

# Midsomer Norton Primary School

Head teacher: Mr Alun Randell

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I have had a thoroughly enjoyable week this week. I had the opportunity to teach Year 5&6 maths for a sequence of lessons and found myself thinking 'What wonderful children and staff we have!' Over the past few years, maths learning has increasingly become a real strength of our school and I was not just impressed by the children's understanding but also by their fantastic learning behaviours. It is easy to feel anxious about making mistakes but I was struck at just how far our children have come in developing their confidence and resilience.

## Speak Out Competition

Being a confident speaker is also a very important life skill and our Year 5&6 children are currently preparing persuasive arguments that they will present to their class mates and teachers before 3 children are chosen to represent our school at the Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership Trust 'Speak Out' Competition on 31<sup>st</sup> January. Please come along to support, if you are able, 6.00 - 7.30pm in the school hall at Norton Hill Secondary School.

## Green Team

Midsomer Norton Primary has its very own Green Team. We believe that small steps can make big changes to our environment. Our first target was to get everyone in our school using a reusable plastic water bottle. We held an assembly to explain why reusable bottles are better than single-use plastic bottles. We monitored the number of reusable and single-use plastic bottles children were using and before Christmas almost everyone (including teachers and teaching assistants) were using a reusable water bottle. It was our Christmas present to planet Earth. Green Team have big plans for our next project and we hope to reduce the amount of plastic brought into school in lunch boxes. Watch this space for more updates.



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## Staffing

I would like to say thank you to our business apprentice, Mrs Helen Pugh, who is leaving our school and to wish her all the best for the future. We are now advertising three posts: that of School Administrator/ Office Manager, Part-time Administrative Assistant and Lunch time Supervisor. Details of all 3 posts and how to apply are available on our [school website](#), on the Trust [vacancies](#) page and at [Tes.com/jobs](#).

## Judo Taster Day

Our Key Stage 2 and Year 2 children really enjoyed Judo taster day on Monday. Martial arts are an excellent way for children to keep fit, learn self-control and gain confidence. A letter has been sent home about the morning judo club we are hoping to host if there is sufficient interest.

## Cold Weather

It looks like we are in for a period of cold weather. Please make sure that your child is suitably dressed and has appropriate clothes for outside play. Although there is no forecast of snow for the moment, I would like to remind you that any announcements about school closures will be made via text and on the BANES website at



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

<http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/school-closures>. Please do make sure that the school has up to date contact details for your child.

### Clubs

Clubs start next week up again next week! Thank you to all the staff who have donated their time to provide these additional opportunities for children.

We hope to see you at the PSG quiz night on Saturday. Have a lovely weekend!

Alun Randell  
Head teacher



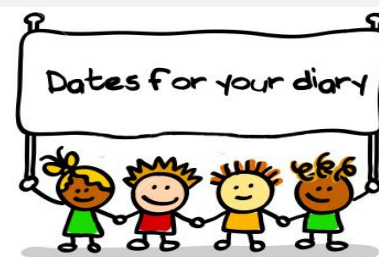
## News



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



PSG Quiz night at Mardons Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Jan

After school clubs begin Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January.

### Head Teacher Awards

Freddie Charlie Harrison  
Harley Luca Harrison Sam  
Deimantas Isabelle Eli

### Gold Awards

For demonstrating exemplary behaviour...

Emilia Esme Harry Leo  
Jack Thomas Jake  
Phoebe Xavier

### Birthdays

Josh Myla Bradley Harrison Harry

### Attendance Champions of the week

Joint 1 <sup>st</sup>	Mercury & Saturn	99.4%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Uranus	98.9%