

Norton Hill News



Newsletter 1 - Monday 18th September 23

We have all stepped back into our daily routines and the children have been exceptionally busy with their new learning challenges. All of the children have settled so well and I am extremely proud of them all. Our Harvest celebration dates have now been released and as we grow we have realised that we won't all be able to fit in the hall. To support our growth and spaces-we have decided to split the children into two assembly groups this year.

We are also starting to add new dates to the diary and our PKA will be releasing the dates of any upcoming events too. Please keep an eye out as we need your support.

Curiosity Corner

Curiosity Corner has had an adventure-filled week, full of exploring our nursery and school. We have spent time in our music room, library, Ramsey Room and Picasso Room. It has been amazing to see the children picking up/ remembering all the nursery routines and making new friends. We have been investigating our colours and have been using our singing skills to learn lots of new nursery rhymes to support our counting. The children have had the opportunity to become Artists, where they explored different forms of art, colours and textures. Children have especially enjoyed exploring our outdoor area taking part in building, digging, waterplay and much more.

Well done Nursery for an amazing first week, it has been lovely to see everyone settle in so nicely and we are looking forward to the rest of the year!



SCHOOL START AND FINISH TIMES

School start time: 8.45am

Pick up time: 3.15pm

Morning drop off

Gates to all classrooms are unlocked from 8.35am daily. Children are encouraged to enter classrooms independently from this time and commence a morning task.

HEADTEACHERS AWARD

Friday 8th September
Headteacher awards go to

Cricket Class: Lara
Dragonfly Class: Jack
Dolphin Class: Reggie
Turtle Class: Arthur
Gecko Class: Daniel & Carter

Friday 15th September
Headteacher awards go to

Cricket Class: Dilys
Dragonfly Class: Addelyn
Dolphin Class: Max
Turtle Class: Amelia
Gecko Class: Charlie

Special mentions to Year 1

Lara for settling in so well

Jack for a fantastic attitude and working hard.

Year 2

Reggie for a great start to the year and showing resilience.

Arthur for exceptional manners and sharing creative ideas.



Reception

Wow! What a fantastic start to the school year. Our new reception class have exceeded our expectations with how well they have settled in. We have been very busy learning the rules and routines of Norton Hill Primary and it has been wonderful to see so many of the children approaching school life with a smile.

We have been working on writing our names and have started Phonics lessons. The children enjoyed 'Well-being Week' last week where we focussed on making friendships and thinking about our different emotions. The children have also enjoyed a visit to Picasso Room for an Art lesson and a music lesson in our very own Music Room.

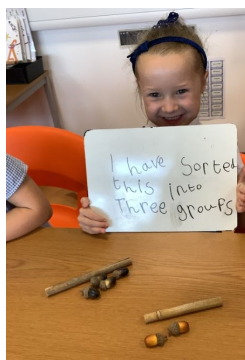
A big well done to all of our new children- we are very excited for the year ahead!



Year 1

Year 1 have hit the ground running with their new learning challenges and routines. We have been so impressed with how well they have settled into their new classrooms. During Wellbeing Week, they looked at how mistakes can help us learn, sharing with others and understanding each others' feelings. The children have enjoyed investigating their new class text, 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers; they have already impressed us with their application of capital letters and full stops. In Maths, Year 1 have been consolidating their place value within 10, and comparing groups of objects. In Music, they have been learning the terminology of 'tempo', 'pulse', 'dynamics' and 'timbre'. During their Science lessons, they have been exploring the different types of weather within each season, and the appropriate clothing they would choose at different points in the year.

We have had lots of fun these last two weeks, and we are looking forward to making smoothies soon in DT!



Outside School Achievements

If your child has received a certificate/trophy please send this in with your child on a Friday morning, so they can share this with us in our celebration assembly on a Friday afternoon. Please do not send in certificates/trophies on any other day.

Name	Class	Achievements
Elsie T	Cricket Class	Completed the summer reading challenge
Aeris	Turtle Class	Completing stage 1 in Swimming
Enzo	Gecko Class	Trained in CPR
Emma	Gecko Class	Completed the summer reading challenge

Year 2

We have loved welcoming back our new Year 2's and what a brilliant start they have had! Both Dolphins and Turtles have settled into their new classrooms and new routines with ease, with help from our Wellbeing Week to start of the new school term!

To start our Wellbeing week we discussed the importance of perseverance and the children experienced this by being put to the challenge in a bridge making activity (with limited resources!). We then moved onto colour expression, where we learnt to take notice of different feelings using colour and mark making techniques. On day three the children got the opportunity to give and receive compliments to one another and explore how this helps us to connect with others. To end the week we discussed generosity and how it feels to be generous with our time, skills and the things we love and we went on a wonderful Growing Minds Nature Walk. This week we have jumped into all things curriculum and all the children have done a brilliant job and we can not wait for the year ahead!



Year 3

Geckos by name and geckos by nature - we have been adapting to all kinds of environments and challenges! We centred the first half of our week on Wellbeing activities woven in with our curriculum and our favourite part was learning that "practice makes progress!". We then used this motto to inspire some bold artwork in the style of Patrick Brill.

The excitement didn't end there though, as later in the week we turned our attention towards some of our brilliant new topics. For example on Thursday, we kicked off our Geography with a virtual exploration of some real life volcanoes around the world and learnt all about the layers of the earth. In Science, we became biologists and uncovered impressive facts about different types of skeletons and why we have one. I am absolutely blown away by their thirst for learning and it is so exciting to be part of the journey. Watch this space...



SCHOOL OFFICE

The school office is manned from 8am until 4pm Monday to Friday. You can also contact the office via email at:

office@nortonhillprimary.com

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Have your circumstances changed over the last year?
Are you in receipt of universal credit or similar?

We may be able to claim additional funding. Please click this link to see if you are eligible.

<https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>



Funded Training

WEST OF ENGLAND
Combined Authority

Bridges

Skills Bootcamp in basic Electrical Installation & Hazardous Area Awareness Training

Have you considered a career in Construction or Engineering?

We are offering a free two-week training course in basic industrial electrical installation which could lead to a new career with us as part of an electrical installation team.

The training will take place from the 9th to 20th October 2023 and is open to anyone over 19yrs of age and is based in certain areas for funding eligibility. The course includes a guaranteed interview with Bridges.

Places are limited, so act now.

For more information or to book a place contact us at learning@bridgesltd.co.uk or on 07941 032919

Assemblies for Harvest Festival



Will be held week beginning 9th October.

YR and Y1- Monday 9th October 2pm
Y2 and Y3- Thursday 12th October 2pm



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Parent Kind Association

Car Park Etiquette

Please can EVERYONE including grandparents/aunties/uncles or any adult picking up/dropping off at school please take care when driving around our car park. For the safety of all children and adults using the car park can we please ask that you:

- Check your speed, some vehicles are travelling at speed through our car park.
- Please DO NOT cut through parking bays, follow the one-way system to the exit.
- When you are picking up/dropping your child off at school please switch your engines off.
- Please do not park in the disabled bays unless you hold a blue badge.
- Please do not park in the layby, in front of the main door to school, without prior arrangement.
- Park in designated parking bays.
- Take care when approaching the 2 zebra crossings.

The next meeting will take place on Friday 22nd September at the Centurion Hotel.

They meet approximately 8 times a year, in which members are encouraged to bring ideas, contribute with their time for events that they put on, and show a keen interest in raising the community profile for the school...for further information please email info.pka.nhp@gmail.com

Birthday Book

There is no requirement to take part in the 'Birthday Book' initiative. Please be reassured that we will always celebrate and mark these important days in our children's lives, whether a book is gifted or not.

[Nursery Wish List](#)

[Reception Wish List](#)

[Year 1 Wish List](#)

[Year 2 Wish List](#)

[Year 3 Wish List](#)

Many thanks

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Details
Friday 22nd September	PKA meeting	9am at the Centurion Hotel
Tuesday 10th October	Individual & School Photos	All children who attend Norton Hill Primary. More information to follow.
Wednesday 11th October	Flu Vaccinations	Reception to Year 3 - Consent required please see SchoolPing
Thursday 19th October	Extra-Curricular Clubs Finish	Y1 - Y3
Monday 30th October	Inset Day	School/Nursery Closed
Tuesday 31st October	Term 2 Starts	

Office News

Absence

If your child is off school, it is very important you phone by 9am on the morning of absence to tell us why. If you leave a message or email please give a brief description of why your child is off. Our statutory duty is to call you if you have only advised us that your child is ill.

School Meals

Please remember to book your school meals by Midnight on Thursdays for the following week. Unfortunately, if you miss this deadline we will be unable to provide a meal and you will need to send your child with a packed lunch.

Wraparound Care

All wraparound care bookings should now be made via ParentPay.

New Starter

I would like to introduce myself 'Andrea Guy'. I am the new Office Administrator, I am here to help and support you all, but please give me some time to get up to speed.