



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

We're really impressed by the sporting achievements from pupils from across the Federation. Last Friday, saw inter-federation football matches between Norton and West Chinnock teams. It was a privilege to see children from both schools playing with such commitment and fairness. Between matches, children from both schools benefitted from tennis sessions and refreshments alongside each other. Thank you to Nick and Bill for helping out.

Another highlight this week was the cross country which took place at a sunny Aldon on Wednesday. Both schools were well represented and it was humbling to see the courage, resilience and self-belief that all of our runners had. We were especially proud of pupils running for the first time and those who moved up an age category. We look forward to the next event on the 16th October at Ninesprings.

As well as recognising academic effort and achievement at our weekly assemblies we are keen to celebrate successes outside of school. Please do let us know if your child has anything they would like to celebrate such as swimming and dance awards, drama performances or karate (to name but a few!).

In the Open the Book assembly this week, the group performed the story of Jonah and the Whale with children joining in, as Jonah groaned about what was happening!

As you will be aware, confidence with times tables is really important for children in primary school. We're having a real push on this at school and with your support we will ensure that our pupils have this essential tool for success in maths. Over the next few weeks, we'll be sharing some useful tips and great ideas to use at home.

A reminder of our commitment to work in partnership with you to ensure that pupil attendance remains outstanding at our schools. We'd like to say thank you to all of you who make sure your children are attending school and benefiting fully from their educational opportunity.

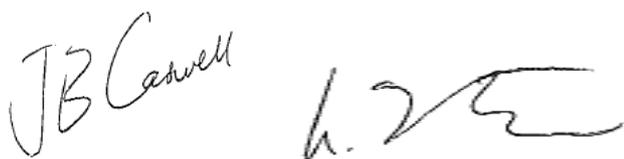


Next week, we have the Federation's Open Day for prospective parents to see the schools in action. Please do spread the word so that as many people attend as possible. Norton will be open 9.30am-11.30am and West Chinnock 1.45pm -3.15pm.

From 11th – 13th October it is the Norton Festival with events on at Norton church including exhibitions, floral arrangements and concerts. For more information see the festival website www.nortonfestival.org.

Over the next few weeks, we will be celebrating Harvest in the churches. Norton School's Harvest Festival will take place in Norton Church on Thursday 17th October at 2.00pm. West Chinnock School's Harvest Festival is on Tuesday 22nd October at 2.00pm. You are welcome to come along to the church to celebrate with us.

Thank you for your continued support.



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