



**NORTON SUB HAMDON and WEST CHINNOCK
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Today is the NSPCC Number Day. We look forward to seeing the children in their number outfits and hope they enjoy the number themed activities that teachers have prepared. At Norton and West Chinnock we love Maths including regularly celebrating achievement in assembly as children progress with their mental arithmetic skills. To practice at home, please encourage children to log in to their Mathletics account. It's a fun way to practice!

Mr Caswell has been impressed with Class 3 Science at Norton where the children have been building electrical circuits and working out how to add and make switches work. At West Chinnock, Mrs Holbrook was really pleased with how well the Year 6 group have been focused on their grammar work.

Frustratingly for Norton's footballers, the tournament was cancelled again on Monday although the team did manage to play some games at school (looking good in their new kits!). The sporting highlight of the week was the cross country event at Yeovil Showground. We were really proud to see so many of the children representing the schools including some Year 2s giving it a go for the first time. All pupils showed grit, determination and team spirit. Thank you to staff and parents for supporting this event.

A gentle reminder to parents about the importance of encouraging children to independently come into classrooms in the morning. We find this helps children take ownership of their learning, develop responsibility for their things and enables the whole class to make a calm and settled start to the school day. The mornings are an important time for teachers to prepare resources and to catch up with Teaching Assistants about the day's teaching and learning. Should you wish to discuss something with the teacher, please do make an appointment.

Next week, we are holding information sessions for Year 2 and 6 parents at Norton on Monday and for Year 6 parents at West Chinnock on Wednesday. If you are not able to attend, teachers will be happy to go through this with you another time.

Keep an eye on the weekly bulletin and school calendar for upcoming events. Next week on Friday the schools will be closed for the INSET day.

Yours Sincerely,

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