

Norton Hill News

Newsletter 11 - Friday 24th May 2024



MESSAGE FROM MRS WATERHOUSE

Another term has come to an end... The weather has made the beginning of our Summer Term feel much more like early Spring. It has been a pleasure to see the children outside today, enjoying the fresh air and sunshine and we hope that on their return to school, this becomes a common occurrence.

With the good weather on the horizon-it is hoped that we wash away all of the nasty bugs that the children and adults at school have been suffering with and we all find ourselves with good health for the last 7 weeks of term.

The final term for the 23/24 school year will be kicking off on June 3rd and the children will be returning to school for Music Week. We have a great week planned and we will be welcoming lots of visitors including, Wells Cathedral, Samba Musicians, a Gamelan workshop and to end the week- Norton Hill Secondary School will be here to share songs from their school performance "School of Rock."

The final school term also brings transition days which will be held in July and we will also be welcoming our new 24/25 Reception Classes into school to meet with us all.

Summer Term will be busy one so please look out for dates and events including Sports Days, Arts Week and Celebration events. Have a great half term!

HEADTEACHERS AWARD

Friday 10th May
Headteacher awards go to

Bumblebee: Lorelei
Cricket Class: Kasey
Dragonfly Class: Nellie
Dolphin Class: Astrid
Turtle Class: Jaxon
Gecko Class: Maisie

Friday 17th May
Headteacher awards go to

Bumblebee Class:
Priya-Lilly and Mila-Jay
Cricket Class: Jesse
Dragonfly Class: Joseph
Dolphin Class: Raeon
Turtle Class: Henry
Gecko Class: Radley

Friday 24rd May
Headteacher awards go to

Bumblebee: Imogen &
Lennie
Cricket Class: Lois
Dragonfly Class: Bronwen
Dolphin Class: Averie
Turtle Class: Isla
Gecko Class: Alana &
Milena

Reception

We have been Historians this term! We have gone back in time to explore the Stone Age. The children have enjoyed learning about prehistoric life. We have learned about Stonehenge, forged like hunter-gathers and made our very own cave paintings.

Linking to the book 'Where the Wild Things Are', the children created their own wild things where they designed a face, made a heart to bring it to life and then had to care for it for the day. The children were incredibly responsible and blew us away with the amount of care that they showed!



Year 1

We have been on a school trip to Folly Farm where they became minibeast detectives for the day! We explored the wonderful grounds of Folly Farm and took part in a range of activities. The children enjoyed pond dipping where they all learnt a new skill on how to pond dip correctly without harming the wildlife, they then investigated the different minibeasts found in the pond and researched more about them. The children also took part in a woodland walk, throughout the walk they had to search for clues to discover what minibeast they were investigating. The children showed all our school values throughout the day and represented the school brilliantly!



Bikeability Team are pleased to offer free 1-2-1 Family cycle training in Somer Valley during May Half Term. We thought you could maybe help us to promote this popular course.

It is a flexible training designed to instruct parents to shepherd the family group and increase everyone confidence on roads. The first hour will take place off-road where our instructor will introduce basic cycle skills to help prepare everyone to cycle together on roads. Then, the group will have activities on cycle lanes and selected local roads under guidance of our instructor. To attend this course, all riders must be able to ride a bike (set off, pedal, slow down and stop).

Parents can book a place* by clicking <https://forms.office.com/e/NTX2j7F12j>

** Please note that there is a high demand for this service and places are limited. We will operate on a first come first served basis. We will contact you by email to let you know a place is being hold for your family group.*

Course	1-2-1 Family cycle training
Cost	Free
Number of spaces	8 families
Duration	3 hours
Free loan bike & helmet	Available for children and adults
Location	Free Rangers Forest School Nursery. The Mill Barn, Manor Farm, Millards Hill. Midsomer Norton BA3 2BW
Dates & times	Tuesday 28 th May (9:30-12:30) Tuesday 28 th May (13:00-16:00) Wednesday 29 th May (9:30-12:30) Wednesday 29 th May (13:00-16:00) Thursday 30 th May (9:30-12:30) Thursday 30 th May (13:00-16:00) Friday 31 st May (9:30-12:30) Friday 31 st May (13:00-16:00)

RAILWAYS CAN BE DANGEROUS PLACES AND CERTAINLY NOT PLACES TO PLAY OR TAKE SHORTCUTS



On behalf of the heritage railway based at Midsomer Norton South Station, Silver Street, Midsomer Norton. On Saturday 11th May we staged an evening event, part of which involved driving up the line in our Diesel Multiple Unit. On two occasions we sighted groups of young people trespassing on the railway and potentially putting themselves in harm's way. There are multiple dangers on the railway not the least of which is the ability to slip, trip or fall on rails, sleepers and associated railway paraphernalia – we have no forgiving surfaces and anything that the human body could hit is likely to be hard and have the potential to cause injury. The more obvious risk of being hit by a train is hopefully obviated by our staff's attention to detail and proceeding with caution at all times.

Please "Keep off the tracks". We love to see people walking along the path that runs parallel with our line but please stay safe and do not trespass on railway property.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Details
Monday 3rd June	Start of Term 6	
Monday 3rd June	Clubs start (except STEM)	
Monday 3rd to Friday 7th June	Music Week	Whole School
Wednesday 5th June	African Drumming Workshop	Details to follow
Thursday 6th June	Wells Cathedral School	Music Assembly
Friday 7th June	Samba Band Workshop	Details to follow
Monday 10th June	STEM club starts	
Friday 14th June	Rebound Fit Workshop	Details to follow
Friday 21st June	School Disco	4.30-6.00pm Please see SchoolIPing
Monday 24th June	Carymoor Trip	Year R
Friday 28th June	Skipping Workshop	Details to follow
Friday 28th June	Sports Day	Curiosity Corner- Details to follow
Thursday 4th July	Sports Day	Reception and Y1 - Details to follow
Friday 5th July	Sports Day	Y2 and Y3 - Details to follow
Friday 5th July	Clubs Finish	
Monday 8th July to Friday 12th July	Arts Week	Details to follow
Friday 12th July	Summer Bounce	Details to follow
Friday 19th July	Last Day of Term 6	