

# MIDSOMER NORTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



## OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



### Mr Randell's Roundup!!!!

Dear Parents and Carers,

It seems as though this term has just flown by! After a few very soggy days it has been wonderful to finish the term in the sunshine. Each term, our children work towards earning learning gems for a whole school reward. This term, our children earned 'diamonds' for Being Independent and earned enough to have an extra long Greenie Time in the sun! The weather is likely to be less amenable after the half-term so we are asking our children to bring in wellies or old trainers (named and in a plastic bag, please) to change into for break times so that we can continue to use the field and forest even when wet and muddy.

Our Year 6 children attended very thought provoking workshops by the charity Stand Against Violence on Monday. We were very impressed by their responses and their maturity in considering the issues such as peer pressure that can tempt children into making choices that could affect them the rest of their lives. Last week, Years 5&6 also enjoyed first aid training from St John's Ambulance. The children were able to tell me all about the recovery position!

October is Black History Month and we have celebrated the contributions made to society from figures as diverse as Harriet Tubman, Michelle Obama and Paul Stephenson, who helped organise the Bristol Omnibus Company boycotts of the 1960s. We were also extremely grateful to receive a donation of 10 copies of Marcus Rashford's book You Are a Champion from Hunting Raven Books, Frome. We tweeted our appreciation and earned a Marcus Rashford retweet!

A big thank you to all of our hard working children, families and, of course, staff. I hope you all have a well-deserved rest!

### 'Show and shares'

As you are aware, parents evening is being held virtually again in term 2. Virtual parent's evenings work very well and many more people are able to attend; however, we feel it is important for families to have the opportunity to view their child's work. We will be providing these opportunities 3 times per year. The dates for Term 2 are:

Reception – 12<sup>th</sup> November 8.45am – 9.30am

Yrs 1 & 2 – 15<sup>th</sup> November 2.30pm – 3.10pm

Yrs 3 & 4 - 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2.30pm – 3.10pm

Yrs 5 & 6 – 25<sup>th</sup> November 9am – 9.45pm

### Helpful hands!!



We are looking for any helpful hands. We have painting and gardening to do!! If anyone has any availability and would be able to help with any gardening / painting during any holidays / weekends, please do let the office know!

### Certificates

With many children working hard, we have decided to change how and when awards are given to our students. From Term 2 one pupil per class will be awarded the teachers award on a Friday and termly, we will also be proudly awarding selected children (one per class) the Headteacher's Commendation award.

### Polite Reminder

Please pay any outstanding payments on parentpay asap. Please ensure that breakfast/afterschool sessions are paid prior to the day required or your child will not show on our registers. Please contact us if you are having difficulty accessing your account. Thank you.

## STOP, DROP AND ROLL!!!!!!

Our Key Stage 1 children had a great visit from the fire service last week who taught them what to do in an emergency and explained the importance of testing alarms and how to be 'Fire aware'. The children listened intently and I can still hear the occasional stop drop and roll in the playground so I am sure the message has been well received by all children.



## PTA News

The PTA has such an important role in our school. We are so pleased that we had such a great turnout for our annual PSG event. Please find below our new PTA appointments:

Joint Chairs Sharon Rowlinson and Kayleigh Colfer

Vice Chair Mr Randell

Joint Secretaries Shelley Pattison and Elizabeth Godsave

Treasurer - Jo Guy

Vice Treasurer - Laura Waters

Social Media Co-ordinators - Sam Selway, Izzy Rossiter and Sam Harding.

Please do let us know if you would like to be involved!!



## New Office Staff

We are pleased to welcome our two newest admin assistants Mrs Laura Stuart and Mrs Paige Reynolds. With our newest recruits ready and raring to go, we are once again able to open the office from 8am – 4pm each day after the half term break. Don't worry Daisy and SuperSue are still with us!!

Please remember to pack healthy food choices for lunches!

Grapes/tomatoes should be halved and fruit should be bite sized! And just a reminder that we have children in the school with severe nut allergies so please be mindful when packing your child's lunch box to not include any product with nuts in.

SCHOOL DINNERS: Please ensure you have booked your child's lunch the Thursday before the week it is required. This is so our kitchen can make sure there's plenty of food for everyone!

## Key Dates

Secondary School Application Deadline – 31<sup>st</sup> October

Term 2 starts – 1<sup>st</sup> November

Parents Evening - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> November

Photo Deadline – 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Stonehenge trip – 8<sup>th</sup> November

Winter Disco – 26<sup>th</sup> November

## Contacting the school

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions and concerns. We are proud to offer an open door policy and encourage families to talk with us, if ever the need arises. From lost toys to personal circumstances, we are always happy to help or book appointments with other members of staff that can help!

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