



# Midsomer Norton Primary School

Head teacher: Mr Alun Randell

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is so good to be 'back to normal' and running the school as we should be after the interruptions caused by the pandemic.

We have been really impressed by how well children have settled back into school life. We no longer need to maintain 'bubbles' so our Key Stage 1 and 2 children have been able to choose which playground they would like to go to during lunch time and it has been wonderful to see the children from different year groups mixing and interacting. I have shown a number of visitors around the school recently and they have all commented on how well behaved the children are towards each other.



## Clubs

Our clubs started last week and are proving popular. The clubs list for Terms 1 and 2 can be found [here](#). An electronic sign up form is sent to parents and carers three times a year. If you have missed the deadline and your child would still like to join a club please contact the school office.

## Community Art Event

We would like to invite you to our first Community Art Event on Tuesday 28th September at 1:30 pm. All classes will be creating wonderful artwork based on Vincent Van Gogh's 'The Starry Night' for a whole school display. The project will include joining in with your child using paints, collage & pastels so please come along and be creative with us if you can! If you have more than one child in the school, you can spend some time in each class.

Please just turn up on the afternoon at the main entrance or let your child's teacher know if you can help - there is no need to let the office know.

## Harvest

We will be holding our harvest celebrations in Midsomer Norton Methodist Church this year on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October. The infants' (Reception - Year 2) celebration will take place 9:30am-9:55am. Years 3-6 will hold their celebration 10:45am - 11:10am. Due to the church's COVID risk assessment, seating will be limited to 80 places. Therefore, we will need to ticket this event and I am afraid we are limiting tickets to one per family. I am afraid we are not able to accommodate younger siblings this year. We appreciate that this means some parents and carers will be disappointed and we look forward to a time when these measures can be removed entirely. Please look out for today's email communication on how to request ticket. If you have any issues booking online please ring the office.

We will be supporting the Methodist Church's Community Pantry this year. Stocks are running low in the pantry so if you would like to donate tins of produce to this wonderful initiative, please send them to school with your child between now and



## Child sick?

If your child has a temperature, continuous cough or loss of sense of taste and smell, they (**and any siblings**) must not attend school unless they have had a negative COVID test and the symptoms have disappeared.

## School Dinners

Please book school dinners on ParentPay, they need to be booked one week 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 CONTAIN ITEMS THAT CONTAIN NUTS AS WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL AND WE HAVE BOTH CHILDREN AND STAFF WITH SEVERE NUT ALLERGIES. FOODS CONTAINING NUTS WILL HAVE TO BE REMOVED FROM CHILDRENS LUNCH BOXES.** No fizzy drinks are allowed in school. Drinks bottles that children have in the class should only contain water.

Harvest or bring them along to the church on the day. You can find out more about the Community Pantry [here](#).

### Opportunities to see your child 'in -action'

We are re-introducing 'pick up and read'. In previous years, this was a weekly event; however, this does have an impact on learning time. This year we will be inviting parents and carers in at 2:40pm once a term giving families with more than one child the opportunity to hear each child read. We will also be holding 'Show and Shares' three times a year. These events will give families a chance to come and see a short performance and visit their child's class to see their learning and chat informally with the teacher.

### PTA

A big thank you to the enthusiastic parents and carers who joined our PTA planning meeting yesterday. Some brilliant ideas were shared on ways forward for this year. The PTA will hold its AGM on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 3:25pm, in the school library. All are welcome. We are able to provide childcare for children of school age. We hope to see you there. Please look out for the letter from the PTA sent out today. After two years, as Chair of the PTA, Jodie Plummer is stepping down. I would like to say a huge thank you to both Jodie, and also Jo Guy, for continuing to keep the PTA running behind the scenes during very difficult times!

### Volunteering

We are always looking for volunteers to listen to children read. Encouraging fluency and a love of books is one of the biggest gifts we can give a child. If you would like to join our growing troop of volunteers, please do contact the school office.

### Bike to School Week

The children and adults at Midsomer Norton Primary will be taking part in Bike to School Week next week (Monday 27<sup>th</sup> of September to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> of October). It's a great way to celebrate the huge benefits an active school run brings. We all know that exercise is great for our physical and mental health so we hope you will join us in riding, scooting or even walking to school safely as much as you can during this week. We'll also be helping the environment out too!

We know that some children have a longer journey to school so why not stop and park on the way and walk, scoot or ride a part of your journey.

There is also a competition running to win a Frog bike worth up to £400. Follow the link below and fill in the online form to be in with a chance to win. Good luck everyone!

<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/campaigns/bike-to-school-week-pledge/>

Why cycle or scoot the school run?

There are loads of benefits to getting active on the way to school.

1. It's a boost to children's physical and mental health and wellbeing.
2. Children arrive more relaxed, alert and ready to start the day.
3. There's reduced congestion and pollution around the school gates.
4. Children are more aware of road safety and feel more independent.

Have a lovely weekend

Mr Randell  
Headteacher

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### Can we help?

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<https://twitter.com/MSNPrimary>



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