

Midsomer Norton Primary School

Head teacher: Mr Alun Randell

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We held our first Open Day of the year on Thursday and it was a pleasure seeing our Year 6 children doing such a fantastic job of showing visitors around school in the morning. They are clearly proud of the school and are wonderful ambassadors. We have further Open Day events on:

- Tuesday 15th October 2019 6:00pm - Open Evening
- Tuesday 19th November 2019 - Open Day

We are also happy to show prospective parents around the school at any time during the year. Please do spread the word; we can be somewhat hidden, squashed as we are between Sainsbury's and the church, but once visitors find us they are invariably impressed by the welcoming atmosphere and inclusive ethos of our school.

Harvest Festival - Food Bank Donations gratefully received

We hope you are able to join us for our Harvest Festival celebrations on Monday in Midsomer Norton Methodist Church at 9:30am (Infants) and 10:45 am (Key Stage 2). Our children are in fine voice!

We are collecting food and 'essentials' donations for Somer Valley Food Bank who our families supported so generously at Christmas. The Food Bank has said that stocks are running very low after the holidays due to the number of families they are having to support. On Wednesday, a visitor from the food bank explained to our children what the food bank does and how we can help.

Reading Coffee Morning

We will be holding a reading/phonics coffee morning for parents on Wednesday. Come along for a cuppa and find out how you can support your child's reading more effectively at home. We will explain how we teach children to use phonics to read and share resources, ideas and software tips for how you can help at home.

We are fortunate to have been earmarked significant funds from the Department of Education which we will be using to invest heavily in phonics based reading books and training for staff.

Champions for Change

In our assembly on Monday, we will be talking to the children about Champions for Change (the school council). Elections will be held next week.

Parking

Thank you to all our parents and carers for taking care not to park in the private car parking spaces behind Sainsburys. The problem isn't completely resolved so I would ask again that parents/carers use the ample parking in the Sainsburys car park - not only will we be being good neighbours, it is also safer for our children.

I would also request that holders of Blue Badge parking permits park in the staff car park if the disabled bays are occupied rather than the turning circle. Children may be dropped off in the turning circle but cars should not be parked there.

PTA Bouncy Castle/ Monster Ball event

Thank you to our PTA for organising the Bouncy Castle event last week. They managed to raise over £450 which is a fantastic amount that will be used to help fund much needed resources for the school. The next PTA event is the Monster Ball on Friday 18th October. Please look out for today's letter from the PTA.

Wear It Pink

Also on Friday 18th October, we are supporting the Wear It Pink campaign (<https://www.wearitpink.org/>) to raise money for breast cancer research. As mentioned at the end of last year, we were extremely pleased to welcome our own



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 48 hours 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 include items that contain nuts. Also Nursery snacks should not contain biscuits, cakes or chocolate. No fizzy drinks are allowed in school. Drinks bottles that children have in the class should only contain water.

Holiday requests

Please remember that term-time holiday requests can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances (e.g. on compassionate grounds). Parent who take their child out of school for a holiday in term time risk being fined £60 per child per parent - £240 for a family with two children. The government is very clear that parents have a legal obligation to ensure their child attends school all year.

Julie Bailey back to school after her own successful treatment so this is a cause very close to our hearts. Children are invited to wear a pink accessory to their school uniform in return for a small donation to this fantastic charity.

Have a lovely weekend

Mr Randell
Headteacher



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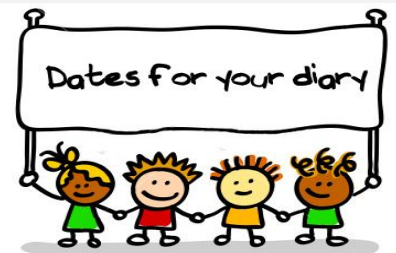
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<https://twitter.com/MSNPrimary>



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Birthdays

Jasmine Ball Lucas Shaw Alesha Filer Mohammed Usman Charlie Sperring

Kalen Barnes Amber Popkin Ffion Gunton Zoe McKay Bobbie Shanks

Isabella Bush Jax Concepcion