



Midsomer Norton Primary School

Head teacher: Mr Alun Randell

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The weather looks like it will hold off so that we can finish the week with Jumping Jo's bouncy castles! Many thanks to our PTA for organising the event.

Staffing

Unfortunately, we said goodbye to our caretaker, Nick Guy, during the Easter holidays as he has left the school. I would like to thank Mr Guy for all of his hard work during his time with us and wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

This means we are, once again, without a caretaker. We have lovely buildings and grounds - but they do take some looking after! Although our academy trust is able to support with a lot of work that needs addressing, I would like to thank all the staff who are taking on elements of the day to day looking after the school from emptying and putting out bins, to wiping tables and picking up litter on top of their normal duties. In other staff news, I would like to welcome Salome Chirove, our new apprentice, to the Early Years team. She has been an instant hit with children and staff alike!

Sports News

Well done to our netball team for beating St Julian's School on Tuesday 16-3. They are through to the quarter final of the netball cup now!

Curriculum

There has been a lot of research published recently about just how important vocabulary and knowledge of the world is to children's academic success. Scientists have extensive evidence to support the idea that having to frequently recall knowledge actually helps it 'stick' in our long term memory much better. They have also shown that the more knowledge we have, the easier it is for new knowledge to 'stick' because of the links learners make. 'Testing' in the form of frequent quizzes or similar activities - NOT tests in which there is pressure involved - helps because every time we have to recall knowledge we remember it a bit better. Together with all the other schools in our academy trust, we are currently reviewing our curriculum to ensure that we maximise the opportunities to learn new knowledge in the form of vocabulary and skills, to practise recall and to make links.

At home, the most important way parents can help is by frequently supporting the children in practising those key skills - reading and learning number facts including timetables, practising phonics, spellings and handwriting. It is far better to practise for 5-10 minutes every day than to practise once a week for 1 hour because that all important recall is then being revisited more regularly leading to greater 'stickability'. If you would like any advice on how you can support your child, please do see your child's class teacher.

Green Team

Just before Easter, our Green Team announced in assembly that we are recycling batteries. Not only will we help the environment but we could win prizes. The recycling container is in our reception foyer.

Have a lovely long weekend

Alun Randell
Head teacher



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

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

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.

 **Head Teacher Awards** 

Zuzanna Mitchell Jack
Summer Harry Kylan Lola
Maya Maruva Alasdair Tulisha

 **Gold Awards** 

For demonstrating exemplary behaviour...

James Hayden Archie
Katie Lacey Bailey Emilia
Harvey Mya



Birthdays

Lena Kezia Isabelle
Ryan Oscar

Attendance Champions of the week

1 st	Neptune	100%
2 nd	Mercury	99.4%
3 rd	Pluto	99.2%



News



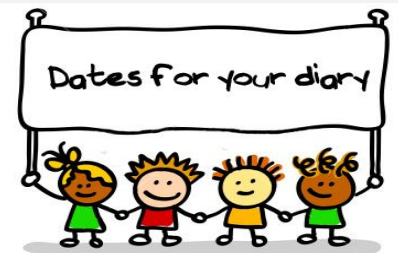
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<https://twitter.com/MSNPrimary>



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7th May - Year 3 & 4 Football at Somervale School

8th May - Lacrosse Festival at Odd Down