



# Midsomer Norton Primary School

Head teacher: Mr Alun Randell

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe there are only 3 weeks of term left. You will be emailed a letter today with your child's class for next year. It is always quite a challenge mixing our classes each year as we aim, as far as possible, to consider gender, attainment, class dynamics and friendships. This year has been particularly difficult due to the school closure and the fact that only half of our pupils have been able to return to school. Thank you for your patience.

## Staff changes

Mrs Hamilton will be on maternity leave next year. Mrs Hamilton and her husband are looking forward to becoming parents for the first time later in the summer!

We would like to welcome Miss Danielle Seymour to our school. Miss Seymour will be teaching in Key Stage 1. We are very much looking forward to working with Miss Seymour who we feel is the perfect match for our team.

The staff teams for 2020-2021 are as follows:

**Sunbeams Nursery** : Ms Vicky Farnham (Nursery Lead), Miss Katie Cross

**Sun Pre-School**: Mrs Tina Smith (pre-School Lead), Miss Katie Stokes, Mrs Sarah Fortt

**Reception**: Mrs Julie Grice, Mrs Emily Hardisty, Mrs Mel Lake, Mrs Debbie Taylor, Mrs Emma Harvey

**Key Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2)**: Mrs Liz Buffham, Mr Jake Andre, Miss Danielle Seymour, Mrs Anna Cox Miss Nikki Edgell, Mrs Hayley Ashman

**Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4)**: Miss Katie Dodington, Mrs Gemma Chinnery, Mrs Catherin Josham

**Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 & 6)**: Mrs Eleanor Cook, Mrs Michelle Ross, Mrs Norma Forster, Miss Charis Derrick, Mrs Alex Lockyear, Mrs Julie Bailey.

We are currently in the process of recruiting additional TAs.

## Transition videos

With many of our children still not able to attend school and the fact that we are unable to run our usual Shuffle Up events, we are producing welcome videos to share with you and your child. These should be ready early next week. A big thank you to our staff who have done such an amazing job of training themselves up in new IT skills throughout the pandemic.

## Sad news

Our thoughts are very much with Mrs Eleanor Cook, Mercury Class teacher, after the sudden passing of her husband, Jonathan, this week. Mr Cook was well known in the community, he was most recently a Year 5 teacher at St John's Primary School, and will be sorely missed by friends, colleagues, pupils and families alike.



Our Year 1 children designed and made puppets this week before performing their own scenes. Aren't they great?



## Social Distancing

Please continue to use the play ground markings to enable social distancing when you are dropping off/ collecting your child.

## Attendance

Although the government has suspended prosecuting parents for non-attendance at school of their child, attendance is **not** optional. If you have sent your child back to school, they are expected to be in school everyday. We have a lot of catching up to do!

## 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.

Our understanding is that his death is not related to COVID and that St John's Primary School is safe to remain open.

We would like to offer our condolences to Mrs Cook and her family at this very difficult time.

### Reports

Your child's school report will be sent home next Friday. The teacher assessments given are based on what your child was on track to achieve before the start of the lockdown.

### School uniform for September?

A number of parents have asked whether the children will be wearing school uniform in September. We do not yet know the answer to this question as we have not yet received detailed guidance for how schools are to operate. It may well be that some guidance is not released until August as I am sure the government will want to keep a close eye on the COVID-19 transmission rate as restrictions are gradually eased. Please rest assured that if we decide children will be wearing uniform and you have not had the chance to order any, there will be a period during which it will be permissible for children to continue to come to school in their everyday clothes.

### Social distancing

I would like to ask that children and their parent/carer arrive as close to their allotted time to enter school as possible. This is to ensure that families can maintain social distancing before school - as we all know that young children find it hard to stay still and away from friends (who may not be in their school 'bubble'). Many thanks!

Have a lovely weekend

Mr Randell  
Headteacher



## News

### 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



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