



NORTON SUB HAMDON and WEST CHINNOCK C of E VC PRIMARY SCHOOL FEDERATION



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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we've seen great activity in PE with Mr Rice training the children at Norton to jump and climb safely with the Year 3 and 4s learning key steps gym routines. At West Chinnock pupils were exercising their cardiovascular system to a bleep test on the playground. Thank you to Mr Tremain from the Somerset Activity and Sports Partnership who is working with children from across the age range this term on PE and Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE).

This week saw the Norton Year 3 and 4 perform extremely well at the football tournament at Buckler's Mead. Mr Caswell was impressed with the team's defence and exceptional saves from goalkeeper, Nathaniel as well as positivity up front from Bailey and Jake. Today, West Chinnock's football team is battling it out at the Somerset Small Schools football final in Weston-Super-Mare. Thank you to Nick Murphy for managing the team.

We are proud and want to celebrate the wealth of talented pupils across our schools including those who participate in events outside of school. A few to mention this week are Rosie who is competing for the Somerset County Sports Hall Athletics Team this Sunday in Bristol, Christian who is performing in the CUDOS Panto Aladdin in Crewkerne and Molly who is racing in her final cyclocross race hoping to secure 2nd place in the South West League. Also West Chinnock's Jenson and Norton's Arthur who play for Yeovil Football Academy, Mary who has participated in ballroom dance competitions (including at Blackpool) and Freddie and Ollie who swim for the Yeovil District Swimming club.

We welcomed some new potential Governors to the Full Governing Meeting last night at West Chinnock where, among other things, governors discussed policies and how the schools are achieving their aims and objectives as well as positively planning for opportunities in the future. We are still awaiting the building work to commence at West Chinnock on the old school building and working closely with the County Council on this. We thank everyone for their adaptability and patience. We all look forward to when the work is completed and the transformation it will bring to our learning environment.

A big thank you this week to Mrs Merrett and Mrs Holbrook who have been covering classes this week. Welcome back to Mrs Byrne at Norton. Mrs Holbrook, who brings experience of working with Upper KS2, will be teaching next week on Monday and Wednesday at West Chinnock with Year 6 alongside Mrs Garrity in Years 3, 4 & 5.

On Friday 7th February both schools will take part in Number Day 2020. It's a day for children to take part in extra Maths activities and to raise money for the NSPCC by wearing non-uniform which can be



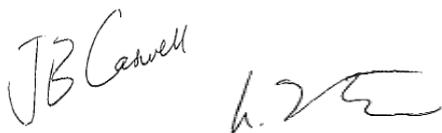
number related <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-you-can-do/charity-runs-cycles-and-challenges/social-and-special-events/number-day/>

There are some great fundraising and social events coming up organised by the FONS and PFA. On Wednesday 12th February FONS welcome you to Norton School for an evening of talks and discussion on 'How to Reduce Plastic Use in Our Homes'. On Friday 7th February the PFA are holding the bedtime stories event in St Mary's Church West Chinnock.

Highlights next week include the new KS1 Sports club at Norton on Monday and the cyclocross races in Yeovil on Thursday.

Have a restful weekend.

Yours Sincerely,



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