# NORLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

All classes enjoyed pond dipping.

#### **SCIENCE WEEK**

The children have been extremely busy celebrating Science week.





Class 3 doing a volcano experiment.

The PTFA supported year six selling science gadgets at break to raise much needed funds and we were lucky enough to be visited by some scientists. They enthralled the children with presentations of reproduction, water treatment and veterinary care. Thank you so much to the parents who gave up their time to do this, the feedback from the children was amazing.



#### **MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH**

Thank You so much to all the Mums, Dads and Carers that came to School to have lunch with their children on Monday. Diane did an amazing job catering for everyone and we hope you all enjoyed yourselves. The children especially loved playing tag and hide and seek with you all in the playground.

#### **RED NOSE DAY**

Who knew that we had so many talented children at Norley School? The children showcased their talents from piano to gymnastics to singing on Red Nose Day, and raised £45 in the process. Thank you to all the children who took part and also supported their friends. It is daunting to stand up in front of the whole school and they did a wonderful job entertaining us all.

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#### HOLIDAYS



Holidays in term time unfortunately cannot be authorised. If you need to take your children on holiday in term time, there is a form that needs to be filled in for the Education Welfare Officers in advance of the holiday. This is available from Mrs Kelly. Holidays in term time will incur a fine as per our Leave of Absence Policy which is available on the website.



#### PARENT PAY



Thank you to those parents/carers who have already paid outstanding balances on Parent Pay.

If you haven't already settled any outstanding balances, please could you log into your account to arrange payment. We cannot thank you enough for your help and support in making trips and events possible through prompt payment. This is becoming even more vital, due to us nearing the end of the financial year.





#### **DOWN SYNDROME DAY**

We welcomed the children coming to school in odd socks on 21st March to highlight the work done by Down Syndrome Cheshire. The idea behind wearing mismatched or odd socks is that chromosomes are shaped like socks. Wearing mis matched socks is to help bring awareness to those with the genetic disorder of Down Syndrome. To raise extra funds, gingerbread sock shaped biscuits were sold at break and we raised £126 to give to Down Syndrome Cheshire. Thank you so much for your support and generous donations.







#### EASTER EGG HUNT

On Thursday 30th March the PTFA are running their yearly Easter egg hunt at 3pm just before school pick up time. The children will be challenged to find tokens around the playground and school field which they can then exchange for a chocolate egg. All the details are in the attached flyer and consent for your child to take part will be on School Spider. Payment for this will be set up on Parent Pay and all funds will go direct to the PTFA.



#### EASTER CHURCH SERVICE

The children would like to invite you to their annual Easter service at Norley church on Tuesday 28th March. They have been practising their singing voices and you are all in for a treat! Please note that the children will not be walked back to school (unless they are in link club) and will need picking up from church on that day by 3.15pm.





#### SWIMMING

Brio leisure centre in Northwich has made us aware of some fantastic activities they are running over the Easter holidays. They include Splash Passes for children for £10 which cover the whole holiday, swimming crash courses and an 'Under the Sea' themed pool party. Please see the attached flyers for details.

## LEARNING AN INSTRUMENT

Please note that if your child would like to start learning an instrument then the deadline for signing up with Music for Life is 31st March. This is to be arranged directly with them and all the details are in the attached flyer.

#### VALE ROYAL CHOIR

If your child loves to sing then Vale Royal Junior Choir would love to hear from them. They are based at Weaverham High School and currently Norley students are able to sign up for free (membership is normally £30) Please see the attached flyer for details.



### **GUINEA PIGS**

If anyone would like to take the guinea pigs home for the weekend then please contact the school office. They are a delight and very easy to look after.

#### THE GREAT NORTHWICH POKEMON HUNT

On Friday 31st March, Toppers' community Pokémon hunt will start and then run for 6 weeks. Toppers are the group responsible for the crochet post-box toppers you may have seen in local villages and they have asked us to share details of the Pokémon hunt. There will be 35 Pokémon to find in Northwich and the surrounding villages on post boxes and in shop windows. There are plenty of prizes to be won and it will make a fun activity for the holidays. Please see their attached flyer for further details.

## Live Well Cheshire West

Please read the attached information from Cheshire West. It has information on holiday activities, food programmes, cost of living and Household Support Fund payments.









#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 27th March Easter journey trip for Year 5.
- 28th March Easter service in church at 2pm. Please pick your child up from church by 3.15pm.
- 28th March Weaverham Music Festival for the Choir.
- 29th March Whole School Parents' Evening.
- 30th March Easter egg hunt at 3pm.
- 31st March School closes. Children can be picked up at 1.15pm OR 3.15pm.
- Monday 17th April School opens and class 3 trip to a Roman fort.
- Wednesday 19th April Class 4 trip to London.

#### **SPECIAL MENTION**

We would like to congratulate Jude for his word perfect public speaking at the Poetry Project today. His poetry recital at the Storyhouse in Chester was confident and clear. According to the organiser, he 'absolutely smashed it!'. Well done Jude!





#### PRAYERS

This week our prayers will be for anyone who is studying towards exams.

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Happy times at Norley.