

MIDSOMER NORTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



Mr Randell's Roundup

Dear Parents and Carers, It has been a very busy run in to the end of the year! Our children have been amazing and deserve a really good rest (with, of course, a dash of high-octane Christmas excitement thrown in)!

Over the past few weeks, we have seen wonderful support from our families with fantastic turnouts for 'Show and Shares' - both indoors and outdoors - and also our Christmas events in the playgrounds. Although, once again, the pandemic has impacted what we have been allowed to do, the children have benefited from being able to perform to an audience. It's so important for children to experience the nerves and thrills that come with performing in public. As I type, we are awaiting delivery of the video of our infants nativity and Key Stage 2 carols. These will be shared via an unlisted youtube link for you to enjoy before being deleted after two weeks.

A huge thank you to our amazing PTA for all their work behind the scenes and arranging presents for the children. Thank you to you all for supporting our Amazon wish list to help expand our library and keep our books current and up-to-date. If you would still like to donate a book you can do so by clicking on this link

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1D0H02U62411F?ref=wl_share but please request delivery after 5th January!

Looking ahead to next year, we have big plans for Forest School. Mrs Knightly has completed her training and is working on her assignments and tasks to become a Level 3 Forest School Leader. Together with Mrs Grice, who is also a Level 3 Forest School Leader, she has been evaluating our provision and how we need to develop our facilities. This will be a major focus for our fund-raising activities. And finally I would like to say an enormous thank you to all the staff who work tirelessly to ensure our children continue to thrive in a safe, happy, supportive environment. They are an amazing team! Merry Christmas to you all! Mr Randell

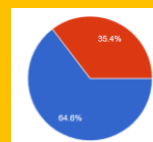
If you're worried about the health of your child you can download the Handi app. It's a free application you can download to your smartphone or tablet and it provides free, expert health advice and information about Covid and the most common health concerns in children.



The 'Show & Shares' were a great success, thanks to everyone that got involved!



Thank you to our parents and carers for completing our surveys. Your feedback is important to help us evaluate our strengths and identify areas for development. We are delighted that 100% of respondents said that their child felt safe in school. The full results of the survey are available on our website.



Infants Nativity Show and KS2 Carols:

The Nativity and Carol concerts were amazing, we hope to get the nativity link to you all soon. Thank you to all families who came to watch our carol concerts, the children loved having an audience to play for.



Anti-Bullying Week

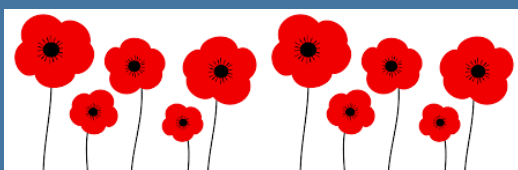
A BIG thank you to the equality team who arranged a wonderful week to focus on Anti-Bullying and spreading kindness. The children (and adults) enjoyed 'Odd Socks Day', 2 PSHE sessions, 'Be Yourself Day' and lots of kindness spotting!



Poppy Appeal 2021

Thank you for all your kind donations for the Poppy Appeal, we raised a total of.....

£333.13



Key Dates

First day back after Christmas— 6th January 2022

January— New online safety newsletter uploaded to the website.

(New term dates for 2022/23 have been updated on the website)

As we are now in December, here are 5 fun facts about CHRISTMAS!

- "Jingle Bells" was the first song played in space.
- Christmas trees were first used by ancient Egyptians and Romans.
- The Christmas wreath is a symbol of love and eternal life.
- Santa has nine reindeers; Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen and of course, Rudolph
- Santa Claus did not originally wear red! Early pictures depict him wearing outfits coloured either green, blue or purple



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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