

# Midsomer Norton Primary School

Head teacher: Mr Alun Randell

Dear Parents/ Carers,

## Curriculum Review

One of the main targets on our School Improvement Plan this year is to review and enhance our curriculum. The school's senior leadership team locked ourselves away yesterday to explore how we can make our topics more meaningful and integrated. It was an intense, exhausting exercise but also extremely exciting. It made me really miss being a class teacher. Over the next few weeks, all the teachers will be drafting new topic plans with the first of our new look topics being rolled out in Term 3.

## Library visits

We have established a fantastic link with Midsomer Norton public library. All of our classes will be visiting each term and I was delighted to see Saturn class returning with borrowed books and smiles yesterday.



The public library holds many books our own school library does not and vice versa so we definitely recommend applying for library cards for your child. Reading is the best way to broaden vocabulary and comprehension, making the rest of the curriculum more accessible.

## Reverse Advent

Christmas is coming. Not only has it felt more wintry this week, the sound of Christmas carols and the infant children practising for their nativity fill the air. In the excitement of Christmas, it is easy for children to lose sight of the meaning of Christmas. To help children understand that Christmas is about giving (rather than receiving) we will be encourage our children and families to participate in a Reverse Advent to collect food donations for the Somer food bank. Confused? Look out for our letter next week explaining all about our Reverse Advent event.

## Sports News

Our girls' football team took part in their first football tournament at Somervale school this week, having played their very first game just a few weeks ago. Mr Andrew was delighted with their progress. Although they are still chasing their first victory, they managed to draw tow of their group games. Well done to all the players for their commitment and effort

## Times Table Rock Stars

We have already had some excellent feedback about how children are enjoying practising their times tables using Times Table Rockstars at home. The national curriculum expects children to have learned their times table facts up to 12 x 12 by the end of Year 4 and the website is a great way to do this. Your child should have brought home a letter on Tuesday introducing the website.



Please ensure that dinners, trips, after school clubs and after school/breakfast clubs are paid for using ParentPay **at least 48 hours in advance**. Speak to Emma in the office if you need your login.

## 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.

## Drop Off and Count

Drop off and... Count for term 2  
 Reception: Wednesday  
 Year 1/2 : Tuesday  
 Year 3/4 : Thursday  
 Year 5/6 : Wednesday

## School Policies

All trust and school policies are available via our school website.

## Calendar and Term Dates

Need to check a date? Simply visit our school webpage to see our online calendar. Term dates for this next and next year are also available on our website.

Thank you to the PSG for all their hard work organizing the Mufti Day and Film Night today and also the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

### Parents' Forum

We are looking at how we can improve consultation with our parents and carers. Many schools run a Parents' forum - an informal way for parents to give their views and ask questions on a particular theme. Our first Parents' Forum in Term 1 did not attract any participants. We would like to know if this approach, would be helpful to parents and carers. Please see today's letter asking your views about how a forum could run including the themes you might like to see discussed.

### Technical Issues

This week we have had ongoing issues with our computer network causing some delays in communications. We apologise for any inconvenience caused. Many thanks for your patience and understanding as the trust IT team work to remedy the problems.

Alun Randell  
Head teacher

### Head Teacher Awards

Harvey	Maddie	Jack
Macy	Charlie	Cora
Jonah	Isabel	Bradley

### Gold Awards

For demonstrating exemplary behaviour...

	Isabelle	Flynn	Reece	
Frankie	Otis	Lucas	Darcey	
Kacey	Samuela	Dominic	Lucas	

### Birthdays

Samuel	Chloe	Leo
Summer	Kylan	Max

### Attendance Champions of the week

1 <sup>st</sup>	Neptune	99.3%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Earth	98.5%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mars	97.5%



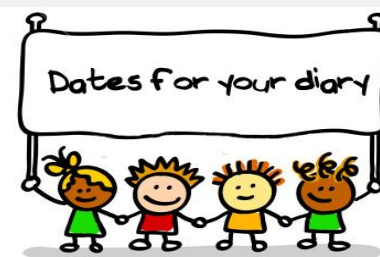
## News



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

<https://twitter.com/MSNPrimary>

All letters are uploaded to the school website



### Important dates for your diary

- *Infants' Nativity: Tues 11<sup>th</sup> December, Weds 12<sup>th</sup> December 1.45 & Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30*
- *Juniors' Carol Concert: Weds 19<sup>th</sup> December at 1.45 & 6pm*
- *Christmas Jumper & Lunch Day: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December*

### PSG Dates

- *Mufti Day and Film Night Friday 23rd November*
- *Christmas Fayre Saturday 1st December*