



Midsomer Norton Primary School

Head teacher: Mr Alun Randell

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been very rewarding seeing our children all back in school for the last four weeks. In addition to teaching the national curriculum, our focus has been on identifying and closing gaps in learning and developing children's confidence, resilience and stamina. We have also worked hard on rebuilding children's tolerance towards others and ability to play and share. Behaviour in school remains excellent but the impact of the lockdown on children's ability to get along, compromise and understand each other's point of view has been evident. The children are bouncing back, however, and to help with this process we are investing considerable funds in new playground equipment to ensure play times and lunch times are varied and fun!



Our Year 5/6s enjoy dancing in our performance area.

Bath Stone Property

The big investment mentioned above has received a huge boost from our new sponsor local estate agents Bath Stone Property who have purchased £300 of playground equipment and also pledged 1% of their fee for any parent/referral that sells their property through the company. We are delighted to have the support of our new sponsor!

Mrs Chinnery

It is with regret that we say good-bye to Mrs Chinnery who has left the school due to personal reasons. Mrs Chinnery has worked at our school for thirteen years and I know that this was not an easy decision. I know that she will be missed by children and families and wish her all the best for the future. Mrs Chinnery has asked me to include the message below to our parents and carers:

'As for many of you, the last year has been very difficult and I have found the demands of my family and other commitments difficult to sustain alongside the responsibilities of working in a fulltime teacher role. It is therefore with great sadness I have made the decision to leave Midsomer Norton Primary School. Over the past 13 years, I have held a variety of roles throughout the school, most recently being the full time Class Teacher in Uranus Class. During this time, I have had the privilege of teaching many of your children and watch them grow and flourish. Living in Midsomer Norton my role in the school has added to my sense of community therefore I will look forward to seeing you and your children in and around Midsomer Norton.'

Uniform - shoes, jewellery, hair

With shops closed, fast growing children have often needed to wear shoes or boots that in normal times wouldn't be in keeping with our school uniform policy. With the relaxation of restrictions, it seems a good time to give a few reminders about our uniform policy:

- Children should wear black shoes - no boots or trainers except on PE days please
- Socks should be grey/ black - or white with our summer dress.
- Other than ear studs, children are not allowed to wear jewellery
- Long hair should be tied back



Attendance

Attendance from March is compulsory. Please contact us if there are any issues about your child returning to school.

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.

- Hair cuts should be appropriate for primary school. Hair should not be dyed non-natural colours.

Our full policy is available on our website [here](#).

Swimming

Although swimming pools are re-opening, we have not yet been given the go-ahead for school swimming lessons. We hope that we will be able to provide at least some lessons for our Year 3/4s in the summer term.

Clubs

Confirmation of club place will be sent out during the holidays. It looks like we do still have spaces in most clubs. Please encourage your child to join a club. We have had great take up this term. Please send an email to the school office if you were not able to sign up for our Wednesday deadline.

Parents' Evening

We held our online parents evenings on Thursday last week and Tuesday this week. If you were not able to meet with your child's class teacher, please remember you can contact their teacher at any point in the year to discuss their progress.

Volunteers

And finally, some good news - we are allowed to accept volunteers back in school as long as we maintain our COVID safety measures. Volunteers would only be able to work with a certain 'bubble' of children, for example. We are particularly eager for our army of reading volunteers to return. Please contact the school office or your child's class teacher if you would like to assist in this way.

Thank you for the many messages of support we continue to receive. I hope our families all enjoy a well-deserved rest!

Best wishes,

Mr Randell
Headteacher

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News

Can we help?

Midsomer Norton Primary School holds Foodbank Vouchers. Please speak in confidence to reception who will be able to give you further information.



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