

Friday 21st October – Friday 4th November 2022

Dear Norman Families

November has arrived and with it the second half of our Autumn Term, I hope that you all had a restful half term break and you enjoyed the extra hour in bed when the clocks went back!

There are some important announcements that I need to make you aware of this week, next Wednesday we have our SIAMS inspection, this is the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools that takes place roughly every 5 years. We look forward to welcoming the Inspector Lynne Golding to our school, she will be speaking to all members of our school community, pupils, staff and parents. You will receive a letter from her along with this newsletter.

This week Mrs Banwell sent out the link to this term's parent survey. It is important that these are carried out three times a year and is your opportunity to share your views about your child's school. Thank you to those of you that have already completed the survey I am very grateful, however, so far we have only received 17 responses, please if you have time can I ask you to complete as soon as possible. Here is the link for the survey: [Norman Parent Survey](#)

You may also remember that at the beginning of the term I sent out a survey about our Christian Ethos at Norman, as we have our SIAMS visit next Wednesday it would be helpful if a few more parents could complete this survey. So, if you haven't already done so please feel free to complete this one too. [Christian Ethos Survey](#) Thankyou.

Next Friday is Armistice Day, if you would like to join us for the nationally held two-minute silence at 11am, we will be on the playground and you are welcome to join us from 10.50am.

Please can I remind you that children do need coats in school at this time of year, it can now be very chilly outside so it is important that they have them here for break and lunchtimes.

Kind Regards

Mrs. Fisher

Robins & Starlings Class



Just before half term Robins and Starlings held a big soup share. Robins Class and year 2 pupils learnt how to use vegetables harvested from the ground to create food for us. We peeled, chopped and mixed the vegetables in the pan with stock, hot water and tomatoes grown in Starlings outside area and then blended them into



a soup.

Year 1 were responsible for baking some delicious bread rolls to accompany the soup. We used a special yeast-free recipe, which comprised of just flour and yoghurt. We mixed these together and then kneaded the dough - it was quite sticky and lots of fun.

We shared our soup & bread rolls with our local community as a way of giving back and saying thank you.





This week, **Starlings Class** visited Banham Zoo. We had an absolutely fantastic day launching our new Science topic- Amazing Animals.

The zoo was very quiet, which meant that the animals were feeling a little braver than usual and were extra keen to come and see us and put on a show. We saw playful tigers bundling one another, majestic giraffes feeding, sea lions leaping through the water, sloths slowly creeping through the trees and howler monkeys calling out overhead.



We also had a discovery session where we learned about food chains and classified animals into three groups: carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. We even got to stroke Alan the cockroach!



What an amazing day!

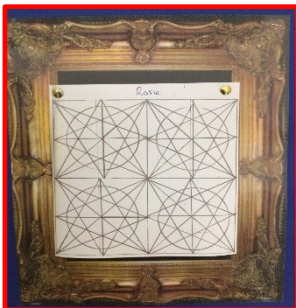
Nightingales class welcomed Mrs Hoggins back to school this week. Mrs Hoggins has been busy catching up with where the children are up to and establishing routines, the staff and

children were very pleased to see her return. The pupils also completed their pupil surveys this week which prompted lots of conversations around learning and being safe.



Owl class have been very busy completing assessments. The children all worked very hard and will find out how they did after half term. Also, in Art Grace designed, sculpted and painted a fantastic bird.

This week in Owl Class the children have been writing a section of a narrative based upon our class text: The 1000 year old Boy.



In Maths we have looked at a variety of new learning, including: prime number, squaring, cubing, factors, multiples and BODMAS. We have a new Artists of the Week display for Art and this week you can see the work of Rosie, Roxy and Leila. The children enjoyed creating Islamic Art.



Attendance

We would like to congratulate **Robins Class** for receiving the Attendance trophy last half term with a great attendance of **97.76%**.

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

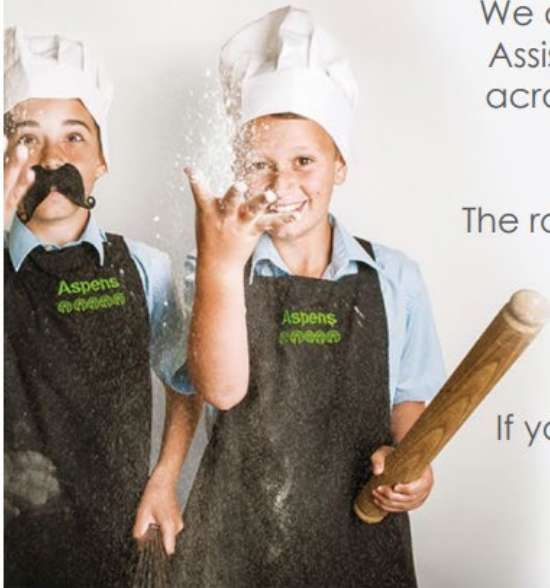
(**Staff Inset Days** 1st /2nd September, 21st October, 3rd January and 17th April.)

Please refer to these dates when booking holidays and routine medical appointments such as dentist check-ups.

Family holidays WILL NOT be authorised



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WE ARE HIRING!!

We are currently looking for '0' hour Catering Assistant bank staff to cover, at short notice, across The Norman, Duchy of Lancaster and Weeting schools.

The role will include setting up for lunch, serving the pupils and cleaning down after.

£9.50 per hour

If you're interested, please send your CV to julia.wilson@aspens-services.com