



Midsomer Norton Primary School

Head teacher: Mr Alun Randell

Dear Parents/ Carers,

The infants' nativity show 'A Midwife Crisis' was delightful this week. Children and staff worked hard to ensure they wowed their families with their performances. Once again, I was struck by the children's confidence and bravery. It can be nerve-wracking performing on stage in front of an audience, but the children were brilliant. Thank you to all the staff who worked behind the scenes to help our children shine!



Sports News

Our sportshall athletics team entered the annual event last week, competing against schools from across BANES. We had to run, jump and throw our way through 26 events and everyone did us proud. Everyone gave their all and we were delighted to be announced in first place! However, this was only half the competition as the other eight teams competed at the start of this week. When all the results were compared, we were announced in...first place! This is an incredible achievement and we now go forward to represent BANES in the county finals at the end of January! Well done to everyone involved.

Welcome to new staff

I would like welcome two new staff to our school. Mr Ross Presley is our new part-time caretaker. Mr Terry Rashleigh is our new part-time cleaner in charge. After an extended period during which these posts were vacant the staff and I are delighted to have Mr Presley and Mr Rashleigh on our team. I would like to say a huge thank you to all staff who have been taking on extra cleaning and maintenance duties.

Attendance and punctuality

A big well done to all our children who have tried hard to keep their attendance as high as possible so far this year. Regular attendance is critical to a child's progress. We encourage children to come to school even if they are feeling under the weather first thing in the morning as this often wears off. 90% attendance each year equates to missing 2/3 of a school year by the time a child finishes their primary school career! Next week, as per our academy trust's policy, we will be sending letters to parents/ carers of children with less than 96% attendance to ensure that they are aware of their attendance.

INSET Days

Please remember that Monday 6th January and Tuesday 7th January are INSET (teacher training) days. The new term starts for children on Wednesday 8th January.

Carol concert

Our Key Stage 2 carol concerts (Year 3 - Year 6) will be held on Wednesday 18th 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 13th December at 6pm. Please drop your children off at school by 5.30pm on Wednesday evening. Thank you.



Important Announcement

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.

Christmas Dinner

We are all looking forward to Christmas Dinner which is on Tuesday 17th December. This is not a mufti day but children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper or accessory if they wish.

Smart Watches

We regret that Smart Watches are not to be worn in school. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend
Mr Randell
Headteacher



Birthdays

Evie Ethan Jamie Tyler

Kai Jack Luca

Marley



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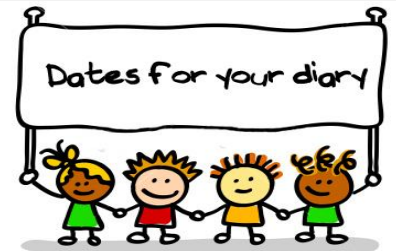
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<https://twitter.com/MSNPrimary>



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All letters are uploaded to the school website.



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

*KS2 Carol Services Wednesday 18th
December 1.45 and 6pm in the
Methodist Church.*

*Last day of this term Friday 20th
December.*

*Children return to school on
Wednesday 8th January 2020.*