



Weekly News – 12th April 2024

A message from Mrs Farren...

You may have heard that the government is increasing their monitoring of school attendance. Good attendance is crucial for all children and they should only be absent from school if they are ill or there are very unusual circumstances. New regulations state that every state school in England will now share their daily attendance registers across the education sector - including with the department for education, in the next stage of the government's drive to reduce pupil absence in school.

In addition to this, parent fines for unauthorised absences will also be brought under a national framework to help tackle inconsistencies in their use. A fine to parents **must** be considered if a child misses 5 days of school for unauthorised absence. Alongside this, costs for fines will go up from £60 to £80 (per parent, per child) if paid within 21 days and from £120 to £160 (per parent, per child) if paid in 28 days which will ensure all parents are aware of when they might face a fine to ensure all councils are issuing fines appropriately.

Our whole school attendance is currently **93.75%**. I am sure we can improve on this figure this term.

If you have any questions regarding attendance, please do come and have a chat with me.

Mrs Farren and Team Norton

This week Mr Spencer has been really impressed with **Reception** in their PE lesson; they listened well, followed instructions and tried their best. The focus was running style and passing an object using crabby hands. These are part of the fundamental skills taught in the unit of athletics. Reception will be Sports Day ready!



The **Year 1** children had a fantastic time at Bristol Aquarium on Monday and were an absolute credit to the school. They all loved looking at the different sea animals and have since then started writing a recount about the trip.



In **Year 2** we have been planning and starting to write instructions on 'How to trap a wolf'. We have also been experimenting with the Bee Bots and giving them instructions in our computing lessons.

In **Year 4** this week we have begun writing our stories. We have written detailed descriptions using different techniques, such as giving our character a hobby. In computing, we have started our programming unit and had fun trying to work out different commands, like FD 100!

This week has been another fun-filled week in **Year 3**. We designed healthy buffets for a party, ensuring that we had all the food groups. In maths we have started adding and subtracting masses and we have started looking at capacity and volume. Capacity is how much something CAN hold and volume is how much something IS holding. In English, we have been creating our own demi-god character (half Greek God, half human) who will be on a special quest. Stay tuned to the weekly diary for more!

This term, within computing, **Year 6** are looking at 3D modelling through a program called TinkerCad. This week, year 6 have looked at how to manipulate objects by changing their proportions and colour. We then studied different designs and discussed how they were made.

This week **Year 5** have been planning and writing poems related to rivers! Why don't you ask your child how a river is formed and see what you can learn!

Reminder—Full PGL payments due in no later than 28th April 2024

PGL parent meeting—23rd May at 3:30pm



Dates for your diary....

- 3rd May—PTA second hand uniform sale
- 11th May – Love our school (9am-12pm)
- 12th May—PTA car boot sale
- 24th May—PTA Break the rules day

Teacher Led After School Clubs

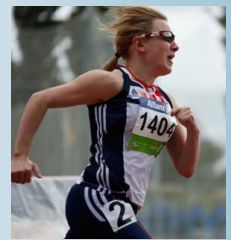
Text have been sent today confirming club places with the exception of:

- ◆ Dance (carried over from last term)
- ◆ Cross Country as this is unlimited
- ◆ Atlas Club will be confirmed at the end of this term

ATHLETE VISIT

We are extremely lucky to be welcoming an award winning athlete Katrina Hart into school next Friday! She is coming to do sports circuits with the whole school and an assembly with the children at the end, where they are welcome to ask questions! Maybe you could research our athlete this weekend and come up with some good questions to ask!

A little bit about our athlete: Katrina is a GB para-athlete who was born with cerebral palsy. She says her PE teacher was the person who encouraged her to really pursue her sporting ambitions and she was already competing by age 14. Despite injuring her hamstring during the 2008 Beijing Games, she won gold at the 2010 Commonwealth Games in Delhi and another gold (as well as a bronze!) at the World Championships in New Zealand. A bronze medal was also won at the London 2012 Games in the 4x100m Relay!



If you'd like to find out more about this visit you can check out the website:

<https://sportsforschools.org/>

Pick up from After School Club

Now we have the lighter nights please collect children from the back gate for after school club.

Next week's diary...

19th April 24	The School Day	After School	Lunch Menu (week 3)
Monday		3:30-4:15pm - Netball, Cross Country	Vegetable Fajitas BBQ Quorn Jacket potato with baked beans, cheese or tuna mayo
Tuesday			Spaghetti Bolognese Cheese & Tomato Pizza Jacket potato with baked beans, cheese or tuna mayo
Wednesday	Year 2 trip	3:30-4:15pm - Infant Football, Dance, Card Games	Roast Gammon Vegan Quorn Jacket potato with baked beans, cheese or tuna mayo
Thursday		3:30-4:15pm - Basket Ball, Craft & Crochet, Cooking	Chicken Paella Spinach & Cheese Whirl Jacket potato with baked beans, cheese or tuna mayo
Friday	Athlete visit		Fish Fingers Cheese & Bean Pasty Jacket potato with baked beans, cheese or tuna mayo