

## Weekly News – 8th December 2023

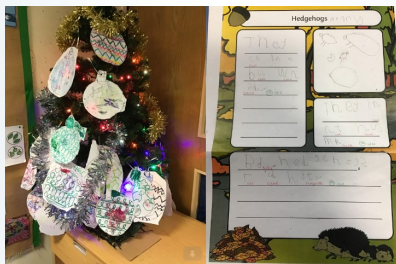
### *A message from Mrs Farren...*

Team Norton would like to thank you all for your support and patience whilst the car park next to the school was being resurfaced this week. This will make parking safer and easier- less of a rollercoaster ride at the beginning and end of each day!

Thank you to everyone who has managed to send photos and messages about our 'less screen time' campaign. Please keep them coming. We would love to know what you've been up to this weekend. Maybe you're planning on seeing Santa, maybe a family walk or meal. Perhaps your children have helped you cook. Please let us know so that we can celebrate the wonders of life together.

Have a wonderful weekend  
Mrs Farren and Team Norton

What a lovely week we have had in **Reception**; the class is beginning to look very Christmassy with lights and a tree, which has been decorated with the children's handmade baubles. They worked hard to follow the patterns on the baubles, before adding glitter and finally cutting out using their great cutting skills. We have also been busy practising the Nativity ready for next week, I am so proud of how well they have learnt the songs and actions. This week they have also all written their own fact sheet on hedgehogs, showcasing their developing writing skills.



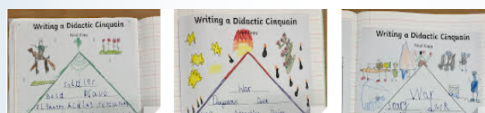
**Year 4** In English this week we have been looking at explanation texts. We spotted features of explanation texts and have planned and started to write our own. Our explanation texts are all about how we hear sound.

This week **Year 5** have been understanding and creating puns! We were blown away by their suggestions, perhaps ask your child for one!

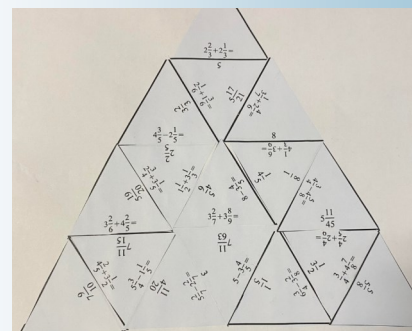
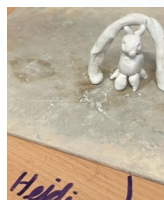
In Maths this week, the **Year 1** children have been using their knowledge of parts and wholes to answer addition calculations and problems. They have been able to show their knowledge of fact families, correctly use part part whole models and write calculations as worded number problems. We are really proud of all the children, their use of manipulatives and vocabulary is super!

**Year 6** One of this weeks tasks has involved the addition and subtraction of mixed numbers. The children had to complete a tarsia grid and match the question with the answer. They all did brilliantly well.

This week, **Year 2** created their own Cinquain Poems about War. They wrote and edited their first draft. After, they performed their poems to each other. Finally they wrote them into best and illustrated them. Here are a few examples of their wonderful work!



**Year 3** In Year 3 this week we have been planning our Christmas Sneak stories based on Robin Robin. In Design Technology we have been developing our sculpture skills by looking at Bronze Age clay figures of animals. We then gave it a festive twist and made models of reindeers.



*Strive*

Those who hope in the LORD  
will renew their strength.

Isaiah 40:31

*Think*

How much better to get  
wisdom than gold.

Proverbs, Chapter 16:16

*Act*

How good and pleasant it is when  
God's people live together in unity.

Psalms 133: 1

*Respect*

Blessed are those who are hungry  
for justice. They will be filled.

Matthew's gospel, chapter 5



I am the light of the world. Whoever  
follows me will not walk in darkness  
but will have the light of life.

John 8:12

## IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

A few children have been arriving early this week. Please remember before school club starts at 8am and not before. This is due to our insurance cover.

Please remember to complete a booking form for term 3. this is so we can get the right pupil:staff ratio. If a booking form hasn't been completed your child will not be able to use this facility.

## Important things to remember...

- >Please ring the school before 9:15am if your child is absent.
- >Please check ParentPay and settle all outstanding invoices and dinner debts.
- >Please remember to complete a B&A booking form for term 3.

## Upcoming important dates...

Christmas Carol Concert—18th December

Merit Assembly— 19th December

Break up for Christmas—20th December at 1:30pm

*Next week is a busy one for Norton PTA! On Tuesday and Thursday we will be providing refreshments (and selling raffle tickets) at the infant nativity. You'll also have an opportunity to purchase a video of the performance, look out for the order form.*

*On Friday, after assembly, we will be hosting the Christmas Fayre in the village hall. Come along and have a go at some Christmassy games, try your luck at the tombola, buy some yummy treats and enter the raffle for a chance to win amazing prizes! All funds raised go back in to our school.*

*Thank you for your support,*



## Next week's diary...

| 11th Dec 23 | The School Day          | After School                            | Lunch Menu (week 3)  |
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| Monday      |                         |   | Lentil & sweet potato curry<br>Tomato Arrabiata pasta<br>Jacket potato with beans or cheese                    |
| Tuesday     | Infant Nativity—PM      |   | Chicken & broccoli pasta<br>Cheese & tomato Pizza<br>Jacket potato with beans, cheese or tuna mayo             |
| Wednesday   |                         |   | <b>Pre-ordered Christmas dinner</b><br>If you did not order a Christmas dinner please bring in a packed lunch. |
| Thursday    | Infant Nativity—AM      |   | Cottage Pie<br>Vegan burger<br>Jacket potato with beans, cheese or tuna mayo                                   |
| Friday      | 2:40pm—Sharing Assembly | PTA Christmas Fayre in the village hall | Fish Fingers<br>Cheese & red pepper frittata<br>Jacket potato with cheese or tuna mayo                         |