



Midsomer Norton Primary School

Head teacher: Mr Alun Randell

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We have four school values that guide everything we do in school: we believe in **ambition**; we believe in **opportunity for all**; we build **confidence and independence** and we believe in **community**. I have seen numerous examples of children demonstrating their community spirit over the course of the last two weeks. On Wednesday, our School Champions met with me to give feedback on how we encourage and reward good behaviour in school. In assembly, today I asked our Year 5 and 6s if they would be willing to help our younger children in the dinner hall and was delighted to have 15 volunteers come forward. On Fridays, we have a special dinner table for those who have contributed to positive lunch times and was delighted to see a lot of our Year 6s were being rewarded for their helpfulness to staff. I would like to say a big thank you to all of our children for their community-mindedness!



"We've got some ideas about how to reward behaviour, Mr Randell"



"Can we help out at lunchtimes please?"

Children's Mental Health Week

Next week, we are holding our Mental Health Week. Each class will be taking part in a number of activities. On Wednesday, we have our Silly Limbic presentation for children and then parents (see below). On Thursday, we are holding a Be Yourself Day. Children are encouraged to come to school however they wish - whether that be in school uniform or in mufti or in costume or dressed as what they would like to be when they grow up! The emphasis is simply on being happy in being who we are. In return, we would like to ask for a suggested £1.00 donation, which will be used to partly fund the purchase of a new PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) scheme we are buying.

Silly Limbic

Naomi Harvey, psychotherapist and creator of Silly Limbic, a program to support children with anxieties, will be coming into school next Wednesday 5th February during Place2Be's Mental Health Week. She will be talking to our children about the brain and how our limbic brain controls our fight, flight and freeze instincts. She will also be talking about strategies children can use to cope with their emotions. Parents and carers are invited in at 2:30pm on that day to join Naomi to find out more about how they can support children with anxieties. Her fantastic children's books will also be available for sale. Our wonderful PTA will be providing refreshments. We hope you can join us!

Sports

Thanks to winning the B&NES Sportshall athletics event before Christmas, this week we competed in the Winter County Finals against 19 other schools from across Wiltshire, Somerset and Gloucestershire. Our squad of 25 children competed in a range of running and field events and did themselves so proud. We finished in 7th position overall and this is something to be very proud of!



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 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

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

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**. No fizzy drinks are allowed in school. Drinks bottles that children have in the class should only contain water.

Holiday requests

Please remember that term-time holiday requests can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances (e.g. on compassionate grounds). Parent who take their child out of school for a holiday in term time risk being fined £60 per child per parent - £240 for a family with two children. The government is very clear that parents have a legal obligation to ensure their child attends school all year.

We had our 3rd football league match of the season this week too, coming from 3-1 down to draw 3-3 with area champions Westfield. The team showed great fight to equalise with the last kick of the game!

Year 3&4 Tag Rugby Festival - and a big thank you!!

Many thanks to the incredible generosity of ' JVA Sunseeker Tours' and Charlie's family for the use of a coach for the Bath Schools Rugby Festival on Wednesday 12th February. It is allowing us to take all of Uranus and Saturn class who have participated in the Bath Rugby Tackling Health programme this term at no cost to parents and carers!

Parents Evenings

Dates for your diary - Parents Evenings will be held on Tuesday 10th March and Thursday 12th March, 3:30 - 7:00pm.

Year 6 SATS evening

We will be holding an information evening for parents and carers of Year 6 children at 6:00pm, 11th February. Come along to find out how you can help your child to approach these assessments with confidence.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Our children have enthusiastically supported our expanded recycling campaign. We now recycle paper, cardboard, food waste, plastic (including everyday plastics such as pens and highlighters) and crisp packets. We aim to reduce the amount of plastic we use in the first place as recycling helps but is not a cure-all for the issue of waste. As you are preparing lunch boxes and drinks please help reinforce this message with your child. Thank you!



Children who have really impressed lunch staff over the week with their behavior are invited to sit at the 'Special Table'.

Have a lovely weekend

Alun Randell
Headteacher



Frankie Luna Alfie Olivia Josh
Cora Chloe Theo Deimantas
Jasmine Jessica Aylssa Katie



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