

Norton Hill News

Newsletter 7 - Wednesday 22nd January 2025



Message from Mrs Waterhouse

Dear Parents / Carers, Although very belated, I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of us all, to wish you a Happy New Year and, although a distant memory, we hope you had a lovely Christmas, managed to relax and had a lovely time with friends and family. It is hard to believe that we are nearly at the middle of the year but I have to say your children are nothing but a credit to you.

I have been spending time in all of the classes since we have returned to school in January and the children have impressed me with their resilience, determination, knowledge and skills. We are certainly extremely proud of our Norton Hill Primary citizens who are simply brilliant in every way! This would not be possible without your support-as always, thank you for your continued support in all we do for the children. This term we have been busy planning school trips; Science Week and fieldwork challenges for all of the children to participate in. Please keep an eye out for dates and events. You will have received information regarding our in house "Spelling Bee" something the children will be working on at home and throughout their time here. The PKA have been planning their Valentine Disco and require three helpers from each year group. If you have some time to help then please contact them directly; without your support we would be unable to host such great events for the children to enjoy. Have an enjoyable January and we look forward to what is ahead.

HEADTEACHERS AWARD

	Friday 20th December	Friday 10th January	Friday 17th January
Bumblebee Class	Toby Noah	Logan	Lorenzo
Honeybee Class	Maya Aleena	Sonny Dylan	Robin
Dragonfly Class	Percy	Archie	Rose
Turtle Class	Charlotte	Dilys	Charlotte
Terrapin Class	Alice	Harry	Nevaeh
Gecko Class	James	Carrie	Astrid
Iguana Class	Henry W	Max	Arthur
Leopard Class	Archie	Darcie Daniel	Ruby



Norton Hill Primary will be celebrating number day this term on Friday 7th February. We are asking all of our children to take up the challenge and dress up for digits! This can be in the form of a favourite cap, or get more creative and design your own costume to wear to school for the day. The children will be participating in a “delightful digit catwalk” so all will have an opportunity to share their fabulous ideas with the rest of the school.

Key Stage 2 will take part in a math-mystery adventure. They will be working together to save Herbie, the brilliant inventor framed for a crime that he did not commit-the challenge is to complete the missions to unlock the evidence. Only then can the crime be solved!

Our early year’s classes will be taken part in Milo’s Money challenge and measuring mayhem; alongside other math challenges throughout the day. Year 1 and Year 2 will be “tying themselves in knots” (not literally) and challenging themselves with Numbots building activities-a great way to use their problem solving skills.

Number Day is a fabulous day and the children really enjoy the opportunity to apply their maths skills in a variety of ways and everyday scenarios. We use the day to fundraise for the NSPCC which support services for children. We will ask for a donation of £1 so that funds can be sent to the NCPC on behalf of our school. We will send more information in due course as the children will also need to bring in some spare pennies that can be used in our pop up candy shop. The shop will provide another hands on opportunity for the children to buy goods and work out the cost of the items and any change needed-a life skill in itself!

Please pop the date into your diary and get your thinking caps on for a creative costume to parade through our school.



Parents Meetings 2025

Tuesday 22nd April	Parent Meeting Reception - Year 4	3.30pm -6.30pm
Wednesday 23rd April	Parent Meeting Reception - Year 4	3.30pm -5.30pm
Tuesday 22nd April - Friday 25th April	Parent Meeting Reception - Year 4	

We look forward to welcoming parents to school for parents meetings. Please be patient if your appointment is at 3.30pm, we need to ensure all children staying for After School Club have moved around the school and are settled before adults enter the building. Please arrive through the front entrance and make your way into the main hall. You will find your child’s book on the table please sit and look through these while you wait for the class teacher.

Please arrive to your appointment on time, if you are late your time with the teacher may be reduced.

VOCAB DAY 2025!

THURSDAY 6TH MARCH

WE ARE INVITING CHILDREN TO COME DRESSED AS A WORD FOR OUR 'VOCAB DAY'. THE AIM OF THIS DAY IS TO BROADEN OUR CHILDREN'S VOCABULARY WITH WORDS THAT THEY MAY NOT HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO BEFORE.

PLEASE CAN THE CHILDREN HAVE THEIR WORD WRITTEN ON A PIECE OF PAPER IN THEIR POCKET- WE WILL BE TRYING TO GUESS WHICH WORD THEY ARE. WE WILL ALSO BE HAVING A VOCABULARY PARADE WHERE ALL OF THE CHILDREN WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO SHOW OFF THEIR NEW WORD. KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED FOR PHOTOS!

IDEAS
ANCIENT (DRESS AS SOMEONE OLD)
MONOCHROME (BLACK AND WHITE CLOTHING)
CELEBRATORY (ADD BALLOONS TO AN OUTFIT)
VIBRANT (WEAR COLOURFUL CLOTHES)



**NORTON HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL'S
STEM FAIR**

We will be celebrating British Science Week from Monday 10th March - Friday 14th March.

The theme this year is 'Adapt and Change'.

We will be hosting the 'STEM Fair' again this year, and pupils are invited to design a Science project based on the theme 'Adapt and Change'. We are extremely excited to see how creative pupils can be themselves!

Projects need to be brought into school on the morning of Monday 10th March, and will be displayed from 3.15-3.45pm each day for family members and pupils to enjoy in Picasso Room.

At the end of Science Week, we will be presenting prizes for winning projects, and certificates for all who participate.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRIES

- Entries must be based around the theme 'Adapt and Change', this can be interpreted anyway as long as it links to Science.
- Entries must be child-led.
- Entries should be no bigger than an A3 piece of paper.

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Primary School**

Office Update

Free School Meals

If you think you may be entitled to Free School meals please click the link below to apply:

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

School meals are now available to book for Term 3 all bookings need to be made via ParentPay by Thursday 2nd January for the first week back. We are unable to provide a meal if you have not booked.

Wraparound Care Bookings - Term 3

Sessions are now available to book via ParentPay.

Tax Free Childcare /Childcare voucher payments - Please allow 1 week for payments to be allocated to ParentPay.

To enable us to allocate the payments quicker please can you email the School Office with the following information EVERY TIME.

- **Child's Unique Reference Code**
- **Date Paid**
- **Amount £**
- **Where and the amount you would like the money allocated in ParentPay i.e breakfast club/after school club/nursery**

Unfortunately we are not able to accept vouchers to pay for extra-curricular clubs/meals or trips.

Emails to school

When contacting the school office regarding your child. Please could you include your child's class for us to be able to process your request quick.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Details
Thursday 6th February	Mshed Museum Trip - Year 4	Details can be found on SchoolIPing
Friday 7th February	Numbers Day	Please see details on flyer and in SchoolIPing message
Monday 10th February	Bristol Aerospace Trip - Year 2	Details can be found on SchoolIPing
Tuesday 11th February	Safer Internet Day	Whole School
Wednesday 12th February	PA Valentines Disco	Reception disco: 4pm - 5pm / Year 1- Year 4: 5:15pm - 6:30pm
Friday 14th February	Term 3 Extra-curricular Clubs finish	
Friday 14th February	No After School Club	
Friday 14th February	Last Day of Term 3	
Monday 24th February	Term 4 starts	
Monday 24th February	Iguana swimming starts	
Thursday 6th march	World Book Day	Vocab Day - See flyer
Monday 10th - Friday 14th March	Science Week	
Friday 21st March	World Poetry Day	
Friday 4th April	No After School Club	
Friday 4th April	End Of Term 4	

