



# Midsomer Norton Primary School

Head teacher: Mr Alun Randell

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very proud of our community focus as a school and this was once again in evidence when a large number of staff and volunteers gave up their Saturday morning to plant bushes donated by the Woodland Trust and to reorganise the Early Years outdoor areas. A big thank you to everybody involved!



## Sports News

On Wednesday, a team of Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in the town swimming gala and came 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 10 teams! Fine individual performances and a superb team ethic resulted in such an impressive outcome.

I would also like to say a special well done to Sonny G in Jupiter Class who took part in the national Biathlon championships in Nottingham last weekend. Against the best under 11s in the country, he came 13<sup>th</sup> overall and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the swimming. What a grin he had when he came into school on Monday morning!

## Reverse advent

We are holding a Reverse Advent for Somer Food bank once again this year to help less fortunate families in the local area, in which children are encouraged to bring in a food donation. All parents have received an email explaining what the food bank is most in need of. We will be gratefully accepting all donations up until Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

## PTA AGM

The PTA held its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday evening. If you were not able to make the meeting but would like to find out more about the work of the PTA you can download the Chair's annual report on our website [here](#).

## A big thank you to two local businesses...

The PTA Chair's annual report explains that we have received additional funding from two local businesses in the form of a £1000 grant from Pennies The Digital Charity Box and a £250 sponsorship from CFH Docmail Ltd for our new sports kit. We would like to say a really big thank you!!

## Meet some of our governors

Our Local Governing Board meets termly to help provide strategic direction to the school. Governors also meet with senior leaders and subject leaders to ensure that they have an accurate understanding of strengths and areas of development for the school.

Dear parents,

The governing body at MNP has seen quite a few changes this year and I'm delighted to welcome Claudia Gumm, Jake Andrew, Jude Vale and Tracey Mallon to the board. Governors are working hard with Mr Randell, Ms Biss and the MNSP to improve our school buildings and grounds, as well as being ready for Ofsted. I hope you enjoy the rest of the autumn term.

Claire Hudson  
Chair of Governors



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. 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.



Hello, my name is Claudia Gumm and I'm a new parent governor. I am mum to Isabelle in year 5, and Samuel who has just moved up to secondary school. I have worked in the education sector (adult education and university) for many years and have spent a lot of time developing training programmes, working with tight budgets and undertaking evaluations. I am hoping that this will be helpful in my role as governor to support the school to be a happy and supportive place for our children. I am usually in the top playground at the end of the school day so please come and find me if you want to raise anything with the governors.

I'm Jude Vale and I am a new Community Governor at Midsomer Norton Primary. I'm also mum to William who is currently in year 2 at the school. I volunteered to become a governor as I would like to support the school's development as they continue to move forward and raise standards for our children. As I've worked as an English teacher and leader in secondary education for many years, I can hopefully bring this experience to the role.



Hello, my name is Tracey Mallon, I have Jeannie in Year 5 and Otis in Year 3, I've also got an older son at secondary school and a baby boy too. I volunteered to be a governor because I shall be a parent at the school for some years to come and I'm keen to help the children have a really good experience. I teach part time at Paulton Junior School, so I'm familiar with school life and I think I'll be able to bring that experience, but also represent a parents' view. I collect from the top playground and am happy to have a chat with other parents.

#### **Year 5 Camp meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

Year 5 parents are invited to our Camp Talk on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 6:00pm to find out more about this year's camp.

#### **Christmas Fayre**

Our school Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December 11:00pm - 2:00pm Nativity. Thank you in advance to our PTA for organizing the event!

#### **Nativity**

The infants nativity shows will be held on Tues 10<sup>th</sup>, Weds 11<sup>th</sup> and Thus 12<sup>th</sup> December. We do need to ticket these events to ensure we could safely evacuate in an emergency. Thank you for your understanding!

#### **Carol concert**

Our Key Stage 2 carol concerts (Year 3 - Year 6) will be held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 1.45 pm and 6pm in Midsomer Norton Methodist Church. Tickets are not needed for this event. Our school will also join other local schools for the town's celebration in Midsomer Norton Methodist Church on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm.

#### **Christmas Dinner**

Christmas Dinner is on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. This is not a mufti day but children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper or accessory if they wish. Please book Christmas Dinner on ParentPay by Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

#### **INSET day reminder**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> January are INSET (staff training) days. School will be closed on the days. The new term will start for children on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January.

Have a lovely weekend

Mr Randell  
Headteacher



## News



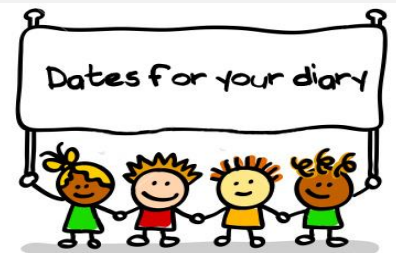
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<https://twitter.com/MSNPrimary>



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All letters are uploaded to the school website.



*Y5/6 We the Curious trip 6th 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*

*W/C 2<sup>nd</sup> December last week of clubs*



### Birthdays

Macy Lucas Alesha

Adam Charlotte Logan

Harrison Harrison Harrison

Jasmine