

MIDSOMER NORTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



Mr Randell's Roundup!

The two weeks since half-term have flown by! If you were not able to make our online parents' evenings, please remember you can contact the school at anytime to make an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher.

It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers attend the Reception Show and Share. Please see below for Show and Share dates for other year groups. Not sure what a Show and Share is? It literally is just that! Families have a chance to see their children perform aloud – a song, a poem, a story – before having the chance to look through their child's book and talk to their child and their teacher about their learning.

Parents and carers often ask how they can support their child at home; the most important thing you can do is listen to your child read regularly at home and practice recall of maths facts. It is easy to assume that once a child is able to decode words independently that they no longer need to practice reading aloud; however, it takes lots of practise to read fluently and without that fluency, comprehension is very challenging. From this year, Year 4 children must take a statutory times tables test. Children are expected to know all their times table facts by the end of Year 4. We teach children their timetables but need your help to practice rapid recall.

My highlights this week? The football team's determination against a strong Paulton Juniors side, supervising children playing in the forest at lunchtimes and seeing our Champions for Change explain about Operation Christmas Child in assembly. You can drop off Christmas Child Shoe Boxes at school until Friday 19th November.

Remember to check out our social media accounts for regular photos giving insights into school life!

Reminder

Show & Share' dates:

Yrs 1 & 2

15th Nov 2.30pm – 3.10pm

Yrs 3 & 4

22nd Nov 2.30pm – 3.10pm

Yrs 5 & 6

25th Nov 9.00pm – 9.45am

Painting

We have several walls / fences in need of a paint, if anyone has any availability over a weekend to help please let us know!



Poppy Appeal!

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Poppy Appeal, many children enjoyed buying the poppies, lanyards, pencils and this year's favourite thesnap bands!



Are You Interested in Being A School Governor? Do you know anyone who has considered taking a voluntary role in the community? We have the perfect opportunity for you to make a difference available NOW!

Being a part of the Governing Body would give you the opportunity to help to shape the future of Midsomer Norton Primary School and have an influence on our school for generations to come. If you would like further information on what being a governor entails please contact our clerk on

dnicholls@midsomernortonprimary.co.uk

Stonehenge

Our Yrs 3 & 4s visited Stonehenge last week. Although the attempt to try and bring a stone back to school didn't quite go to plan, the children had a wonderful time. The children impressed us with their amazing questions and exceptional behaviour. A huge thank you to all involved.



Lost Minutes = Lost Learning!

We do appreciate it is not always easy to get your children to school on time every day, but please remember every minute counts!

Minutes Late per day	Time lost Over The Year
5 minutes	3½ days
10 minutes	7 days
15 minutes	10½ days
20 minutes	14 days
30 minutes	21 days

Key Dates

Odd Socks Day – 15th November

Be Yourself Day / Children in Need – 19th November

Flu vaccinations – 6th December

Nativity – 7th, 8th, 9th December (provisional dates)

Christmas Dinner – 15th December

End of Term – 17th December



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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