



# Midsomer Norton Primary School

Head teacher: Mr Alun Randell



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Thursday was National Poetry Day and we celebrated with a Poetry Slam. Children performed poetry in front of an audience (their class) and then representatives were chosen to perform in front of the whole school and a panel of judges. All the adults were so impressed by the children's confidence and expression! I would like to say a big thank you to our judging panel Mrs Jane Jones, school governor, Ms Biss, Mrs Blunsdon and Mrs Boyce.



## Harvest

We enjoyed our Harvest celebrations on Monday. As I always say, such opportunities are so vital for children to experience. There is excitement and sometimes nervousness and it is important for children to push themselves outside their comfort zone so that they can learn how to cope and flourish in similar situations as they grow older. Thank you for supporting in such numbers! The donations we were able to make to Send a Cow (£167.57) and food donations to Somer Food Bank were gratefully received.



## Sports News

We took 19 of our Year 5/6 children to the first sporting event of the school calendar on Wednesday, with the annual cross-country race in Bath. We haven't found out the team results yet but every child ran their socks off and the determination and resilience on their faces was something to behold! Special well done to Aimee M who finished 4th in her race, and Jai S who ran a superb race to finish 1st out of all the Year 5 boys there. Well done everyone!

## School Funding

I attended the meeting at Norton Hill School on Wednesday evening, which was both inspiring and deeply depressing. Head teacher after head teacher spoke about the difficulties they are having making ends meet and their frustration with the governments line that 'more money is being spent on education than ever before', completely ignoring that, because there are many more children in the system, in real terms spending has dropped by 8% and that costs have risen enormously, many as a direct result of government policy! Schools cope - because that is what we do - staff work longer and buy resources from their own pockets; we try and be creative so that fewer resources go further but there is a real danger that the entire system is approaching a crisis just as we saw with the NHS over the last few years before the government finally acknowledged the severity of the situation. Logically, there comes a point where we simply cannot continue to do more with less. The consensus was that the government will not listen to schools but they will listen to parents if enough make their views known. Please, please make your views known to your local MP.

## Staff

Many of you will have already met our new business apprentice, Miss Helen Pugh, on the desk in reception. I would like to formally welcome her to the team. Our School

**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 24<sup>th</sup> September (Reception week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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.

Business Manager, Mrs Wellington, is now Business manager across two schools and Mrs Awcock has been appointed Office Manager.

### Repair Works

Thank you for your patience as the contractors worked on the church next doors burst water pipe this week. Unfortunately, the problem still hasn't been resolved and they will need to excavate our driveway, with the works taking anything up to one week. We will keep you informed of arrangements for drop off and pick up once the dates work will re-commence have been confirmed.

### Parent Forum

Unfortunately, no parents were able to attend our Parent Forum yesterday on the topic: Behavior. We will reschedule a date with a 9:00 coffee morning to see if the time is more convenient.

### A Message from the PSG

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who came along and supported our Jumping Jos Event on Friday, what a fantastic afternoon, with an amazing £197.90 raised on the day! Also, a big thank you to everyone who came along to and/or donated cakes for our recent cake sale which raised £132! Our next event is the Monster Ball, look out for details coming out next week!

### EYFS Phonics Workshop

We hope you can make the Early Year Phonics workshop on Tuesday next week, 3:30pm. A crèche will be provided for children of nursery age or older.

Have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes,

Alun Randell  
Head teacher

### Head Teacher Awards

Ismael Loujoin Bailey Emelia  
Nada Jennifer Chloe Tyler  
Freddie Joe Isaac

### Gold Awards

For demonstrating exemplary behaviour...

Isla Henry Ralphie  
William Elliot Callum  
Thomas Jack Remy  
Esther Beau



## News



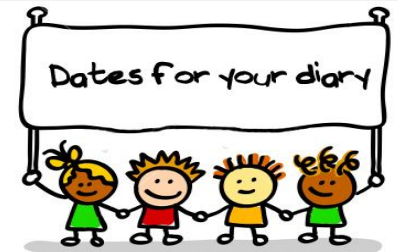
Don't forget that you can catch up with what's going on in school on our twitter feed:

<https://twitter.com/MSNPrimary>



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All letters are uploaded to the school website.



### Important dates for your diary

- Nasal flu vaccination Mon 8<sup>th</sup> October (YR-Y5)
- Individual school photos - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October
- Y1 Phonics workshop: 9<sup>th</sup> October, 3:30 crèche provided
- Coping with challenging behaviour coffee morning: 25<sup>th</sup> October, 9:00am
- Parents' Evenings: 6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> November, 3:30-7:00pm
- Neptune Swimming-Tuesdays



Ffion Zoe Isabel Bobbie  
Isabella Jax Alan

### Attendance Champions of the week

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Neptune</b>	<b>98.9%</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Mars</b>	<b>98.2%</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Earth</b>	<b>97.5%</b>