

Midsomer Norton Primary School

Head teacher: Mr Alun Randell



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Another week has flown by! It has been a joy to see our children playing and learning outside so much in all weathers. The field has temporarily been taken out of action at lunchtimes again but we will continue to keep the forest and playground equipment area open for those children wearing wellies or old trainers.

Forest School continues to be extremely popular with the children. Year 5 & 6 pupils from Earth and Mercury class have been throwing themselves into their outdoor learning - all possible due to the enthusiasm of Mrs Meade and her army of volunteers!



Speak Out Competition

Being a confident speaker is a very important life skill and our Year 5&6 representatives in the Norton Schools Partnership Trust 'Speak Out' Competition on 31st January have been hard at work practising their speeches. They would certainly have my vote! Please come along to support, if you are able, 6.00 - 7.30pm in the school hall at Norton Hill Secondary School.

Sports News

Congratulations to our badminton squad who participated in the B&NES Badminton competition this week. 4 teams were entered, all the children were, as always, fantastic representatives for the school. One team made it all the way to the final and took home the champion's trophy!



Mental Health Week/ Safer Internet Day

The week beginning 4th February is our school Mental Health Week and the Tuesday of that week is Safer Internet Day. I would like to draw your attention to recent news reports about experts concerns over children's use of social media and the impact on some children's body image. Apps such as Instagram can be used very positively but children are also vulnerable and can be influenced by the images they are being bombarded with. Sites such as YouTube, Instagram, Facebook etc do state that they are for 13+ years of age. When social media (and traditional media) celebrates certain types of behaviors and appearances, it can leave a strong impression on children, shaping their ideas of what will make them popular, attractive, and happy (or the opposite: unpopular, unattractive, and unhappy). This kind of comparison can lead to body shame and low body esteem. Please supervise closely your child's use of the internet at home - it's a wonderful tool but caution needs to be exercised.

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 48 hours in advance.

Quiz Night

The PSG quiz night was very successful on Saturday raising £414.40 for the school. Many thanks to everybody who was able to come along and in particular to Donna Ford for organizing the event. Dominic and Ryley Coe did a sterling job as 'runners' also!

PSG/PTA

The PSG are sending home an important letter today detailing a proposed change to a PTA model to enable even closer cooperation with the school and how you can learn more and make your views known.

SMSA

The recent advert for the position of SMSA has been withdrawn. I apologise for any inconvenience caused to those who have already applied.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Alun Randell
Head teacher



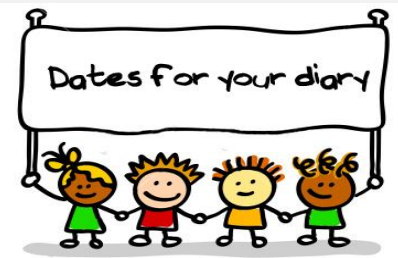
News



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



Parents Evenings Tues 26th and Thurs 28th February.

Head Teacher Awards

Mia Daisy Olivia Pippa

Phoebe Thomas Freya Esme

Amber Amber Harvey



Gold Awards

For demonstrating exemplary behaviour...

Harrison Sofia Reagan Luca

Millie Daisy Alesha Eva

Jai Theo Ava



Harry Frankie

Attendance Champions of the week

1 st	Uranus	97.1%
2 nd	Earth	96.9%
3 rd	Saturn	95.8%