

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well done to the two classes with the best attendance for the period 4.9.19 – 6.9.19. They are as follows:

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Early Years & KS1 –2KJ– 100% KS2 –3AL – 98.9%

Mini Missions!

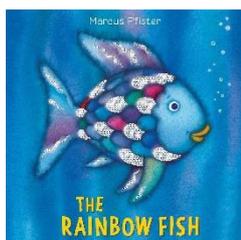
I am very excited to announce that this year, the children throughout the school are taking part in a range of Mini Missions. The first mission is based on a specific book and each Year group is working on a different one. The classrooms have been decorated to become a “set” of the book and they all look completely amazing. The children are so enthusiastic about it, and I’m sure it will encourage some really creative work and help the children’s writing really come to life.

Reception – Their first mission is “Super Me”. They are talking about what makes them individual and what things they like to do.

Their mission is to go round the school doing little quests to make the staff happy, needless to say they have been doing a great job so far!



Year 1 – are working on the book “Lost & Found”. They have turned their classroom in to The South Pole which is where the story of the book is based. They have been doing some super work so far on the book, which is about a very unlikely friendship between a penguin and a boy!



Year 2 have enjoyed getting under water in their classrooms this week exploring the book “The Rainbow Fish”. Their main focus is art and they have been using illustrations from the book and pictures from real life sources to explore how to create beautiful imagery, both using art mediums and language. Their final piece will be the children’s own illustrated story of the Rainbow Fish.

Year 3 Year 3's mini mission is based on the book “Charlie Small and Gorilla City”. Why not come camping with year 3 on their jungle adventure... This week the children have written some fantastic, descriptive sentences using verbs and adverbs. Great work Year 3! 😊



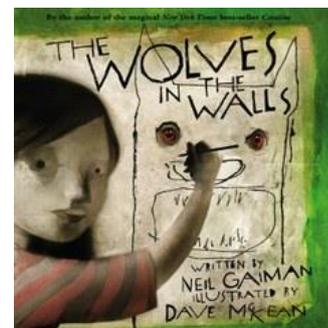
Year 4 - Augustus and Year 4 are adventuring on a fearsome mission through the rain forest. Will Augustus find his smile? This week they have been doing some super work and learning about tigers and their habitats too!



Year 5 – The children in Year are enjoying “The Wolves in the wall”. Lucy is in bed and is sure she can she can hear noises coming from the walls... what will they be?
The children came in to school on Monday in their pyjamas to recreate the beginning of the book and had a wonderful day 😊



Year 6 - launched their new mini mission - Leon and The Place Between - with some magic this week! The children participated and witnessed magic tricks. They all laughed and scratched their heads in delight. What a great start to the topic!



Uniform Sale

We informed you at the end of last term that all used, unwanted school uniform was going to be laundered over the holidays and sold to families who may need to buy some further items or would maybe like to buy the next size up for their children. The PTFA have been selling this uniform after school this week and will continue to do so over the coming weeks. Please pop in and take a look, we have lots of sweatshirts, some with logos and some without and lots of trousers and skirts too 😊

Music lessons

Over the last couple of years, the children in Years 1 to 6 have had the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument in school and the children who previously participated progressed really well. We are hoping that these lessons will continue and start again in the next couple of weeks. The lessons cost £40 and cover 10, 20 minute lessons that will take place between now and Christmas, in small groups. Payment covers the hire of the instrument which needs to be brought to school every week on the designated day. The instruments on offer will be guitar, keyboard, piano, flute, clarinet and drum lessons. (Sadly the hire of a drum kit isn't included if your child wants to play the drums)
If your child is interested in learning to play an instrument or you require any further information, please come to the office and we will give you a contract. Payment for the lessons will be paid for on Parent pay and this will be added once all contracts have been received. Thank you.

Piota – our new school app

Our new school App, Piota is a fantastic way of being kept informed of things that are going in within the school. This has replaced our texting service and has proved to be really popular so far. Over 95% of people own a smartphone or tablet and Piota is free to download. If you haven't already downloaded the app, please do so as soon as possible. Once the app has been downloaded, search Piota schools and type in Norton Canes Primary Academy. **Once the app is up and running, click on the lock symbol in the top right hand corner and follow the instructions to register your device.**
Apart from the Newsletter, which in subsequent weeks will continue to be uploaded on to the website, this will be our only form of communication so it's really important you download it and unlock it if you haven't already done so. Thank you.



Any volunteers?

We have some volunteer vacancies in school for the following roles;
Making toast for the children in Year 1-6 for morning break – Monday morning.
PTFA members

If anyone is interested in helping us in one of these roles, please see Mrs Watkins in the office who will collate a list. Thank you in advance for your support.

Aldi

Aldi have set up an initiative to get 1.2 million children eating healthier by 2020!

They are getting schools involved and providing learning materials to develop children's understanding and love of fresh, healthy foods.

Aldi have provided us with 2 large posters that will be situated in the KS2 office/library. Every time a member of our community spends £30 in Aldi they will be given a special Team GB athlete sticker. Simply bring these stickers to the school office where you can stick them on the sticker chart we have received from Aldi. There are 300 stickers to collect on each chart and once completed, if done so by 3rd November we may have the chance of winning £20,000! Please let all your family and friends know!! Thank you in advance for your support.



Photo Day – siblings

Academy photography will be coming in to school on **Thursday 26th September** to take individual photographs of the children. If there are also siblings in the school in Nursery up to Year 6, we will take a photo of them together as well. If your child has younger siblings, you can bring them in for a group photograph before school starts, simply come to the office from 8:10am where there will be a queuing system in the corridor leading to the KS2 hall.

September is children's cancer month

During the school holidays, as some of you already know, Jemma's son Freddie finished his treatment for cancer and was able to ring the bell. This is such fantastic news and I'm sure you'll all join me on passing on huge congratulations to the family.

September is childhood cancer awareness month so we are selling golden ribbon badges, in a variety of designs to support the Golden Ribbon Appeal. If you would like a badge, simply bring a £1 to the office and choose your design. The money will be forwarded to the appeal once we have sold all the badges.



Book People Book Bus

I just wanted to let you know that we have booked The Book People Book Bus to come to school on **Thursday 19th December**. This is the same as the Book Fayre that we have previously held in school twice yearly, but instead of the books being on sale in the library, there will be a book bus in school all day. Parents will be able to visit the bus at the end of the day to buy competitively priced books for your children to enjoy or even for presents for Christmas! Children will be able to visit the bus during the school day. We will send out leaflets to you closer to the time giving you an idea of books that will be on sale.

Mrs. B. Hadley
(Head Teacher)

Dates for your diary

Thursday 26th September – Individual school photographs

W/C 28th October – October half Term

Monday 4th November – School opens

