



Norman Gate School Newsletter

Autumn Term Issue 4

Friday 6th November 2020

Diary Dates 2020/21

Photographer Re-Takes

Thursday 26th November

Parent Conversation Days (virtual)

Caterpillar

Monday 16th Nov

Duckling

Tuesday 17th Nov

Hoglet

Thursday 19th Nov

Kit

Friday 13th Nov

Butterfly

Friday 20th Nov

Duck

Monday 23rd Nov

Hedgehog

Friday 27th Nov

Badger

Monday 30th Nov

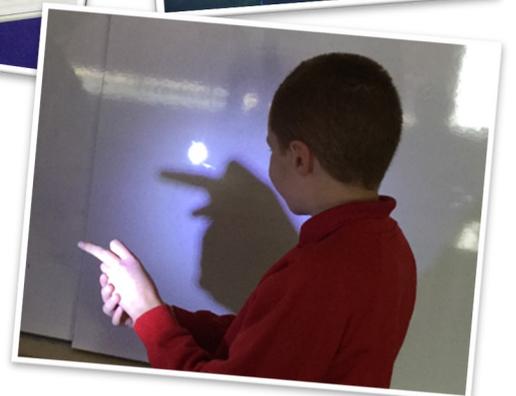
Our Next Inset Day Monday 22nd February

Badger Class—There's No One Quite Like Me

We have been very proud of how well Badger Class have settled back into school, they have shown great resilience in adjusting to the changes.

Last half term we focused on a different story each week, all linked to our 'There's No-one Quite Like Me' topic and all our activities were based on the themes of the stories. For example we read 'The Dark' by Lemony Snicket and Jon Klassen and talked about our own fears as well as experimenting with shadows. The children have done some excellent 'brave' writing, trying hard to work independently at their composition, spelling and letter formation. We did lots of outdoor learning and creative activities such as making mandalas and skeletons using natural resources.

This half term our topic is 'World Celebrations' and we have lots of interesting learning planned. This week we have started the topic by looking at the Gunpowder Plot, working on the story itself as well as trying out some creative fireworks-based tasks. We are hoping to take part in a virtual Christmas celebration that normally takes place at Winchester Cathedral each year.



Makaton Signs



fireworks



winter

Message from Mr. Day- Covid-19 Lockdown 2

Dear Parents and Carers

It is now more important than ever that we all follow the rules. In school, our risk assessment has been reviewed but generally speaking what we are doing remains the same.

It is now the **time for everyone to play a bigger part in keeping the school open.**

Failure to follow the rules puts the education of your child at risk. If families are known to be breaking the rules of social distancing there is a possibility this could mean the closing of your child's bubble.

By keeping yourself safe you are helping to keep everyone safe and therefore keep school open.

Thank you for your support, together we can work through the pandemic and hopefully look forward to better times.

Can I remind you all about the forthcoming **Friends of Norman Gate meeting at 10.00 On Thursday 19th November.** This group of parents works hard to support school with fund raising events and we are pleased to say that we are going to have a room fitted out for occupational therapy and sensory work funded by the Friends. This shows just how important the work of the Friends is to school and all of the children.

Our staggered starts are working well to support social distancing so thank you for help with this. Please can I ask that you wait in the queue and **come forward when called to avoid too many adults gathering at the same time.**

The children are now all working on our **new curriculum.** This means another big step forward for school and we all look forward to seeing the children's progress this year.

Parent Conversations will have to be via phone or other device this year but please take the opportunity to spend time talking with your child's class teacher about their learning. You will receive an email to arrange a contact time very soon.

Thank you all for your continued support. I enjoy seeing some of you every day at drop off or collection time but I would like you all to remember that my team are on the end of the phone so please do not hesitate to contact school with any questions you may have.

Best wishes and take care,

Nick Day
Acting Headteacher.

Norman Gate Friends

Virtual AGM Meeting Monday 19th November 2020 @ 10am
Everyone is welcome to join the meeting, Please let school know ASAP so we can send you the link. We are desperately looking for new members as lots of our parent's children have moved to new schools or will be leaving us this at the end of the year. It is a noticeably quiet time now due to current restrictions, therefore it is a perfect time to join us.

We will be needing a new Chair and also a Secretary by the end of the year.
Without you Norman Gate Friends cannot continue

