



Midsomer Norton Primary School

Head teacher: Mr Alun Randell

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been a busy couple of weeks in the run up to half-term. Last week, we held our Mental Health week, which included talks for children and parents by Naomi Harvey, author of the Silly Limbic books, about strategies to cope with anxieties and our Be Yourself Day. We also ran two school trips with Key Stage 1 visiting the SS Great Britain and a group of 14 selected artists in Key stage 2 visiting the Holbourne Art Museum. This week Neptune and Uranus class took part in the Bath Schools Rugby Festival.



Thank you to ...

Our parents and carers for all of their donations on Be Yourself Day. This will help us fund the purchase of a new PSHE scheme of work and resources called Jigsaw. You can find out more about this programme at <https://www.jigsawpshe.com/primary-pshe-scheme-of-work-including-statutory-relationships-and-health-education/>

And thank you to...

JVA Sunseeker Tours for transporting our children to the Bath Schools Rugby Festival free of charge!!!



Careers Day

We are planning to hold a careers day on Thursday 21st May. We are looking for volunteers who would be able to come into school for a day or half a day to explain their career. You would not need to talk to a class of children (unless you want to!). You would be sat at a table in the hall for children to come and ask questions about what you do, how you came to do the role, a typical day, what skills you need, what you like about the job/ don't like etc. Any props such as uniform/ work clothes, specialist equipment or photos of your workplace would be a bonus! What kind of careers are we looking for? Everything! We would like our children to begin to understand the range 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). Parents 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.

possible careers they could choose from in future. If you are able to help on this day, our office staff would love to hear from you!

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 had a big turnout for our SATS evening this week. If you were not able to make the evening please see your child's class teacher and they will be happy to explain how you can support your child in the run up to SATs.

How to help your child...

We are often asked for advice on how parents and carers can support their child to be successful learners. With half term arriving it is helpful to remember that what makes the biggest impact is:

- 'Little and often' practice of key skills - reading aloud to and adult or elder sibling/ cousin and times tables/ counting/ practicing number bonds.
- Developing and maintaining positive routines around bed times, screen time and getting ready for school in the morning.

Times tables

Did you know that in Year 4 the government has introduced a new statutory times tables check? By the end of Year 4 children are expected to know all of their times tables by heart to enable them to use times tables facts in their maths work such as finding a fraction of a number. All of our children from Year 2 up have a login for Times Tables Rockstars (<https://ttrockstars.com/>). If your child has forgotten their login details or there are difficulties accessing the internet at home, please see your child's class teacher so that we can support you in helping your child learn their tables.

E-safety

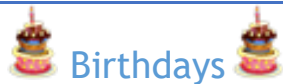
Many popular online games and social media sites such as YouTube, WhatsApp, Instagram and Facebook have age restrictions (typically 13years +). This is because children younger than 13 often do not have the maturity to be able to use the sites safely and responsibly. This can and does cause problems for our children. Please make sure that you supervise your child when they are online so that you know they are safe. <https://www.common sense media.org/> is a very useful website for checking the age appropriateness of social media, games, TV and films.

Please note that for Greenie Time, children can bring in a small non electric toy.

The council is encouraging Clean Air and so has a campaign to encourage parents/carers when picking up their children to switch off car engines.

We hope that all of our children and families enjoy the half-term break.
Best wishes,

Alun Randell
Headteacher



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Lyra Leigh Thomas Eva Bailey Jacob Sam

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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.

