



Midsomer Norton Primary School

Head teacher: Mr Alun Randell

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

I love Christmas. That feeling of excitement you enjoy as a child has never quite left me, but in the hustle and bustle of modern life it can sometimes feel as though the meaning behind the celebration can get lost. This year though, it has been wonderful to see our community come together even more strongly and in so many ways to celebrate and to mark some of the traditions that help give us our identity. We had our very well attended Christmas Fayre which raised almost £2000 for the school; the town held its Christmas celebrations last Friday in the Methodist church with children from our school, St Johns, Longvernal and Welton School, and from Beavers, coming together to sing carols and to enjoy the nativity story; and, of course, we had our own nativity this week. Next week, we are looking forward to our traditional carol concerts on Tuesday and Wednesday. As always, our families have turned out en masse to support these events and donated generously to Julian House and the Somer Food Bank. Of course, our children are excited about receiving presents at Christmas but, together, we are helping them understand that Christmas is also about giving. All we need now is some snow, but alas, that does not look likely!

Nativity

Talking about our Nativity Show 'Lights, Camel, Action', weren't our children amazing? They performed with such confidence it was easy to forget just how young they are! As Headteacher, I feel immense pride in our children and staff on such occasions. It is a real strength of our school that such importance is attached to giving our children the chance to push themselves outside of their comfort zones and shine. I would like to say a big thank you to the staff for making a very difficult job look easy!



Sports News

We are extremely proud of our two representatives who participated in the Bath Rugby Foundation Ten Pin Bowling Festival this week. They had a great day out and wowed the public with their behaviour and manners. They placed 3rd overall and achieved the top score of the festival!



We sent 20 children to the annual Sportshall Athletics competition at Wellsway this week. The children took part in a variety of running and field events, including: long jump, chest push and speed bounce. After a couple of hours of intense competition, we found out that we came 3rd out of the 8 teams there - something we should be very proud of! There was lots of team spirit and

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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.

Reminder that no dogs are allowed on school premises and also no smoking or vaping.
Thank you

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.

cheering each other on, and it sets us up well for a great 2019 of sport at MSN Primary!

Congratulations to Darcy H in Year 5 for her recent gymnastics success. Darcy participated in the team West Country League Finals, with the team placing 3rd overall. Darcy managed to successfully complete a tricky routine on the bars which she had not managed to pull off until the big day. Well done, Darcy!

Staffing

A warm welcome to two new members of staff! Miss Sam Selway will be starting as an SMSA next week and Mr Nick Guy will start as our new caretaker after Christmas. We look forward to them joining the team.

Reverse Advent

Thank you so much for your generous donations to the Somer Food Bank. The Food Bank will be collecting all of the donations on Wednesday so there is still time to donate if you wish. Over the next few days we are seeking donations of toothpaste, washing up liquid, shower gel, household cleaners (not bleach), tinned meat pies and corned beef, coffee, noodle packets and tinned macaroni cheese and meat soups.

Alun Randell
Head teacher

Head Teacher Awards

Olivia Lacey Sammy Mae

Liam Jax Archie Venus Class

Nicky Star Class

Gold Awards

Harry Buster Sam Frasier

Ryley Daisy Morgan

Lily Nada Jazzy



News

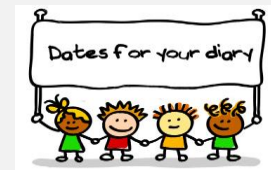


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Important dates for your diary

- *Juniors' Carol Concert: Tues 18th December at 1.45pm, Weds 19th December at 1.45pm & 6pm*
- *Last day of term: Friday 21st December*
- *Inset day: Monday 7th January*



Skye Evelyn Ethan Jamie
Tyler Kai Poppy-Mae Jack Luca

Attendance Champions of the week

1st	Mars	98.6%
Joint 2nd	Pluto and Neptune	97.2%