



Friday 23rd September 2022

Dear Norman Families

Welcome back to our newsletter after a short break during the national period of mourning and a short week after the Queen's funeral on Monday. The children have had a positive week across all areas of school and I have been lucky enough to spend time in class teaching this week, this has given me an opportunity to see Nightingales pupils learning at first hand more frequently than I would normally. It is not only a pleasure but a privilege to be part of your child's learning journey and to witness them succeed and grow, in both academic areas and personal development.

This week I would like to thank parents and members of the community who have given up time to support us at Norman CE Primary School, we have had parents support with a trip to St Andrew's in Robins and a group of parents have been busy establishing a reflection area in our Library for all pupils to be able to use (see the amazing paintwork!). We have had a visit from Mr Leech to help us plan out our Pond development and of course Mrs Howarth continues to visit us every Tuesday. It never fails to amaze me the commitment and dedication that you show to help us improve the school for our children. Thank you.

On 11th October we will be holding our second Trinity Partnership Parent and Community Forum, I would like to invite parents to attend to find out what we have been doing in school and give you an opportunity to ask any questions with regard to teaching and learning. The Parent and Community Forum has temporarily replaced the Local Governing Body and is your opportunity to be directly involved in the Governance and development of your child's school. There will be a communication coming out to parents this week with more details.

I would like to remind parents that children are to attend school in full school uniform, sadly, this week, despite reminders, we still have pupils with branded hoodies or tracksuit jackets on, and on PE day we have had children in hoodies that are not school colours. If you are unable to purchase school uniform please let us know and we will provide this for you discreetly. On non - PE days the only jumpers / cardigans pupils can wear are the red school ones - you do not have to purchase the Norman School jumpers from Birds, but tracksuit jackets, black hoodies to name a few, are not acceptable. On PE days children can either wear a red or black jumper / hoodie, these must not be branded as this goes against our uniform policy (I have attached it to the end of this newsletter) . Joggers should be plain as well. From this week if your child is not in correct uniform their class teacher will be in touch in the first instance.

Next week we will be sending out slipping attendance letters to parents of pupils whose attendance is too low. Our aim is to work with parents to ensure that all our pupils receive the most from their education and reach their full potential. If your child is persistently late and arriving after registers closed this will also affect their attendance.

Kind Regards

Mrs Anna Fisher





Sports at Norman CE Primary School

Along with the PE lessons that class teachers teach, children have an hour session each week with a specialist Sports Coach from Premier Education. Premier Education is the UK's No.1 provider of sports and physical activity to Primary Schools. At Norman CE Primary school we are invested in improving pupils mental and physical wellbeing, and sporting activities is a great way to facilitate this. Premier Sports are currently running 2 after school clubs and an active morning club.

There are still some places left for this half terms clubs. For after school clubs it is £15 for a block of 6 sessions (to half term) and the Active Morning club is £1 a session. Please see link below to book and for additional information.

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/7329/?location=Northwold>

Tuesdays – After school Club for KS1 – Dodgeball

Fridays – Active Morning Club (in the hall and open to all pupils)

Fridays – After School Club for KS2 – Football



Robins Class have started their unit 'All about Me'. We looked at different parts of our body and the different things that our body can do. Barnaby said that "we have brains in our bodies", Harry said "our brains are under our skin" and Ruby said "our brains are inside our skulls".

We looked at the different movements our hands can make and used the play dough to exercise our fingers. We learnt the words "twist, mould, press and cut" to describe

what our hands were doing. Oliver chose to mould a bird, he told us "I have moulded wings, a spine and a head".



Gymnastics!

In PE this week, **Starlings Class** looked at lots of different ways to move around the room. They enjoyed balancing, sliding and jumping their way around the hall.

All classes are also being coached by a Premier Sports Coach once a week. Our Coach Mr Tweed is with us on Fridays.

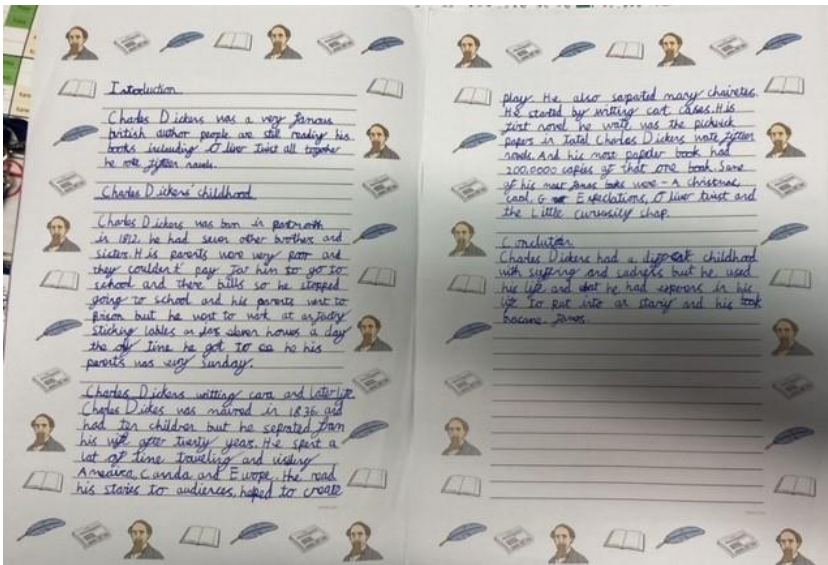




Nightingales

In Nightingales this week Children have finished their Charles Dicken’s Biographies – the standard of writing has been fantastic. They have also drawn images of Oliver Twist after reading the first chapter of the story. The children discussed what life may have been like in an orphanage or workhouse and showed great empathy towards the life that Charles Dickens experienced that directly influenced the themes within his Novels.

The children have worked extra hard on their work as they knew that it will be used for a display in the front entrance of our school. They are very proud of their work – Look out for the display going up next week!



Owls class

Owls Class have had another successful week, it is always pleasing to hear such positive feedback from when the Year 6s go out for their swimming lessons. They are great role models for others when representing the school!

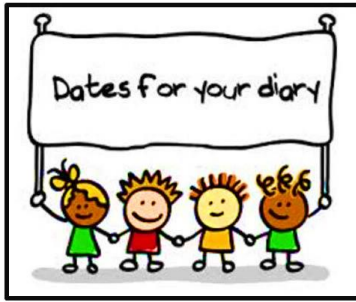
Attendance

At The Norman CE Primary School our aim is to work with parents to ensure that all our pupils receive the most from their education and reach their full potential. Please also be aware that, being late can be a disruptive way for children to start their school day as well as leading to lost learning.

Although term time holidays *are not* considered to be exceptional circumstances, any request for a planned leave of absence must be completed in advance in all circumstances, including holidays.

If the school does not receive a request for leave, we will be unable to consider your individual circumstances and the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. We are aware that sometimes an emergency medical appointment cannot be avoided but we do ask that any routine medical appointments are made after school or in the school holidays.





Term Dates 2022/2023

Autumn term 2022

Monday 5th September – Thursday 20th October

Half term: Friday 21st October - Friday 28th October

Monday 31st October – Friday 16th December

Christmas Holiday: Monday 19th December – Tuesday 3rd January

Spring Term 2023

Wednesday 4th January – Friday 10th February

Half term: Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February

Monday 20th February – Friday 31st March

Easter holiday: Monday 3rd April – Monday 17th April

Summer Term 2022

Tuesday 18th April – Friday 26th May

Half term: Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June

Monday 5th June - Friday 21st July

Summer holiday: Monday 24th July – September

(Staff Inset Days 1st /2nd September, 21st October, 3rd January and 17th April.)

Family holidays WILL NOT be authorised