



Midsomer Norton Primary School

Head teacher: Mr Alun Randell

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been a pleasure to see children enjoying such a range of experiences this week, highlighting the importance we attach to ensuring our children enjoy an exciting, varied curriculum. This promotes the acquisition of those all-important life skills such as resilience and having the confidence to take a risk by pushing yourself outside your comfort zone. I have been particularly pleased with the start to our Forest School programme which looks set to be a resounding success. In a world where we have become more risk averse and can unintentionally over-protect our children, it has been a joy to see children enjoying 'old-fashioned activities' such as rolling down a hill, playing conkers and using a catapult to fire conkers at targets! I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Meade and her army of staff and parent volunteers who have worked so hard to provide these opportunities.



Website & Calendar

Our new website is now officially up and running. The new website address is www.midsomernortonprimary.co.uk (please note it no longer includes the word 'school'). We hope you will find the site much more useful, in particular our embedded live calendar which means parents can now see all events planned for year. We will continue to 'flag' events ahead of time but the calendar will be a very useful tool for double checking upcoming events. Each team from Reception to Y5/6 will post a weekly update on the website by Friday each week.

Clubs

Our clubs programme started this week and it has been wonderful to see children participating in clubs before school, at lunchtime and after school. We have 20 clubs on offer this term and there is something for everybody. Children sign up for clubs each long term and are a great way for children to try new experiences.

Harvest

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival on Monday. The Infants celebration will begin at 9:30. The Key Stage 2 celebration will begin at 10:45. We are supporting two fantastic charities: Send a Cow and the Somer Food Bank. If you would like to make a food donation, please see the attached flyer for the kind of foodstuffs the foodbank are seeking. If you would like to make a financial donation to Send a Cow, we will be holding a collection in the church. We hope you can join us for refreshments in the school hall in between the Infants and Key Stage 2 celebrations. Many thanks to our wonderful PSG for organising!

Year 1 Phonics Workshop

The Key Stage 1 staff will be holding a Phonics workshop for parents on Tuesday at 3:30pm. A crèche will be provided for children of school age in Pluto class.

Parents Forum

We will be holding our first Parent Forum on the theme of behavior on Thursday at 1:45pm in the studio hall. Come along to find out more about our ways of promoting behaviour, and our rationale, and to give us your views.



Please ensure that dinners, after school clubs and after school/breakfast clubs are paid for using ParentPay. Also any school trips. 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 Read

Drop off and Read will begin from the week beginning 24th September (Reception week beginning 1st October). You are welcome to join your child to share a book 8:45-9:00 on the followings days in Term 1:

Tuesdays: Year 5/6 and Reception
Wednesdays: Year 3/4
Thursdays: Year 1/2

Please see notice on front door concerning OWLS HOOT FAREWELL. This is taking place 29th and 30th September on Bath Recreation Ground. Further details are on the poster.

Please could you remind your children that there should be NO BALL GAMES or RIDING WHEELED VEHICLES both before and after school on the premises. Thank you.

Sponsored Walk

Thank you very much to everybody both for your messages of support for my sponsored walk last Sunday and your donations to help the charity, Julian House. The walk was 20 miles in total of which I reckon I completed 21 after getting lost and ascending and descending Solsbury Hill twice! All together, we have raised £400, which comes to £477.50 with GiftAid included. A huge thank you to you all. If you would still like to donate you can do still do so by clicking:

<http://www.justgiving.com/owner-email/pleasesponsor/Alun-Randell>

School Funding

Please remember, there is an open meeting at Norton Hill School, Wednesday 3rd October 7pm for parents to learn more and find out what they can do to help persuade the government to look at this issue. Despite the government's claims to be spending more on education than ever before, due to increased pupil numbers there has been a **real terms drop of 8%** since 2010/2011. When you think about the fact that **BANES local authority has had a budget cut of 49%** in this time which means that schools now have to pay for many services previously provided by the LA, and the fact that schools have to pay a much higher employers contribution towards pensions and national insurance from each school's budget, the situation is extremely worrying. Please see the accompanying flyer for details. If you are able to attend, please register online so that the school can ensure sufficient seating (see attachment for details).

Best wishes,

Alun Randell
Head teacher

Head Teacher Awards

Rosie Lily-Mae Alasdair Sam

Jasmine Millie Amber Sammy

Alyssa Mika Harry

Gold Awards

For demonstrating exemplary behaviour...

Mazin Alex Ralphie

Elliot Pippa Ruby Alana

Max Victoria Marco Kezia



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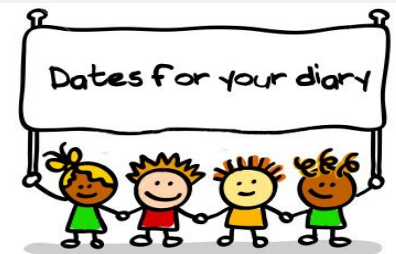
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<https://twitter.com/MSNPrimary>



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All letters are uploaded to the school website.



Important dates for your diary

- Harvest Festival: 1st October
Infants 9:30am, KS2 10:45am
- EYFS Phonics workshop: 2nd October, 3:30 crèche provided
- Parent Forum: Behaviour 4th October, 1:45pm
- Y1 Phonics workshop: 9th October, 3:30 crèche provided
- Coping with challenging behaviour coffee morning: 25th October, 9:00am
- Parents' Evenings: 6th & 8th November, 3:30-7:00pm
- Neptune Swimming-Tuesdays



Lucas Alesha Charles Charlie

Sammy Amber Mohammed

Attendance Champions of the week

1st	Star	98.1%
2nd	Mars	97.3%
3rd	Mercury	97.0%