

Midsomer Norton Primary School

Head teacher: Mr Alun Randell

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Our Year 6 children spent the week at camp Osmington Bay, Weymouth this week and have had a wonderful time. It was a bit of a damp send off on Monday but the photos and videos posted on our twitter feed by staff since then have seen the children enjoying a fantastic range of physical activities. I am sure that children (and staff) will come home exhausted but exhilarated. Residential trips are only possible due to our wonderfully dedicated staff (and their very understanding families) - a big thank you to all!



Harvest Festival- Food Bank Donations gratefully received

On Monday 30th September, we will be holding our Harvest Festival celebrations in Midsomer Norton Methodist Church at 9:30am (Infants) and 10:45am (Key Stage 2). You are warmly invited to join us. We are collecting food and essentials donations for Somer Valley Food Bank who our families supported so generously at Christmas. The Food Bank has said that stocks are running very low after the holidays due to the number of families they are having to support. We have attached a list of the items the food bank are particularly requesting. Please begin sending in donations and we will collect all donations in school before sending them to the food bank.

Dogs in school

We do not allow dogs on the school site - with the exception of specially trained dogs such as guide dogs and therapy dogs. We are delighted that very soon we will have the support of Sally Teall and her therapy dog via the Pets as Therapy - Read 2 Dogs scheme. Sally and her dogs, Willow and Storm, will be volunteering in school listening to selected readers. There is considerable evidence of the impact reading to a dog can have on a less confident reader. We look forward to welcoming the wonderfully cuddly Newfoundlands. We will be contacting parents/ carers of children selected closer to the time. If you have any questions about this exciting initiative please do not hesitate to contact me.

Drop and Read

Well done to all of our readers who are trying hard to read as often as possible at home. Practice makes perfect as they say - and, in terms of reading, opens up a whole world of imagination, excitement and opportunity. Thank you to all those mums, dads, grandparents, friends of the family and older siblings for listening to our children read aloud. Please simply date and initial their reading record - no comment required!



Drop Off and Read starts next week for Year 1-Year 6 on these days:

Year 1/2 Thursday, Year 3/4 Wednesday, Year 5/6 Tuesday
Reception will begin Drop Off and Read later in the term.



We offer breakfast and after school care on School premises. Please sign up on ParentPay or pop into the office to find out more.

Please book school dinners on ParentPay, they need to be booked 1 week in advance

Online Book Shop

Visit our [scholastic book shop](#) to buy books to shop and the school receives 25p for every £1 spent! All funds raised will be spent on books for our library

Can we help?

Midsomer Norton Primary School holds Foodbank Vouchers. If you are struggling to feed your children please speak in confidence to reception who will be able to give you further information

Healthy packed lunches

Please ensure that your child's lunchbox is healthy and does not include items that contain nuts. Also Nursery snacks should not contain biscuits, cakes or chocolate. No fizzy drinks are allowed in school. Drinks bottles that children have in the class should only contain water.

Holiday requests

Please remember that term-time holiday requests can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances (e.g. on compassionate grounds). Parent who take their child out of school for a holiday in term time risk being fined £60 per child per parent - £240 for a family with two children. The government is very clear that parents have a legal obligation to ensure their child attends school all year.

Phonics/ Reading Workshop

We will be holding a reading/phonics coffee morning for Reception/ KS1 parents on Wednesday 2nd October 9:00am. Come along for a cuppa and find out how you can support your child's reading more effectively at home.

Parking

I would like to, once again, ask parents not to park behind the business units/in the delivery bays next to Sainsburys. I spoke to a lovely, but frustrated, business owner yesterday who frequently is unable to park next to her business due to our parents at drop off/ pick up. Please be considerate; we are fortunate to have lots of parking a very short walk from school. Sainsburys are happy for parents/carers to park in their main car park

Thank you!

A big thank you to parents of Joe Dawe for their very generous donation of gardening equipment. Our green-fingered Mrs Edgell is very excited!

Hats, wellies, old trainers, coats

It's been cooler, warmer, sunny and rainy this week! Please make sure that your child is prepared for all weathers.

Have a lovely weekend

Mr Randell
Headteacher



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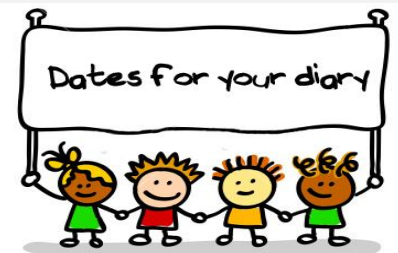
Don't forget that you can catch up with what's going on in school on our twitter feed:

<https://twitter.com/MSNPrimary>



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All letters are uploaded to the school website.



Harvest Festival: Monday 30th September
Reception/KS1 Phonics Workshop: Wednesday 2nd October
Parents Evenings: Tuesday 5th November/ Thursday 7th November 3:30-7:00pm
Saturn Swimming starts Tuesday 17th September



Head Teacher Awards

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Gold Awards

For demonstrating exemplary behavior

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Birthdays

Alex Pattison-Young Jecaela Ocampo Lucas Adams Sam McGroarty
Kayden Herbert Marianthe Kokkinoy Bertie McGlennon Isaac Evans
Georgia Chard Olivia Slingo Jeannie Mallon Mario Rupprich Jake Wenmoth
Ronni Rupprich Isabelle Bengeny Charlie Read Franco Hawkins Lily Richardson
Aiva Gilvray Diana Korinets Olivia Merko William Vale Trixton O'Sullivan