



Midsomer Norton Primary School

Head teacher: Mr Alun Randell

Dear Parents/ Carers,

World Book Day

We enjoyed World Book Day yesterday and it was great to see our children, families and staff get into the spirit of things. This year, we have been encouraging our children more than ever to read and enjoy a wide range of books and with fantastic support from home, it seems to be making a real difference. Our children are reading more than ever and they made a real effort to celebrate by dressing up and getting into character. Thank you to all of our parents and carers who were able to attend Drop and Read in the morning. In



the afternoon, we had a special treat; Ms Biss is writing her own story book! Many of you will know that she is a very talented artist - and indeed the fact that art is of such high quality in our school is due to the fact that she is our art coordinator - but she is also a wonderful writer. Today, she shared with Key Stage 1 and 2 her art work and ideas for her story about the adventures of two cats. We look forward to seeing the finished book!

Speak Out Competition

Last week, our academy trust held its third annual public speaking competition 'Speak Out'. Our team of three Year 5s had the challenge of speaking first on the subject of 'Graffiti: Art or Vandalism' and did amazingly well - placing third! The judges noted their confidence and clarity of their arguments. I would like to say a big well done to the team and a huge thank you to our understudy who was ready to jump in at a moment's notice and their support network from Year 6.



Sports news

Well done to our two gymnastics team this week in their competition at Writhlington School. They placed 3rd and 4th. A particular well-done to Millie in Year 5 for winning gold in the individual event!

Another well done to our football team who played the league leaders Paulton Juniors this week and won 6-1!

And a further well done to our netball team. In preparation for the upcoming area finals. They played a Year 7 team from Norton Hill Secondary school and drew 7-7!



National STEM Week

It is national STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) week next week. Our Year 2s have a science work shop, whilst Year 5 will be visiting the Bath University Science fair. In assemblies and science lessons, we will be



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 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.

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**

looking at wondrous science and how everybody is a scientist. All you need to do is ask "I wonder what will happen if...".

Sculpture Day

Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2) were artists for the day last Friday as they enjoyed their Sculpture Day. Mars class made clay ammonites and a HUGE stegosaurus. Venus class made figurines out of wire and modroc.



Parents' Evenings

Parents Evenings are next week Tuesday 10th March and Thursday 12th March, 3:30 - 7:00pm. It is not too late to book an appointment online. If you are having difficulties booking, please contact the office. If you are not able to make either of these dates teachers are happy to meet at any point during the year to discuss your child's progress.

PSHE/ Relationships Education - coffee morning

The government has issued new statutory guidance for Relationships education which comes into force in September. We will be holding a coffee morning for parents and carers on Thursday 26th March, 9:00am to introduce our new Personal, Social and Health Education scheme Jigsaw that incorporates Relationships education. The scheme was a considerable investment only made possible through a £1000 donation from our PTA! Please come along to the coffee morning to find out more.

Coronavirus

A letter from our academy trust regarding the coronavirus epidemic was sent home this week. Although it currently looks unlikely that there will be school closures, staff are planning behind the scenes to support education at home in this eventuality. In the meantime, the advice remains the same that the best way to prevent the spread of coronavirus is by frequent handwashing.

Pitter Patter of Tiny Feet

And finally we would like to congratulate Mrs Hamilton on the exciting news that she is to become a Mum later in the year!

Have a lovely weekend

Mr Randell
Headteacher



Ella-Rose Aimee Harvey Nicky
Archie Theo Amber Mason
Jonah Joe Ellie Jasmine



News



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