there is a concern, however small, please come and share it with us. If we are aware, then we can promptly deal with any situation or look to solve it. Teachers will be available at the end of the day and there is always a member of staff on duty in the morning to pass on any information you may have. I would always say face to face communications with the class teacher is the best practice, however I appreciate that this is not always possible. Each class has Class Dojo and one of the features of this app is that you can send the class teacher a message. Teachers will always aim to respond promptly within school hours. I am aware that classes have their own WhatsApp Parent Groups. These are not part of the school's communication systems, so if you need to clarify or confirm anything school-related then please contact the office.

Alternatively, you may wish to speak with me as Headteacher, and I am usually available at the beginning or end of the day so if necessary we can arrange an appointment.



Reading Volunteers Wanted At Norton we recognise that reading is so important as it is the key to knowledge. It has been so great to see the children using the library and completing so many Accelerated Reader quizzes, in fact last year, as a school, we read over 70 million words! Hearing children read individually is a priority and so, if you are a parent/carer who would be willing to volunteer to come for an afternoon or morning once a week to hear children read, then please speak to the office.



Parent Questionnaire Thank you so much to everyone who took the time to complete the parent questionnaire during Parents' Evening. Parent Questionnaires are important to us as the results provide the school with a clear picture of how you, as parents view the school; what we are doing well and how we can further improve. I am pleased to say that the responses we have received so far have been incredibly positive with everyone stating that they would recommend the school to others. Many of the comments shared referred to the school being supportive, friendly, staff who care and know the children and welcoming. These views are wonderful as it reflects our vision and the values of the school. As a school, we value your opinion on how we can improve and we will take on board the comments raised and will look to address them in the coming terms. We will soon be sending out information which will provide further clarity and analysis of the data.

Parking Please can I say thank you for respecting the residents of School Close and not parking in particular bays which have been highlighted for residents and ambulance only. I have noticed a real difference in the reduced number of cars driving down School Close and I have received fewer complaints from residents which is positive. I have received an email from 'The Dog' politely asking for me to share with parents not to use their car park as they are finding that deliveries are struggling to access the site as well noticing times when there are no spaces for their customers to park. Ultimately they are concerned about the safety of the pupils when the car park is being used frequently during the day. I can appreciate that it can be difficult to find a safe and appropriate car parking space but with the Village Hall finishing their works, as well as the Salvation Army carpark being back in use, I am hoping that this will not be an issue. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Staff Changes During Autumn 1 we said a sad goodbye to Mrs Thomas as she left Norton to work full time at a school in Stowmarket. Mrs Thomas had been a Midday Supervisor and Teaching Assistant for several years. This term we welcome Mrs Sarah Radford, who will be working in Star Class with Ms Bauly moving to Year 1.

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Special points of interest:

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- ☉ All newsletters, important events and updated school policies are published on our website. See the regular gallery of children's work and photos of latest events too.

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Governor News Next week the Annual Meeting of the Governing Body will take place and I will be standing down as the Chair of Governors after six years in the role.



I was elected Chair shortly after Mrs Sparkes was appointed as Headteacher in 2017 and have throughout the time since, enjoyed a fantastic working relationship with her, her staff and my fellow Governors and I am extremely grateful for all their hard work and support. Reflecting on my time as Chair, I believe that collectively, we have continued to ensure that pupils at Norton Primary School enjoy a high quality of education and experiences that set them up for their next stage in education and in their future lives. Some specific things that have also been achieved are:

- Consistently achieved results in national tests above or significantly above the national standard
- Two new KS2 classrooms for Years 5 and 6
- New Library and Intervention satellite rooms
- A new dedicated Computer Suite
- New Early Years outside area
- Continued high quality provision during COVID

I will be remaining as Governor at the school and look forward to being a part of future successes and achievements. We currently have a couple of vacancies for Governors and I urge you to consider joining our great team. One is for a parent Governor and the Headteacher has written to you soon in relation to this. The second is for a Co-Opted Governor who can bring educational or business skills to the team. The commitment is not significant and amounts to a couple of hours each month. If you would like to know more about either of these roles, please get in touch with me via the School Office.

As a school we would like to thank Paul for his support and commitment to the school and his real passion to continue to make Norton a thriving school in the village.

Thank you for supporting the Hospice. We recently received a message from the Hospice after raising £180 at the end of the summer term from collections during our Key Stage 2 Performances

As a charity, St Nicholas Hospice Care strives for everyone to matter in life and death. Alongside providing specialist clinical and counselling care, we also seek to equip people in their own communities to be better able to live with dying, death, caring and grief, not only that we deliver compassionate services that meet the needs of our community but also help people to feel prepared and able to support one another.

Your donation is a vital contribution to the thousands of people we support each year in West Suffolk and Thetford and we are very grateful to have received it.

With kind regards, St Nicholas Hospice Care

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FAPONS Welcome back after half term! Before the week off, FAPONS held their AGM. Unfortunately Lauren had to step down as Chair due to other commitments, and so I would just like to introduce myself as the new FAPONS Chair for the upcoming school year. My name is Emma Maynard and I have two daughters in the school, Eleanor in Star class and Olivia in Comet class. Alongside myself will be Linda Crawford who will continue to hold the Secretary role. Myself and the full FAPONS team are keen to start the year's fundraising and already you may have heard about several things happening before the end of 2024. We have opened the Christmas shop with the children's designs. All children should have brought home their Christmas designs for you to see. Please note, the shop closes at 12 noon on 15Nov. We have the Anti Bullying Week school disco on 14Nov, bookings can be made via BOPP. Next, FAPONS were kindly approached by Norton Baptist Church asking if we would like to fundraise for the school, and provide refreshments during the upcoming Saltmine family pantomime on 23Nov. Tickets are still available to purchase! Lastly, ahead of the festive period FAPONS will be holding Christmas jumper/ t-shirt /outfit sales on Monday 25 November and 2 December at the shed after school. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. As well as all this we will continue with the uniform sales each Monday after school at the shed. If anyone has any ideas of fundraising events please do let me know or if anyone wants to get involved in FAPONS we would of course welcome you. Thank you for your continued support!



Lunchtime and After School Clubs and Activities

Mondays

- 12.15-1.00pm Ukulele Club
- 3.15-4.00pm Choir Year 2-6
- 3.15-4.00pm Dodgeball (Key Stage 2)

Tuesdays

- 8.00 –8.45 Yoga (Key Stage 2)
- 12.00-12.30 Book Club Year 4(Key Stage 1)
- 3.15-4.15pm Running Club (Years 3-6)
- 3.15-4.15 Racquet Club (Years 3-6)

Wednesday

- 12.00-12.30 Year 5 Book Club
- 12.00-12.30 Junior Journalists (Year 5 and 6 fortnightly)
- 3.15-4.15pm Premier Football Club (Years 1-4)

Thursdays

- 12.00-12.30 Key Stage 2 Timestable Rockstars
- 12.00-1.00 Premier Sport - Key Stage 2 Football and Early Years Stay Active
- 3.15-4.30pm Lighthouse Club Years 1-6

Fridays

- 8.00-8.45am Gymnastics Year EYFS -4
- 12.00 –12.30 Year 6 Book Club
- 3.15-4.15pm Fun and Fitness (Years 2-4)
- 3.15—4.30 Warhammer Club (Year 6)

We have now appointed Sports Ambassadors and together with Mr. Kerry they have planned a timetable of events for all the children to enjoy!

If you wish your child to attend any of the after school clubs then please contact the office as there is availability in some clubs.





Pupil-led Groups



At Norton we believe it is important that our pupils are involved in making our school the best school it can possibly be, their voice and actions do count and matter and we are so pleased that the children are keen and willing to be actively involved in school life. Here is what the committees and teams have been working on and the plans for this term.

Our Year 6 **Worship Team** have settled into their roles brilliantly, leading and evaluating our assemblies. This half term we are focusing on the value of compassion. Worship Team will be developing an advent compassion challenge - details coming soon.

School Eco Committee: We have recently completed our Green Flag Action Plan and have started implementing some of the brilliant ideas to improve our school. Our focus on 'School Grounds' has begun with us recycling the cardboard boxes used for fruit deliveries as a base for a 'no dig' vegetable patch. We hope to use the compost we have created in previous years as a base for planting. We are keen to order a set of litter pickers to keep our playground tidy and have already helped Star Class to compost some of the leaves that have filled their garden recently. We are keen to share our ideas about farming and the environment and have an assembly ready for later this term. Keep thinking about the wonderful world around us and enjoy all that autumn brings. Ralph, Elliot, Louisa, Rowen, William, Nina, Ottoline, Grace and William.

Our new **School Council** have been elected by each class. We are aiming to meet regularly to discuss all things linked to the school. Last half term we worked on how we could improve lunchtimes in the hall and came up with some simple and polite rules so that everyone enjoys eating their lunch with friends. We have also looked around the school and identified areas where we could make improvements. This term we will look at the results following our 'Pupil Voice' survey and see whether we can implement any suggestions or improvements made by the children.

Behaviour Ambassadors: This year we welcomed 3 new Yr5 Ambassadors to the team: Ivy Goss, Poppy Maker and Hattie Findlay. As we hope you were aware, we celebrated 'Kindness Day' last half term when the ambassadors looked out for Acts of Kindness and gave stickers. Each class tallied these and Meteors were found to be the Kindest class at Norton.

Sports Ambassadors: Our Sports Ambassadors have been working hard with Mr Kerry. They have recently updated the Sports Board and are actively celebrating achievements in the Celebration assembly on Fridays. As well as helping with the scrap shed, each Friday lunchtime they run activities for different classes. So far they have played parachute games with Star Class, hockey skills with Key Stage 2 and ball skills with Key Stage 2.

Junior Journalists: Last half term George K, Phoebe, Darcy, Brodie and Owen researched the story of 2 astronauts stuck on the international space station and when they may be able to come home. They linked their assembly to our values of community, courage and perseverance. This half term, Grace, Georgia, Mia, Isabella, Sienna and Millie are planning on researching and delivering an assembly linked to remembrance



Update on Attendance As you will be aware, one of the school's priorities is linked to attendance. We continue to see an improvement with children arriving late which is really good to see. Punctuality is so important as each class starts promptly, with gates opening at 8.35am to allow for a 8.45pm start. Our attendance for last half term was 96.2%, compared to 95.5% for local primary schools. With the colder weather approaching, let's hope that not too many of us will suffer from virus, cough and colds that prevent us from attending school.

Attendance Matters



If you are struggling to get your child to school then please let us know so that we can provide support and guidance. We have an experienced ELSA Team who will be willing to advise and work with families.

Stars

Welcome back, we hope that you all had a lovely half term.

We are so pleased with the way the children have settled into school life. They have learnt the routines of star class and of school quickly and easily. This term we welcome Mrs Radford to our class.

We are very impressed with how well they are learning sounds and beginning to blend these to read words. This half term we will focus more on reading simple stories and writing words. As we have mentioned, the video clips on the parent's page of the Ruth Miskin website are really useful in helping your child in the early stages of reading. Here is the link <https://ruthmiskin.com/en/find-out-more/parents/>. We will continue to send home our class reading books and encourage you to share these with your children. Mrs Sparkes comes in each week to read the children a story and is always

so impressed with how engaged the children are.

Our topic for this half term is **Celebrations**. Within this topic we will look at Diwali, Guy Fawkes – Bonfire Night, Thanksgiving, Weddings, Birthdays and Christmas. More details about this are included in the Topic Web attached. In **Maths** we will be counting, ordering and writing numbers to 10 and learning about simple addition and subtraction. We will investigate time, size and length. We will also send home some topic homework ideas. These will provide excellent opportunities to take photographs and add these to Tapestry. If you still need any help with Tapestry, please let us know.

Our **PE** days will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please ensure that a named PE kit is in school, hair is tied back on these days and that all jewellery including earrings are removed. We will still go outside when the

weather allows, therefore, please also ensure that named PE shoes are included and joggers and a jumper would be useful. In **RE** we will be thinking about how and why Christians celebrate Christmas. In Personal Social Emotional Development (PSED) we will be talking about similarities and differences between us, including beliefs and ways in that our families and homes are special to us. In **Music**, Mr Cole will be teaching us how to use musical instruments carefully and correctly and using these in Christmas songs and poems. We are continuing with our basic skills in **art and craft**, learning how to use tools correctly and to mix colours and materials to get the outcomes we are happy with. We are going to be using these skills to make some lovely Christmas decorations.

We are looking forward to another fantastic half term with the class. Please do not hesitate to speak to one of us if you have any concerns or questions. Thank you, Mrs Bouttell and Mrs Cole



Galaxies



always using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces.

We will still be using 'Read Write Inc' to help us with our phonics. Don't forget to read the RWI book at home with your child at the end of each week. The children will begin to have spelling tests every Friday, applying the sounds we have learnt to their writing as well as common exception words that cannot be sounded out.

In **Maths**, we will be developing our understanding of addition before moving on to subtraction. We will become more fluent with our number bonds to 10. We will be learning how to use a number line or counters to help us add or subtract numbers. We will then be moving on to learn about 2D and 3D shapes.

In **Science**, we will be carrying out scien-

tific investigations testing the properties of everyday materials. We will also be thinking about changes that occur during Autumn. It would be great if the children could bring in items to make an autumnal investigation table – leaves, cones conkers etc.

PE will take place every Monday and Wednesday. Please make sure your child has appropriate clothing and footwear for outside PE as it starts to get colder in the coming months. Tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt are a great addition to the PE kit at this time of year. Please also ensure everything is clearly named. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us via Class Dojo. Thank you, Mrs Rossiter and Mrs Harris

Welcome back, we hope you had a lovely half term break. Our **Geography** topic this half term will be answering the question 'Where do I live in the world?' We will be looking at maps, identifying where the UK is located and learning about the geography of our local area.

In **English** we will be learning about writing our own sets of instructions. We will also be writing for purpose using the book 'Dogger' to inspire us. We will be writing posters, signs and advertisements. We will continue to develop our basic punctuation, making sure we are



Planets



I hope you had a lovely half term and welcome back to Autumn 2.

In **English** we will start the half term by looking at some traditional tales. We will be developing our descriptive writing and using conjunctions to extend our sentences. We will then use the book *Katie in London* as the inspiration for our recount writing before looking at the work of Anthony Browne. In our grammar lessons this half term we will learn about expanded noun phrases and different sentence types.

In **Maths** we will be focusing on addition, subtraction and shape. We will be working on building our stamina for 5x, 2x and 10x tables. We will use tens and ones and learn

about the exchanging process as we move forward. In shape, we will be learning about 2-D and 3-D shapes, as well as vertices, edges and symmetry.

Our **Geography** topic for this half term is Around the UK. We will identify where the UK is in the world and learn about the countries of the UK along with their capital cities. We will then move on to look at map making, thinking about compass directions and how to create our own maps. In **Science** our unit of work is Materials. We will be identifying different materials and their properties. We will be considering what the materials could be used for and what makes them suitable for that task.

Our **PE** days are still Wednesday and



Thursday afternoons, where we will be working on sending and receiving.

In **Art**, we will be looking at different textile processes and materials that we can use to create a certain effect; such as dip dye. We will also be making our own Indian relief block prints.

You can help your child at home by listening to them read daily, help them to correct their spelling homework, use TT Rockstars to support their maths and learning their 5- and 10-times tables. Please look on our class page of the website for the knowledge organiser for our topic and a copy of the topic homework.

Please do keep an eye on dojo for regular updates and photos from our learning in class!

Thank You Mrs Diggins

Comets



Welcome back! We hope you had a fun and restful half term with your families and friends.

We are continuing with our prehistoric topic, moving on from the Stone and Bronze Ages to think about how life developed during the Iron Age.

In **English**, we will be writing explanations, explaining how Stone Age people hunted for mammoths and how the water cycle works.

We will be learning how to group information into paragraphs and sequence these in a chronological order. The children will be using technical vocabulary, which they will define in a glossary. Towards the end of the term, we will be moving on to poetry, performing and writing poems with a prehistoric theme.

In **Maths**, we will be continuing to work on using the column method for addition and subtraction. We will learn how to

exchange when the calculations cross a 10 or 100 and apply this method to problem solving and reasoning activities. Then we will move onto multiplication and learn how to use the multiplication facts we know to help us with worded problems. In **Science**, we are moving on to a new unit: Nutrition and Skeleton. We will explore what humans and other animals need to remain healthy, as well as learn the names and functions of muscles and different skeletal systems. A new knowledge organiser will be sent home with the children to share what they will be learning in this unit.

In **RE**, the children will be learning about Hinduism. We will be learning about the concept of karma and how it affects how Hindus live their lives.

We look forward to sharing the children's

homework in class on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd December. These will then be displayed at the Homework Exhibition in the hall on Wednesday 4th December. In the meantime, if you would



like to share what you are working on please send pictures via ClassDojo.

Remember that spelling home learning is expected to be returned no later than Thursday morning. Mighty Maths tests continue to take place every other Friday. Please also continue to work on your Maths Targets at home and send the book back when your child is ready to be tested. We are so impressed with the targets completed already.

Our **PE** sessions are on Tuesday mornings when we will be developing the skills needed to play a game of netball. On Thursday afternoons we will be exploring dance. We will practise and perform movements in unison and contact with a partner.

We will have our first **DT** week towards the end of term, when we will design and create a photograph frame.

If you have any questions or concerns; feel free to catch one of us after school or contact us via Class Dojo. Thank you Mrs Herbert and Mrs Flintoft.

Rockets



Welcome back! We hope you had a good break and are ready for another busy half term.

We will be continuing with our topic of **Groovy Greeks!** We will be learning about the difference between Athenian and Spartan civilisations; the government in Ancient Greece; and considering how we know so much about the Ancient Greeks today. We are looking forward to our Greek Day on Tuesday Nov 12th. Don't forget to come dressed as an Ancient Greek.

In **English**, we will continue with some work on poetry. We shall learn about poems using prepositions before writing some poems based on Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day.

Following this, our **English** work will be based

Meteors



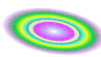
This half term our principal focus is our history topic and many of our topic homework activities reflect this.

As **Historians**, we will learn why and how the Anglo-Saxons settled in Britain. We will study aspects of their daily life, including their food and farming, their settlements and housing, their belief systems and their social hierarchies.

In **English** we will start by basing some creative writing on the Anglo-Saxon legend of Beowulf. We will then write a report on the discovery of the Anglo-Saxon treasure hoard at Sutton Hoo, before finishing with a Horrible Histories-inspired persuasive text.

We are reading 'The 1000yr Old Boy' by Ross Welford together in class, a novel that spans ten centuries of intrigue! In Guided Reading sessions, we will tackle texts which support

Supernovas



Welcome back to the second half term of this academic year, I hope you had a nice break.

English: As writers, we start with some creative writing based on the short-animated film 'Beyond the Lines' in which two children are transported back to the D-Day beaches through the correspondence of their grandfather. To complement further our History learning, we will be writing the biography of Cecil Brinkley, a soldier from Norton who served in WW2 and saw action at D-Day and in the Allied push into Normandy. Whole class guided reading continues with extracts from our class readers, as well as investigations of a range of text types, including poetry, lyrics, news reports & information.

Maths: Units of study this term will cover the areas of fractions, decimal fractions and geometry. We will explore equivalent fractions, improper fractions and mixed numbers, and

on the book 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'. We will be using this in our guided reading sessions and then to inspire our writing.

In **Maths**, we will be focusing on multiplication and division. We will be developing confidence with all of our times tables, up to 12 x 12, as well as becoming secure with related division facts. We shall also be multiplying three numbers together. Previous learning will be revisited and secured.

In **Science**, we will begin new learning about how to group living things using their characteristics, diets and habitats. We will learn how to classify animals and plants using classification keys and conduct a local habitat study.

We will continue swimming at Stowmar-

our history learning as well as using our reading skills to explore the intricacies of poetry and song lyrics.

As **Mathematicians**, we practise arithmetic and multiplication facts daily, as well as revisiting key skills as part of our 'flashbacks' to keep our learning fresh in our minds. Topics this term in Maths lessons include Multiplication and Division, before we turn our attention to Fractions. We will also work hard to fine tune our formal methods of calculation.

As **Scientists**, we are getting stuck into our next unit of study: forces. We will explore friction, air resistance, water resistance and gravity, and look forward to some great practical work. We also will be finding out about the amazing achievements of Sir Isaac Newton.

As **Artists**, we will be exploring textiles with some weaving, inspired by artists

the conversions between them. Then we will learn how to calculate using fractions and decimals in the four operations. Our arithmetic focus continues to build as the term progresses as we look to rehearse existing skills and master new ones: we will work hard on our tables, key mental skills and number relationships, with a 'little and often' approach helping us to build fluency.

Science: In Science, we will be investigating the properties of light, specifically how light travels and how we see. Working scientifically, we will be testing the idea that light travels in straight lines, and looking at what makes different materials opaque, translucent and transparent. Then we will move on to the eye, looking at its anatomy and learning about how this complicated organ works. We will also carry out a dissection of pigs' eyes to examine how the different parts of the eye look when compared to their diagrammatic forms.



ket Leisure Centre on Thursday mornings up to Christmas. We will also continue with Mighty Maths tests this year. Autumn term will use Purple, which tests your 2-, 3-, 4-, 5-, 6-, 8- and 10-times tables. We will do this in class every other Friday. Remember, you are aiming first to achieve full marks within three minutes, and after that you will be trying to beat your time. Do make use of TT Rockstars to increase your fluency in recalling these number facts. We have introduced a new incentive this half term which means the children can earn themselves a dojo for every day they spend at least 10 minutes in games on TT Rockstars. This will be checked every Friday and dojo points added at the end of each week. Thank you, Miss Miles & Mrs Gibbs.

such as Tammy Kanat and Sheila Hicks. Mr Kershaw continues to work on listening and appraisal skills, singing and performing, as our mastery of the clarinet improves each week.

In **RE**, Mrs Sturman revisits the big question, 'Where do people look for answers to life and living?', but this time from an Islamic perspective.

In **PSHE**, we are 'Celebrating difference', and exploring themes of bullying, discrimination and racism.

In **French**, we are studying the topic of Les Vêtements and describing the clothes we wear.

PE on Tuesday will be fitness sessions, and on Fridays, we will be getting to grips with tag rugby! Thank you Mr. Mabbitt

Geography: As Geographers, we will be finding out where our electricity comes from and how it is made. We will look at different sources of energy, both renewable and non-renewable, and examine the causes of global warming and climate change.

Design Technology: Using our learning about circuits, we will create a 'Steady Hand' game that utilises a buzzer and wires, testing the user's ability at moving a wand along a wiggly wire without touching it. This will take place in a block, nearer the end of term.

Other Foundation Subjects:

Computing: Online safety & Text-based Adventures

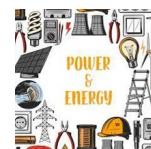
RE: (Mrs Sturman) Christianity - Incarnation

PSHE: Celebrating difference

PE: Hockey and Dance (STOMP musical)

French: The Cinderella Story

Thank You, Mr Kerry



Diary Dates: Please see website for more information

Wednesday 6 November Year 3 'Day in a Life of a Caveman'

Wednesday 6 November EYFS Reading Workshop

Monday 11 November Children will be walking to the War Memorial

Monday 11 November Anti Bullying Week

Tuesday 12 November Year 4 'History off The Page'

Tuesday 12 November Odd Sock Day

Thursday 14 November FAPONS Disco

Friday 15 November Children in Need raising funds by wearing spotty/stripy/colourful clothes. £1 donation. The children will be given a Children in Need cupcake

Friday 15 November 1.30pm Photographer catch up session

Friday 29 November PE Enrichment Boxercise

Wednesday 4 December Year 5 Class Assembly @9.00am

Wednesday 4 December @ 3.15 pm Homework Exhibition

Wednesday 4 December U11 Dodgeball Festival 3.45—5.30

@Thurston Community College

Friday 6 December ELSA Coffee morning at 9.00am

Wednesday 11 December @ 2pm EYFS and Key Stage 1 Christmas Production

Wednesday 11 December U9 Dodgeball Festival 3.45—5.30 @Thurston Community College

Thursday 12 December Christmas Jumper Day (£1 donation to Home Start)

Thursday 12 December @ 6pm EYFS and Key Stage 1 Christmas Production

Friday 13 December Singing at Stowlangtoft

Monday 16 December Carol Service at Salvation Army Hall Key Stage 2@ 9.15am and EYFS and Key Stage 1 @ 10.30am

Wednesday 18 December Christmas Dinner

Friday 20 December Last Day of Term

Monday 6 January Back to school



Collective Worship Wednesday assemblies now have a Global Citizen theme. Many assemblies will be led by children and will explore global, national and local events and issues. Encouraging them to become courageous advocates; having the confidence to speak up about something that is important to them. Our Christian Value for this half term is Compassion. Attached is a sheet linked to the Values for Life scheme that we use in assembly. As a family you may like to choose one week this half term where you have 'a random acts of kindness' week, and do something kind for someone each day. Try to do it without telling people it was you!



Times Table Rockstars (TT Rockstars) and Numbots All children in Star Class and Year 1 should have a Log in to Numbots and the other pupils should have access to TT Rockstars. If you don't have a log in, then please let your teacher know. Times Tables Rock Stars is a maths programme that takes all the worry out of learning times tables and has a proven track record of boosting children's fluency and recall in multiplication and division. The goal of Numbots is for pupils to use efficient mental calculation strategies to add and subtract two-digit numbers, so that they can leave counting on their fingers behind! As part of the children's weekly homework visit the sites each week and improve fluency and build on existing knowledge.



Children's Achievements



Each half term we like to celebrate the children's achievements for the activities they do outside of school. During the term, if your child passes an exam or is part of an event then please let the school office know and we will aim to include it in the next newsletter.



Congratulations!

Isla McNamara who received her 10 metre unaided/independent swimming certificate



Congratulations!

Annabelle Hadley-Brown for winning the Suffolk Libraries design a bookmark competition.



Congratulations!

Dottie Gleeson has been invited to attend a trial with Norwich City FC after a representative scouted her during a recent U11 football match.

Congratulations!

Niamh Widdicks who has won 5 x 1st places and 1 x 2nd place in her most recent Irish dancing competition, moving her up to interme-



Bold Adventurers

One of our Curriculum Drivers for our school is Bold Adventures:

We want our children to lift their eyes from the screen to be excited by the real world, engaging in rich experiences to develop their imagination. We want children to develop their confidence, allowing them to manage real risks by having fun and a little danger!

During Friday Celebration Assembly we recognise children who are being bold adventures both in or outside of school. As we go through this half term, if you feel your child has been a bold adventurer then please let us know by contacting the office or messaging the class teacher via Class Dojo. Last half term we received some amazing examples of being bold adventurers.

Congratulations!

Zeena Smith who kindly donated 8 inches of her hair to the Princess Trust.



Congratulations!

Ciara Widdicks who has qualified for the Southern England Regional Championship in Irish Dancing.



Congratulations!

Niall Millen for passing Swim England Level 8.



Congratulations!

Isabella Gale for coming Runner Up in the final of the Under 14's Tennis Tournament at her Tennis Club.

