



Midsomer Norton Primary School

Head teacher: Mr Alun Randell



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very nearly at the end of another (very unusual) year. We have faced many challenges, such as teaching children both in school and remotely during another lock down in the spring term, and supporting our children, families and staff throughout the year as we all coped with the impact of the pandemic. We have also had the double tragedy of losing two much loved members of staff this year - Julie Bailey and Carolyn Meade. We miss them terribly and they and their families are still very much in our thoughts.

In these difficult circumstances, I would like to say how proud I am of our staff team who have somehow kept going throughout - always going the extra mile and looking out for our children, families and each other. They have been ever cheerful for the children despite their own worries; they have taken on extra duties such as cleaning and covering for staff who have had to isolate; they have learned entirely new ways of working and teaching online and they have been ever alert to our children's emotional needs. They are quite simply amazing - and are now quite simply exhausted! I want to say the biggest thank you I can imagine to this amazing team. I hope, with all my heart, that they do indeed manage a well-earned rest over the summer.

Staffing changes

As previously announced we say goodbye to Mrs Emma Acock, Mr Jake Andrew and Mrs Emma Bailey this year. We will miss them all and wish them all the best for the new adventures ahead. We also welcome back Mrs Hamilton from her maternity leave next week and we will welcome Mrs Jessica Mitchell, her teaching partner, in September plus Mrs Michele Knightley our new Higher Level Teaching Assistant.

Next week

As previously communicated, we will maintain all of our current COVID arrangements for next week including asking adult visitors to wear masks on site and keeping the children in bubbles.

September

In September, we are expecting to return largely to normality with our children allowed to mix across bubbles. Bubbles have impacted many school routines from drop off to assemblies to lunch times and the opportunities we can offer children, so we are very much looking forward to the expected changes. Exact arrangements will depend on government guidance as the new school year approaches and I will write to all families to confirm changes at the end of the school holidays.

Sports

With the lifting of some restrictions over the last few weeks, opportunities for competitive sport have returned and we have been able to send teams to a number of events.

- Year 6 Cross Country - we had 10 runners who all completed the course. The team came 4th overall.
- Year 3&4 Quadkids - 10 children from Years 3&4 completed in 4 different activities: long jump, howler throw, 50m run and 400m run.



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.

- Year 5&6 Quadkids - 10 people from Years 5&6 who completed 4 different activities: long jump, howler throw, 70m run, 600m run
- Girls Football - 8 children from Years 5&6 participated in a 4 team tournament winning 3 out of their 4 games and coming 2nd overall.
- Mixed Football - 10 children from Years 5&6 won many of their matches and finished 3rd overall.



A big well done to all our sports stars. There was excitement and nerves after such a long time unable to compete but they gave their all and represented our school wonderfully, both on and off the pitch.

Mobile Phones

Mr Williams' letter today mentioned changes to the use of mobile phones in secondary schools within the trust. Our policy remains unchanged. Children in Year 5&6 who walk home by themselves are allowed to bring a mobile phone to school but they must be in their bags until they enter the school building before being handed in each day. Children who do not walk to school by themselves should not bring a mobile phone to school.

Baby & Toddler Group

Midsomer Norton Methodist Church have started a Baby & Toddler Group on Monday mornings at 8:45am. It is timed especially for parents/carers who have just dropped children off at school and are looking for a space to drop into with pre-Reception aged children. It also provides parents/carers with access to the Small Stuff Baby Bank which used to be in Radstock but is now far more accessible for Midsomer Norton residents. Please see the attached leaflet for more information.

N'Fest

Welton Baptist Church are once again running N'Fest - both online and in person this year. Please see the attached leaflet for details of how to book.

Have a lovely weekend everybody!

Mr Randell
Headteacher

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