



# Midsomer Norton Primary School

Head teacher: Mr Alun Randell

Dear Parents and Carers,

We welcomed our children back to school last week after the half-term and were very pleased to see just how many of our children have continued to read throughout the holiday. One of our school improvement priorities this year is to improve our children's reading fluency and comprehension. We encourage the children to practise reading at home through our infants' Rainbow Reading programme and our key stage 2 Book Worms programme. We check reading records regularly to reward children for reading at home. Assisted by our academy trust, we have invested heavily this year in a new phonic scheme called Read Write Inc. Children in infants who are still developing their use of phonics to decode words will be bringing home Read Write Inc readers. It is important that children are successful in their reading so we aim for children to be able to read at least 90% of the words independently. We would like our children on phonics based reading to read each book three times before we change the book. 'Practice makes perfect' and rereading a book helps develop your child's confidence and fluency. Our children also take home library books for you to share with your child rather than for them to read aloud to you.

## School Open Day & Sunbeams Stay and Play

On Tuesday (19<sup>th</sup> November), we have another school Open Day for prospective parents. Please spread the word! Sunbeams, our nursery class for two -three year olds, is holding a Stay and Play on the same day, 1.30-3:00pm. Parents are invited to come along with their child to chat to staff and, well... stay and play! Please contact the school office for more details.

## Parents' Evenings

It was lovely to have such a great turn out for our parents' evenings last week. If you were not able to make it on one of the two evenings, please remember you can contact your class teacher at any point during the year to discuss your child's progress in school.

## Remembrance Day

We marked Remembrance Day on Monday with an assembly and two minutes' silence in class. Our Champions for Change represented the school at the town cenotaph and I was very impressed by them as ambassadors for the school on this solemn and moving occasion.

## Anti-Bullying Week

Our children demonstrated huge understanding and thoughtfulness as we discussed the impact of bullying and what we can do to help stop bullying in our school this week. The theme was Change Starts With Us; the children have been considering how small acts of kindness can contribute to a school where everybody has a role to play in preventing bullying. It was wonderful to see so many children in odd socks on Tuesday as we celebrated how unique and special we all are on Odd Socks Day!



## Sports News

Our girl's football team did the school proud once again this week at their football tournament. One of the teams managed to reach the semi-finals only to just lose out



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 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

## 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.

after a mammoth penalty shootout. All of the players demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship throughout. Well done girls!

I would like to say a special well gone to Sonny in Jupiter class who recently took part in the regional Biathlon at Prior Park school and won the under 11 Boys event! Sonny will now head to the national finals in London!

#### Children in Need

What fantastic support our families showed for Children in Need today. As soon as we have confirmed the amount raised we'll send out a message announcing the total. Thank you!

#### Free School Meals - Did you know?

Our tasty, nutritional school meals are now provided by Writhlington Secondary School. We are very pleased with both the quality and quantity provided. All children in Reception - Year 2 can automatically receive a free school lunch under the universal free school meals programme.

But did you also know that if you are in receipt of qualifying benefits you can also register for Free School Meals? Registration for free school meals with the local authority will attract additional funding for the school for Pupil Premium (£1,320 per Primary pupil) which enables us to increase the amount of targeted support we give our children. We are now able to offer children registered for free school meals a 25% discount on all school trips and two school jumpers or cardigans and three polo shirts free of charge each year. To see if your child is eligible for Free School Meals and to download a registration form please visit:

<https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/schools-colleges-and-learning/school-meals-and-catering/free-school-meals>

To find out more about discounts for school trips or how to receive your child's school jumper/ cardigan/ polo shirts please contact the school office.

Have a lovely weekend

Mr Randell  
Headteacher



Lorenzo Harcombe Autumn Hobbs Ruby Pursey Isaac Bengay

Mya Jones Chloe Awcock Seb Fishlock Toby Henson Jai Seek

Leo Fricker Summer Jesson Kylan Tranter Max Gregory



## News



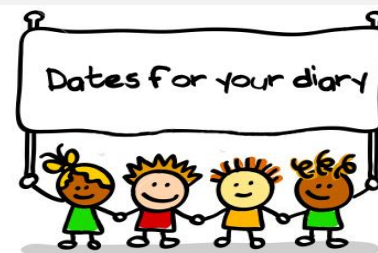
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<https://twitter.com/MSNPrimary>



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Y5/6 We the Curious trip tbc Dec

Infants Nativity: Tues 10 Dec,  
9:30am; Wed 11th Dec 1:45pm; Thur  
12th Dec 9:30am

Christmas Fayre 14th December,  
11:00am-2:00pm

KS2 Christmas Carols 18<sup>th</sup> Dec  
1:45pm/6:00pm