



Midsomer Norton Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Although we only have some of our year groups attending school at the moment, it is beginning to feel almost normal in school so it is time to resurrect regular newsletters to share news and successes rather than stick to what has been a steady diet of purely COVID related communications!

We are currently averaging just over 100 children in school each day. Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 are fully open. Pre-School is open part-time only. We have 66 children of key workers or vulnerable children attending across the week with an average of 40 in any one day.

The children are in 'bubbles' of no more than 15 and have designated areas to play in. In Year 1 and Year 6, we encourage social distancing; in Pre-School and Reception this clearly isn't possible and would be detrimental to the children's well-being so we keep to our bubbles, wash our hands frequently and clean constantly! It felt strange for children and staff initially but we very quickly adapted and, whilst it is not school as 'normal', it is fantastic to see children learning and having fun at play.



Our Year 6 children relax, suitably distanced, in their 'bubble'. Fortunately, the weather has been pretty good - most of the time!



In Reception, our children use their imagination to play collaboratively. It is so good to have at least some of our children back in school.

Induction Transition arrangements

Our usual transition arrangements are unfortunately not possible this year due to the pandemic. The following arrangements have been put in place:

For Pre-School entering Reception:



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.

All primary schools will be closed the last two days of the year to enable us to invite new Reception families in one at a time for a short induction. Even with school being closed, I am afraid we will not be able to have all families visit. We will prioritise families of new pupils and vulnerable pupils. We are also organising a zoom presentation for all parents and sending a video introduction to all families.

For children in Year 6:

The secondary schools are not able to offer their usual transition days. Schools are looking at how they can invite children individually or in small groups. Our children are completing transition units provided by the secondary school humanities departments that will be sent up to their next school

Other children in years:

We will be announcing the new classes next week. Unfortunately, we are unable to run our normal shuffle up events. Phase teams are producing videos to introduce themselves and what children can expect next year which will be sent to all our families.

Needless to say, our staff will be holding extensive information handover meetings to ensure they are aware of each child's needs.

Reports

Reports will be sent home Friday 3rd July.

Heads Awards

We will continue to post our virtual celebration assemblies on our Facebook each Friday at 10:00am. Please do check them out to share our children's successes!

Fundraising

Elle in Mars class and Josh in Mercury class are taking part in a virtual 5k Rainbow Run tomorrow, raising money for the Children's Hospice South West. They are a wonderful charity and do incredible work to support children with life limiting conditions and their families.

During the pandemic they have had to stop almost all of their normal events, and so raising funds is more important than ever!

Josh and Elle are just over their £100 target. If you would like to support please click on the link below: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/terri-josh-elle>

Have a lovely weekend

Mr Randell
Headteacher



News



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