

MIDSOMER NORTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



APRIL NEWSLETTER



Mr Randall's Roundup!

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy term! Despite the high levels of pupil and staff absence due to COVID, we have managed to ensure the children have had a term full of variety and excitement.

The highlight, of course, has got to be the visit by the police helicopter but there has been much, much more to celebrate:

We began the term with World Book Day. It was fantastic to see our children showing their love of reading. Our recent OFSTED report highlighted our strong reading culture and the children's enthusiasm for reading. We have a wonderful library due to the generosity of our families and we intend to keep investing heavily in our stock to ensure we have high quality, relevant, up to date books.

Year 1&2 loved their trip to the SS Great Britain and the Clifton Suspension Bridge and today Year 3&4 are off to the Roman Baths. There is excited chatter in the corridor as the children leave! Key Stage 2 also experienced the universe in the science dome during science week.

A large number of children have benefited from sports events during the term - both of a competitive and an inclusive nature - including: football, tag rugby, outdoors team building, gymnastics and netball. A huge thank you to Ms Derrick our Sports Lead, Mrs Presley our Sports assistant and all the other staff and parents and carers who have enabled the children to take part and transported them to venues.

And, of course, our children raised money for the humanitarian crisis caused by events in Ukraine and for Red Nose Day. School fundraising received a wonderful boost with the PTA spring Disco being a huge success. Over £680 was raised! A massive thank you to our PTA organising team, all volunteers and staff and, not least, to our DJ extraordinaire Liz Williams!

It was touch and go for a number of weeks but I am delighted that we did not need to close any classes despite high levels of staff absence caused by COVID. I would like to say an extra special thank you to all of our staff who, once again, have gone above and beyond. They are exhausted and deserve a well-earned break!

We hope all of our families have a restful Easter and look forward to seeing you all next term.

Best wishes
Mr Randall

Thank you to everyone that has supported and donated to the below charities, whether its paying £1 for mufty or popping your change in the charity box, it does make a difference, so thank you!

Day for Ukraine – We raised £206.97

The money raised will help support the humanitarian effort



Red Nose Day - £159.15

Helping people live free from poverty, violence and discrimination.



Alzheimer's Society - £167.55

Alzheimer's Society funds research into the cause, cure, care and prevention of dementia



nfest Amazing Easter Trail

Enter a team to race through or ramble along 10 activities that bring to life what happened on the very first Easter Weekend.
MSN Town Park 10th April - 2.30pm start, all ages welcome.
(Each team must have 1 adult 18+)
Register your team of up to 4 people on Eventbrite at -
nfesteastertrail.eventbrite.co.uk
For more info head to www.weltonchurch.org.uk

Bumped Heads!

Due to current guidelines within First Aid, the school office need to make parents aware when children have bumped their heads.

We understand it can be a worry or inconvenient to keep calling you, so we will send out a text to update you. We will call you if we feel it is more serious and children may need to be sent home.



Dates for your diary!

11th to 22nd April – Easter Holidays

30th May to 3rd June – May Half Term

22nd to 25th June – Yr 5/6 School Camp

21st July – End of School Year

22nd March was a district netball competition at Norton Hill after school. The girls were great and deservedly won two matches and drew another one. Unfortunately, it just wasn't quite enough to get to the final but they did the school and themselves proud with their achievements.



A super well done to all the gymnastics in the competition on 30th March!
With Level 1 being awarded with a Bronze and Level 2 coming 5th with really tough competition against them.

To say you made the school proud would be an understatement!

A huge congratulations to Isabella Nelson who achieved a bronze individually.

We are all so proud of you,
Well done girls!



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and your children are the ones that will benefit the most.

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SS Great Britain Trip

On Friday 1st April KS1 enjoyed a fun, educational trip to SS Great Britain and a visit to Clifton Suspension Bridge.

The children (and adults) were very well behaved! A trip enjoyed by all!



Police Helicopter Visit!

We were so lucky to have visit from the police helicopter, all the children were so excited to be able to see it up close and got to ask lots of interesting questions!

Definitely a day to remember!



As you are aware, when we plan school trips we ask for a voluntary contribution. This is a guide price on how much it will cost for each pupil to go. We are so grateful to everyone that helps contribute towards this. However we do need to meet 95% of the overall costs for the trip to be able to go ahead, if we do not meet this, unfortunately, as the school budget is stretched we have no option but to cancel. Before each trip, if we do not have enough funds we will let parents know that we do require more, and like the SS Great Britain trip, we will hopefully manage to work together to resolve this!

Thank you so much for understanding and for your continued support.



Contacting the School

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions and concerns. We are proud to offer an open door policy and encourage families to talk with us, if ever the need arises. From lost toys to personal circumstances, we are always happy to help or book appointments with other members of staff that can help!

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