

Norton Hill News

Newsletter 17 - Friday 9th June

Message from Mrs Waterhouse

Welcome back to our final term of the year. It is a busy term for us all, especially the staff and children. This week we have been participating in our very first music week. I need to say a very big "thank you" to Miss Roberts who has organised a fantastic week of activities for all of our children. We have had a range of visitors, including Norton Hill Secondary's own rock band, Wells Cathedral Choristers and Downside Schools music students. The children have enjoyed the week immensely and we certainly have a few budding musicians in our midst. If you haven't done so already, please take a look at our facebook page to see some of the activities that the children have taken part in over the week.

Sports Day is almost upon us, if the weather remains calm then we are aiming for an afternoon sports day but this could change if the weather becomes too hot or too wet! The children earn points for their house teams throughout the event and will move across stations, ending up in the running heats on the top field. Siblings are placed in the same house team for ease. If the building site next door is calm- you might even hear us!

We are beginning to prepare the children for transition day to be held on July 6th. All of the children will spend the day with their new class and class teacher. Information regarding your child/children's next class will be shared before this takes place and all information will be sent to parents via SeeSaw.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Friday 19th May - Headteacher awards go to:

Bumblebee Class: Aubrie-Lee - For Her efforts at home and at school with her reading.

Caterpillar Class: Lacie - For her excellent writing!

Cricket Class: Daisy K - For her resilience and determination in all areas of her learning.

Dragonfly Class: Averie - For her curiosity and enthusiasm to learning.

Dolphin Class: Ava - For her hard work in English.

Friday 26th May - Headteacher awards go to:

Bumblebee Class: Harry - For his enthusiasm towards his learning about the Stone Age.

Caterpillar Class: Jack - For fantastic understanding of halving numbers to 10.

Cricket Class: Astrid - For her beautiful presentation and handwriting in all areas of her learning!

Dragonfly Class: Finley - For always trying his best and being curious about his learning!

Dolphin Class: Emma - For showing creativity within her artwork.

Reception

Bumblebee and Caterpillar Class have kickstarted their new topic 'What a Wonderful World' this week and have been enjoying exploring maps and planting sunflower seeds.

We have fully immersed ourselves in Music Week and the children have loved being exposed to a range of instruments and musicians! A highlight of the week has been the children participating in a range of workshops including African Drumming, led by Miss Roberts.

We have also started working on our skills that we will be showcasing to you during Sports Day. We have been practising on throwing a beanbag to a target, dribbling a ball and hurdling!

In Maths, we have been learning about numbers 11-20 and explored addition within these numbers.

In Literacy, we have been writing instructions on how to wash a woolly mammoth. The children have absolutely loved this and have produced some fantastic sets of instructions!



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

Booking for Term 6 is also now available:

<https://forms.gle/XuL47DP9X18iVu7BA>

Curiosity Corner

Curiosity Corner has started to investigate the provocation 'How deep is the ocean?' Our first story is 'Rainbow fish'. We have created our own rainbow fish out of salt dough. The children have enjoyed the environment which has lots of ocean related resources in to support our play and learning. One of the biggest pleasures this week, has been to paint our feet to create our very own ocean of rainbow fish. The children's giggles have been a delight to hear.

Before we broke up from half term, we investigated a little about our community. We decorated lots of boxes and turned them into important places important to us. Many of the children created their houses, Tesco and probably the most important to the children, the toy shop!

Lot's of practice has started for our annual sports day. You should all know by now what colour team your child is, however if you haven't please talk to a member of the team.



Staddlestones Reimagined

Improvements to Staddlestones Park

Everyone welcome, come along, bring a picnic, tell us what you think while enjoying some free activities;

- toddler music workshop
- yoga and mindfulness
- nature workshop for families

(use QR code or mobile number to book activities)

Saturday 10th June 2023 10:30 - 14:30
Staddlestones Park, MSN, BA3 2PQ
0797 404 5173

Music Workshop

Time: 10:30 - 11:30
Book on for FREE via the link in our bio!

Staddlestones Reimagined

FREE music and craft session for toddlers
10:30 - 11:30

use QR code or mobile number to book one ticket required per family
Other free activities available to book

Saturday 10th June 2023 10:30 - 14:30
Staddlestones Park, MSN, BA3 2PQ
0797 404 5173

Booking Link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/638717309667>



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Improving People's Lives

Dear Norton Hill Primary School

I am writing to say a huge thank you for your generosity and very kind donations of shower gel for our patients. We really do appreciate your thoughtfulness and support. Your donations have made a real difference.

Thanks once again



Mel Burcombe
 Senior Sister
 William Budd

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

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2IQGG5KNO4VZB?ref=wl_share

Reception Wish List:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2DNUD6UX4WJ21?ref=wl_share

Year 1 Wish List:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/DN5R899VG189?ref=wl_share

Year 2 Wish List:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/VG9KI2CDS4A6?ref=wl_share

Many thanks



Friday 16th June.

In support of the Book Trust, children are invited to wear their PJs and bring in their favourite story.

Donations to be made online to the book trust at:
https://secure.booktrust.org.uk/donation/?_gl=1*_bx8fs9*_ga*NTU5ODYyMiQ2LjE2ODM3MiExNDA.*_ga_42ZTZWFX8W*MTY4MzcyMTEzOS4xLjEuMTY4MzcyMTE2Mi4zNy4wLjA.



Attendance

Well done to Dragonfly Class for achieving best attendance during the week beginning 26th May and Dragonfly Class for achieving best attendance this week.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Details
Friday 16th June	Pajamarama Day	Whole School & Nursery
Monday 19th - Friday 23rd June	Sports Week	
Monday 19th June	Norton Hill Secondary Sports Event	Reception and Year 1
Wednesday 21st June	Norton Hill Secondary Sports Event	Year 2
Wednesday 21st June	Sports Day for Curiosity Corner	2:15pm - 3:00pm
Thursday 22nd June	Sports Day for School Children	Arrive for 1.15pm to start at 1.30pm
Friday 23rd June	Reading Challenge Assembly with MSN Library	Reception - Year 2
Monday 26th - Friday 30th June	Local History Project Week	Whole School
Thursday 29th June	Visit from Geologist Phil Burge	Reception & Year 1
Thursday 6th July	Shuffle Up Day	Whole School
Thursday 13th July	Carymoor Trip	Reception
Friday 14th July	I Am, I Can Bus Visit	Year 2
Monday 17th July	Mobile Library	Reception - Year 2
Tuesday 18th July	Learn with Me Picnic	Curiosity Corner
Friday 21st July	No Afterschool Today	
Friday 21st July	Last Day of Term	

Music Week



Music week has been a great success, with the children experiencing an eclectic range of musical genres. We have had an action packed week full of music making experiences, as well as a multitude of top quality live performances. Some of the highlights of the week include:

- On Monday Year 2 and Reception both enjoyed workshops with a Senior Lecturer at Bath Spa University, focussing on rhythm and pulse. Reception perfected identifying and repeating the pulse. Year 2 were able to experiment with texture and off-beats. All the children tried a range of new unpitched percussion instruments, with one of the favourites being the bongos!
- On Tuesday Year 2 enjoyed a trip to Downside School, visiting the Abbey and attending an amazing concert put on by the Music Department at Downside. We experienced many different instruments... varying from Double Bass to the Harp! Thank you very much to the team at Downside for making this possible!
- On Wednesday Year 1 and Year 2 attended workshops ran by the Director of Music at Prior Park College. They discussed African music as well as singing technique. Year 1 and Year 2 also attended workshops with a Member of Wells Cathedral Choir, discussing life as a singer and how Christians can worship through music. Some children were even able to try chorister cassocks on! The school day ended with a whole school Singing Assembly joint led by the Director of Music at Prior Park College and the Member of Wells Cathedral Choir. After a performance from the musicians of a movement from Bach's Christmas Oratorio ('Bereite dich Zion'), a movement from Handel's Messiah ('Thou Art Gone Up On High') and the piece 'All of Me' for solo piano by Jon Schmidt, we focussed on a traditional Kenyan song. This culminated in a full school performance of the piece.
- On Thursday 'The Pix' visited us from Norton Hill Secondary School! The rock band played the whole school a full set of groovy tunes that we couldn't help but clap and dance along to. The band gave us demonstrations of their instruments and even let some of us try their microphone! Thank you to Norton Hill Secondary School Music Department and to 'The Pix' for a wonderful afternoon!

Thank you very much to all of our guests at music week - we have had a truly fabulous time!





Year 1 Folly Farm Trip

On Monday Dragonfly and Cricket Class visited Folly Farm. We had a wonderful day exploring, discovering and investigating more about minibeasts both in the woodland and in the pond. During the woodland walk the children had to find different locations and then read the clues at that location to help them find out what minibeast to look out for. At the end of the woodland walk the children had time to discuss what they had found out about each minibeast and how we can look after our woodland and minibeasts. The pond dipping was also a brilliant experience. The children got to use nets to scoop out minibeasts and put them into a tray of water, this then allowed the children to look more closely as the minibeasts who live in water and use identification cards to categories and learn more about what they had found.

Lunch prices from September

Lunches for Dolphin Class when they move to Year 3 in September

All children in year 2 will no longer receive Universal Free School Meals from September unless your child is in receipt of means tested Free School Meals. You'll still be able to book a meal in the same way via ParentPay but meals will be charged at £2.80. Please see attached flyer regarding eligibility for FSM, if you think you may be eligible please click the link to apply online.

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

Meals for children attending Curiosity Corner

Currently meals are charged at £2.20 - Unfortunately due to the increasing costs of food and transport meals will increase to £2.40 in September.

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.
- Take care when approaching the 2 zebra crossings.

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**SUMMER
BOUNCE**

Friday 7th July 2023
3.15pm-6pm

BOUNCY CASTLES | BBQ | FACE PAINTING |
GLITTER TATTOOS | SECOND HAND UNIFORM
| LOLLIES | TOMBOLA | CRAFT FAYRE |
GAMES
FREE ENTRANCE!
CASH ONLY EVENT
RAISING MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL PKA