



Midsomer Norton Primary School

Head teacher: Mr Alun Randell

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a glorious start to Friday morning; however, as I write the forecast is showers for this afternoon - another reminder that we need our children need to be prepared for all weathers. Please remember to send your child to school with both their coat and their water bottle.

Despite the very changeable weather, there has been only sunshine all week in school! I have been really struck by the purposeful, focused atmosphere in lessons and how caring our children are outside.

Overwhelmingly, our children report in recent surveys that behaviour is good and they know who to speak to if they are upset or worried, but please do continue to talk to your child at home about the importance of telling an adult if they are finding things difficult at play time. We do take a very firm approach to any kind of 'rough play' or unkindness, as safe and enjoyable play times and lunch times are perhaps the most important times of the day for all children.



Books 2 Africa

We have started boxing up the huge collection of books that we no longer need to send them to the charity: Books 2 Africa (<https://books2africa.org>). You may remember last year that we had an amazing response to our Amazon wish list to update our library catalogue and were able to completely overhaul the library. If you would like to make a small donation to help fund the shipping cost of our donation you can do so via ParentPay - simply look for the item titled Books to Africa . We are using ParentPay to reduce our handling of cash in school both to save time and to reduce the number of visitors to our school office.

Parents Evenings

We were due to hold Parents Evenings next week; however, due to a technical delay with the setup of the new software to enable timed online meetings. We are now due to hold our parents evenings on Tuesday 3rd November and Thursday 5th November and hope to be able to send out instructions for how to book appointments soon.

IT survey

Although a full closure of schools looks unlikely, it is much more likely that classes or year groups may have to be taught remotely if required to self-isolate. It is a government requirement that schools review how they conducted remote learning and plan for the eventuality of further disruption. It would be extremely helpful if all families could complete [this short online survey](#) if they have not already done so about access to computers or mobile devices at home to help us with our planning.

Parking

Parking at drop off and pick up has improved a lot recently. Thank you to all our parents and carers who are avoiding parking on double yellow lines or in front of the units at the back of Sainsburys.



Important

Announcement

Attendance

Attendance from September is compulsory. Please contact us if there are any issues about your child returning to school.

Child sick?

If your child has a temperature, continuous cough or loss of sense of taste and smell, they (**and any siblings**) must not attend school unless they have had a negative COVID test and the symptoms have disappeared.

School Dinners

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

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.

Half-term dates & INSET Day

We have a bit of a strange autumn half-term holiday this year with two extra days. Half-term runs from Thursday 22nd - Sunday 1st November. Monday 2nd November will be an INSET Day.

Rosie the School Dog

Rosie has been settling in to school and learning how to get used to the noises of a busy school. The big test is can she quickly relax after hearing an unexpected noise. We have been advised to move very gradually - but so far she seems to be coping very well as you can see in the photo!



Mufti Day

We are unable to hold our usual, hugely popular, PTA Monster Ball this year. We would like to invite our children to dress up on the final day of term (Wednesday 21st October) in Halloween costume in return for a small donation to help the PTA continue their amazing fund raising work during these challenging times.

Please ensure that costumes are suitable for a primary school and avoid accessories that may be put down and left in school, in line with our COVID prevention measures. Thank you!

Have a lovely weekend.
Best wishes,

Mr Randell
Headteacher

News

Can we help?

Midsomer Norton Primary School holds Foodbank Vouchers. Please speak in confidence to reception who will be able to give you further information.



Don't forget that you can catch up with what's going on in school on our twitter feed:

<https://twitter.com/MSNPrimary>



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All letters are uploaded to the school website.

Message from Heritage Railway. We are aiming to run our Santa on the train again this year (Subject of course to any changes made by the Government) and all the details for this event are featured on our website along with details of the prices.

This event creates a great deal of fun for both Parents & Children, and is particularly good value in these financially difficult times, and we are sure that like last year we will be oversubscribed. Tickets are now available to purchase online, and in the unhappy event that we are unable to operate it, then a full refund will be given.

The site is under the S&D Heritage trust or sdjr.co.uk and is clearly shown as the Santa Train.