

# NC News

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The newsletter of  
Normand Croft Community School



Please make sure your children arrive on time everyday, unless they are too unwell to come to school.

We need your support to achieve our attendance target.

Rec	86
1	95
2	94
3	89
4	93
5	89
6	91
Total	91



Remember you need to arrive before 8.55 am. Free breakfast is available from 8.30 for children in Reception – Class 6. Children need to be collected on time at the end of day.

## Thank You and Goodbye to Ms Boote.

Thank you to all C4 parents/carers who met with Ms Boote this week to discuss your child's progress this term.

As you know, Ms Boote has moved out of London and her journey to and from work is too long. She has been an outstanding teacher at Normand Croft for the last six years and will be missed by the whole school community. We wish her the very best for her future.

Ms Parry and Ms Favata, who both currently work at Normand Croft will be teaching Class 4 from January.

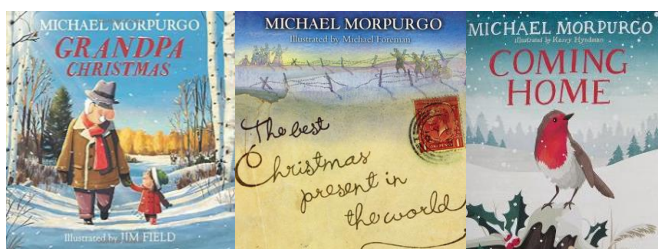
## Our Shared Values

In assemblies this week, we watched a video of Jack Grealish talking to a young fan Finley, who has Cerebral Palsy. Jack's sister also has Cerebral Palsy and Finley noticed how proud Jack is of her. After he scored for England, Jack did a dance after keeping a promise to Finley.



We wish the England Team all the best for Saturday's quarter final match.

We have also been reflecting on several books with a Christmas theme written by Michael Morpurgo :



## Unity Farm

Year 5 Gardening Club celebrated World Soil Day by learning about the four layers that make up our soil - parent material, subsoil, top soil and humus and how our planet survives thanks to just a few centimetres of healthy soil that grows 95% of our food. The soil layer cakes, were made with white and wholemeal rolls plus two types of cracker, to represent the four soil layers. These were held together with cream cheese and finished off with herbs, Swiss chard and edible flowers grown at school (although we did have to buy some cherry tomatoes).

Year 6 children made their soil cakes using sweet foods instead of savoury.



Year 5 Gardening Club also checked their hyacinth bulbs and found they have grown lots of roots over the last week and started shooting.



## Start Your Day With Breakfast!

Free breakfast is available from 8.30 for children in Reception – Class 6.

Bagels and/or toast will also be available from the playground at 8.45 am

## Festive dates for your diaries.

13<sup>th</sup> December Primary Pantomime 10.45 am & 2.00 pm

14<sup>th</sup> December Nursery & Reception Christmas Songs @ 2.45 pm

15<sup>th</sup> December Reception Nativity @ 2.00 pm

## Be Safe, Be Kind, Be The Best That You Can Be Early Years and Primary Learning

We began to feel very Christmassy in Nursery this week. We made cards, calendars, decorations and hats for our sing-a-long with Reception on Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> of December at 2:45pm. We are looking forward to seeing you all there!



In Reception we have been busy preparing for our Christmas sing-a-long and our Nativity Play. We are looking forward to performing next week!

Class 1 had a go at making their own peg dolls in DT. They learnt how to measure and cut fabric. They also gave their peg dolls scarves and belts. The children followed their designs and even added finishing touches such as buttons. We had our very first class trip to Patrick's toy shop which the children found very exciting. The children explored the toys and were thinking about the changes of toys from the past.



In Class 3's recent history lessons we performed a short play about children who had to work during the Victorian times. The characters included coal miners, chimney sweeps, factory workers and street sellers. There are certainly lots of performers in our class!

Class 4 had a great time on their trip to the V&A Museum this week. They got to see many Victorian artefacts for the home including some lovely William Morris designs and they did some fabulous sketches of some of the patterns they saw.



Class 5 have had another excellent week. On Monday afternoon, they took part in a song writing workshop, where they were able to express their hopes and dreams for the future. In Literacy, they explored using dialogue to capture an audience and in Maths, they have revisited bar models. They have also been busily making props for the winter production.

Class 6 have been working hard this week. We have researched information about what it was like to be an evacuee during the Second World War in 1940. We all made labels and gas mask boxes and through drama acted out how it would feel like to leave our families, travel on a train and live with a stranger in the countryside. We then all wrote our diaries by candle light. We are very pleased with our writing.

### Dates for Diaries.

Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	C3 & 4 PE
Tue 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Primary Pantomime 10.45 & 2.00 C5 & 6 Squash Club am
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	EYFS Concert 2.45 pm C5 & 6 PE
Thu 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Reception Nativity 2.00 pm C6 swimming
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Children finish at 12.30 for Christmas Holiday.</b>
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Holiday
Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Holiday
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	School Closed
Thu 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>Children return</b> You need to arrive by 8.55 am Swimming C4
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Swimming C3

### Starting Primary School

If your child was born **between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019**, they will be starting reception in primary school from September 2023. **The application process closes on 15 January 2023.**

The Admission site is open for you to register your details and to make an application for a reception place.  
<https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/children-and-young-people/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/starting-school-reception-2023>