Midsomer Norton Primary School

Head teacher: Mr Alun Randell

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Staff in school have been very impressed by the determination and resilience shown by our Year 6 children this week as they undertook their SATs - standardised assessments in reading, spelling and grammar and mathematics. SATs do not assess a child's knowledge of the world, their creativity, their ability to work with others, their ability to empathise, support and encourage others and all the other 'soft skills' that are so important to our



children's development. We believe in the importance of a well-rounded education that broadens horizons and staff are committed to developing the 'whole child'. Having said that, we are also very proud of all of our children for all of the progress they have made this year and it was lovely for children to be rewarded for their hard work at Costa Coffee on Thursday after their last assessment. We would like to say a huge thank you to Kerry Collins and Alister Henretty for their generosity in organising such a fantastic treat!

Staffing

Although Daisy Nicholls, our new Administrative Assistant in the office has been helping out for a number of weeks, she officially started last week and I would like to wish her a proper welcome! Miss Nicholls brings a wealth of experience to the team and fits right in. Miss Nicholls is likely to be the first person you meet in reception on her working days Tuesday-Thursday.

Open Day

The date of our next school Open Day for prospective parents is Tuesday 18th June. Parents are invited to have a tour of the school led by our home-grown experts - the children themselves. Parents are asked to book one of the following times by telephoning or emailing the office:

9.15am, 10.15am, 11.15am, 1.30pm or 2.30pm.

If you know of any parents who are beginning to look for a school for their child, please do encourage them to come along. We are somewhat hidden between Sainsburys and the Methodist Church and I sometimes feel we are Midsomer Norton's best kept secret!

Reception Induction

The following induction events are planned for children starting Reception next year and their parents/carers. Parents of children who will be starting Reception in September are invited to:

- Tuesday 11th June 2019, 6:00pm, school hall: Induction Evening
- Thursday 20th June, 10:00 11:00 am, Star and Moon Class: Stay and Play
- Thursday 4th July, 9.15 11:45, Star and Moon Class: Stay and Play
- Tuesday 9th July, 9.15 11:45 am, Star and Moon Class: Stay and Play

A welcome letter with full details will be sent to all of our September 2019 starters on Monday.



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 but 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 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.

Shuffle Up Day

Our current pupils will 'shuffle up' to their next class on Thursday 4th July and the morning of Tuesday 9th July to have a taster of what school life will be like in September with their new class. We aim to be able to send letters home on Friday 21st June with the name of next year's class and next year's teacher(s).

Our Year 6s will have their Transition Day on Thursday 4^{th} July when they spend their day at the secondary school.

Exciting times!

Sports News

Well done to our Year 3/4 gymnasts for competing in the event at Writhlington on Monday. They spent a lot of time learning their routines and performed them amazingly well on the day.

Mr Andrew would like to say a special thank you to all the parents who are helping out with transporting children to the various events at the moment. We couldn't go to so many without your support!

We have a very busy week next week with 15 children at a netball match on Tuesday, 16 at an orienteering event on Wednesday and 8 at a cricket tournament on Thursday. If you have ANY spare school sports shirts, shorts or hoodies please return then ASAP. Thank you.

Sports Day

Our Sports Day will be held on Thursday 13^{th} June this year with the infants competing in the morning and Key Stage 2 competing in the afternoon. In the event of poor weather Sports Day will be held on Thursday 27^{th} June.

PTA - school uniform

Our PTA committee members have been working hard in recent weeks on ideas for how the parents could buy school uniform directly from the PTA. Not only would this provide parents with greater choice over where they source their child's uniform from but it would also raise much needed funds for the school. This is a very exciting development which we hope to be able to confirm to parents and carers very soon. Many thanks to our PTA!

Mufti Day

Next Friday is a PTA mufti-day. The children are invited to come to school in mufti in return for a suggested donation of £1.00, or a jar of sweets or a bottle for the summer fayre tombola.

Have a lovely weekend.

Alun Randell Head teacher



Harvey Jasmine Sam Libbie Lacev Freddie Oliver Alfie



For demonstrating exemplary behaviour...

Charlie Skye Ella Otis

Charlotte Isaac Joe

Xavier Skye Olivia



News



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https://twitter.com/MSNPrimary



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All letters are uploaded to the school website.



Fri 24th May Term 5 Ends Mon 3rd June Term 6 Begins Tues 4th June Class and Year 6 photos Thurs 13th June Sports Day Thurs 27th June Reserve Sports Day



Attendance Champions of the week

1 st	Earth	97.5%
2 nd	Mercury	96.3%
3 rd	Saturn	95.6%