

Norton Hill News



Newsletter 2 - Tuesday 10th October 23

Headteacher message

A big "thank you" for all of the Harvest donations we have received so far, please continue to support Julian House by dropping in any spare cans or dried food before the end of the week. It was lovely to see so many parents attend the Harvest Festival Assembly- the weather has been on the warm side this week so it was slightly surreal talking about Autumn and seasonal changes whilst roasting in the sunshine! Long may the sun shine brightly and warm (at least until Saturday) as we will be holding our annual Scarecrow Hunt on our school grounds. We are hoping to raise a large sum of money that can go towards some more outside equipment in our fabulous playground, this can only happen if our parents and community support the event. There will be hot food served, cakes and sweets, so please bring along those pennies to spend- oh and an abundance of scarecrows for you to find in our fabulous grounds! We hope to see you there.

Curiosity Corner

During space week in Curiosity Corner we have explored all things rockets and space. There was a surprise crash landing from space which the children have been to investigate. We looked for clues to who or what might have crashed into our school!

We have been on lots of Welly Walks to collect and sort some Autumnal objects.

We have been discussing what recycling is and why it is important that we recycle. The children have been using their fine motor skills to pick out the rubbish from the sea and save the animals. What a great week Nursery!



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 22th September
Headteacher awards go to

Bumblebee:

Cricket Class: Kasey

Dragonfly Class: Riley

Dolphin Class: Averie

Turtle Class: Jaxon

Gecko Class: Stanley and Ruby

Friday 29th September
Headteacher awards go to

Bumblebee Class: Imogen

Cricket Class: Jesse

Dragonfly Class: Joseph

Dolphin Class: Raiden

Turtle Class: Henry

Gecko Class: Luna

Friday 6th October
Headteacher awards go to

Bumblebee: Sienna

Cricket Class: Lois

Dragonfly Class: Nevaeh

Dolphin Class: Mila

Turtle Class: Ayva

Gecko Class: Maise



Reception

Calling all astronauts! We have been exploring Space during Space Week. We have been busy labelling and ordering planets in our solar system, discussing the job of an astronaut and making some lost posters linked to our literacy text, 'Beegu'. The children have also enjoyed using Google Earth to explore space and discuss our planet, Earth.

During our Maths lessons the children have explored the cardinal value of numbers and independently grouped Autumn objects to the numerals. Our learning challenge towards the end of the week has been to identify and create repeating patterns.



Year 1

Year 1 have really impressed us with their number and place value knowledge recently. They can confidently represent number facts within 10 using a bar model and part-part-whole model. In their PE sessions, they have been focussing on fitness and health, and the role of their muscles in keeping their bodies fit and active. They have enjoyed developing their hopping, throwing, running and skipping skills, as well as reflecting on how they could improve their agility and accuracy. During Art lessons, the children have been developing their drawing skills, learning about different types of lines and pencil control. They have been choosing a variety of different mediums when drawing..



Year 1 has also been on a fantastic space adventure to celebrate Space Week. We have taken a trip on our space launcher through the solar system, stopping off at each planet to learn fantastic facts about the planets in the solar system. We even have created our own space launchers using different STEM resources.



Tuesday 10th October is photo day!

Photos - Individual and sibling photos of children attending Norton Hill Primary ONLY. We are unable to offer photographs with younger and older siblings not attending school.

- Tax Free Childcare Payments
- From Monday 16th October TFC payments will be allocated to ParentPay on Thursdays. Please ensure you email the school office with the following information
- Unique TFC code
- Amount paid
- Date payment was/will be made

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>

Assemblies for Harvest Festival

Will be held week beginning 9th October.

Y2 and Y3- Thursday 12th October 2.30pm



Norton Hill
Primary School

We are offering Quid a kid for Under 12s for Bristol Bears v Harlequins (Saturday 28 October 2023).



Please contact me if you have any queries and hopefully, we will see you at Ashton Gate soon.

E-mail

matt.chiles@bristol-sport.co.uk

Telephone- 0117 9630611

Seesaw

Teachers use Seesaw to share class/individual learning. It is an extremely useful tool to also contact teachers, please can this only be in relation to your child's learning or passing on information regarding your own child. If you have a concern or a larger issue please contact the School Office who will be able to assist and direct this to the correct member of staff. It is really important that any concerns are addressed promptly, please do not use social media to air any concerns you might have as this is not a conducive environment to help.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Details
Tuesday 10th October	Individual & School Photos	All children who attend Norton Hill Primary. Any nursery child that is not on this day can attend at 8.30 to have there's taken
Wednesday 11th October	Flu Vaccinations	Reception to Year 3 - Consent required please see SchoolPing
Thursday 12th October	Harvest festival	Year 2 and 3 @ 2:30pm
Thursday 19th October	Extra-Curricular Clubs Finish	Year 1 - Year 3
Monday 30th October	Inset Day	School/Nursery Closed
Monday 30th October	Halloween disco	School Children 5-6:30pm. All details have been sent via SchoolPing. Venue: Centurion Hotel
Tuesday 31st October	Term 2 Starts	
Wednesday 1st November	Historical England Visit	Year 1 & Year 3
Wednesday 8th November	Wessex Water Visit	Year 1 & Year 2
Thursday 9th November	Wessex Water Visit	Reception & Year 3
Wednesday 15th November	Cheddar Gorge Trip	Year 3
Friday 17th November	Bath Uni China Society Visit	Year 1
Thursday 30th November	Bath uni Asia workshop	Year 1

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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. Tax Free Childcare payments will be allocated in ParentPay on Thursday.

Leaver

Lilly has completed her year's placement with us and is off to pastures new. We would like to thank her for all she has done and wish her good luck for the future. Please be patient while we look for her replacement.