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Dear Parents and Carers,

We enjoyed cakes galore last Friday for Children in Need and raised a fantastic £431.07 towards the charity. Well done to Star Bakers Jessica, Ollie and Freddie at Norton. At West Chinnock, Molly and Mary spent a busy evening preparing cakes for the sale!

We welcomed former Manchester City player David Oldfield to West Chinnock earlier this week. He gave a great motivational talk to the juniors about how to dream, believe, practice and achieve. He especially emphasised the importance of being resilient. His presentation was followed by questions and answers and a skills session for PE. He will be at Norton next Monday afternoon speaking to class 4 so make sure you bring in your PE kit years 5 and 6!

Norton's Class 2 travelled to The Fashion Museum in Bath on Tuesday. The trip linked to their topic learning about The Elves and the Shoemaker. As well as looking around the museum, the class got to attend a shoe making workshop – their designs are now on display in the classroom!

It has been another week of sporting action for our teams with Football and Netball tournaments on Thursday. To start, we entered two teams into a National League Cup tournament at Yeovil Town Football Club. One of our team finished as runners up losing 2-1 to a very strong East Coker team in the final. The other team fought hard in the group stage with a great win against Mere and losing narrowly to some tough opposition. They all represented our schools very well and showed great determination, resilience and teamwork through the day. We send a huge thank you to coach Nick Murphy.

The netballers played in driving rain at the friendly tournament at Westfield. All teams competed extremely well and players put into action the skills they have been learning in training. Well done and thank you to everyone for keeping going despite the conditions and to all the coaches and parents for being there to support.

If your child is absent from school, please do telephone the office and leave a message. Leave of absence requests should be completed at least four weeks in advance and leave in term-time will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Unauthorised absences must be reported to the Local Authority and may result in a Penalty Notice. Thank you for your support with this.

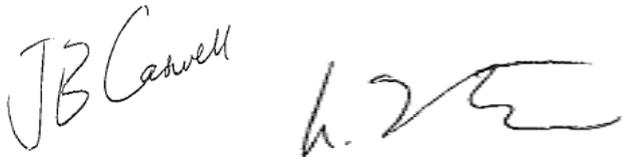
This weekend is West Chinnock's Stir Up Sunday at West Chinnock Village Hall on 24th November at 2:30pm. Also in West Chinnock please do join the Year 6 Young Enterprise Group for 'A Village Christmas Tea Party' from 3.00pm to 4.30pm. The group are learning valuable entrepreneurial skills which will stand them in good stead. Norton has a similar project in the Summer term called the Charity Challenge. Please remember that next Friday is an INSET day for important staff training.



Future dates for your diary are the Christingle Service which is at Norton Church on Sunday 1st December at 4pm, the FONs Christmas Bazaar which is on Saturday 7th December midday until 4:00pm and the PFA Christmas event on Saturday 7th December (more details to follow).

Following on from the successful Phonics session at Norton school, there is a Phonics information evening for parents of children in Year R and 1 at West Chinnock on Wednesday 4th December at 3:30pm. Miss Howell will be talking to parents about how we teach phonics and ways in which parents are able to support their children at home.

Have a lovely weekend – thank you for your support,



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