



Midsomer Norton Primary School

Head teacher: Mr Alun Randell

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

I spent Wednesday morning in our Early Years classes and, I have to say, I was mightily impressed by everything I saw. We have a fantastic team of staff working incredibly hard to ensure the children feel safe and secure and to provide the children with exciting varied activities through which to learn. Our children clearly enjoy their time in Early Years and are always eager to share their learning.



Open Day

We are holding an Open Day for prospective parents on Thursday next week 9:00am and 1:45pm. Please pass on the news to anybody who might be interested so that they can come and see our wonderful school in action!



Anti-Bullying Week

It is Anti-Bullying Week next week. We have been using the film 'Wonder' based on the book by R.J. Palacio to address important issues including difference, acceptance and appreciating who we are with our children. Around school you will see some powerful quotes from the film such as: *'When given the choice between being right and being kind - choose kind.'*

Children in Need - The Big Spotacular

Next Friday, 16th November, is Children in Need 'The Big Spotacular'. We have already been getting spotty by 'spotting kindness' this term. We would like to challenge our children to come to school as spotty as they can in return for a suggested minimum donation of £1.00. There will be a prize for the child with the most creative, imaginative approach to being as spotty as possible. Let's see how much money we can raise for this great cause!

Sports News

Well done to Sonny Green in Year 5; Sonny took part in a swim meet last weekend, won 3 gold medals and one silver medals and posted a county-qualifying time!
Also, well done to our boys' football team. At Wednesday's Somervale football tournament they made the semi-finals before ultimately just losing out 1-0 to St John's.

Staffing

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our two newest members of staff: Mrs Alexia Ashman and Mrs Inishkea Bishop who have been appointed our permanent After School Care supervisors. I would also like to say a really big thank you to all the school staff who helped supervise After School Care since the start of the year whilst we were recruiting.



Our Remembrance Day display to commemorate 100 years since the end of the first world war:
'Lest we forget'



Please ensure that dinners, trips, after school clubs and after school/breakfast clubs are paid for using ParentPay at least **48 hours in advance**. Speak to Emma in the office if you need your login.

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.

Drop Off and Count

Drop off and... Count for term 2
Reception: Wednesday
Year 1/2 : Tuesday
Year 3/4 : Thursday
Year 5/6 : Wednesday

School Policies

All trust and school policies are available via our school website.

Calendar and Term Dates

Need to check a date? Simply visit our school webpage to see our online calendar. Term dates for this next and next year are also available on our website.

Parents' Evenings

If you were not able to make either of this week's parents' evenings please remember we have an open door policy. At any point in the year, parents and carers are able to make an appointment to see their child's class teacher. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to do so.

Attendance

Now that we are part of the Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership trust, we follow the trust's attendance policy. This explains how attendance is monitored and states that parents any children with attendance **less than 96%** will receive a letter alerting them to this fact. For more details, please see the full policy [here](#).

Message from the PSG

"Next Thursday we will be holding another CAKE SALE, we would be very grateful for any donations of cakes to be brought into the office in the morning of the 15th and if anyone is able to help in the afternoon please let us know.

Your child should be bringing home a letter soon about our film night on the 23rd November, this will be the same day as our MUFTI DAY where we are asking children to come to school in mufti in return for either some sweets/chocolate or a bottle (alcoholic or soft) for the Christmas Fayre tombola! Members of the PSG will be at the top and bottom gates on the morning of 23rd ready to collect your donations! Many thanks- The PSG."

School funding

As you will be aware, last week's budget provided £400 for 'little extras'. This does not go anywhere close to addressing the huge shortfall in funding due to an 8% cut in real terms and massively increased costs being passed onto schools due to austerity! Every day brings hard decisions about how we manage our school budget; whenever staff bring an idea or request that will help sustain and improve our provision for pupils, the first question they are asked is 'How much?'. Frequently, my response has to be 'I'm sorry, we simply can't afford it.' Please help by continuing to make your views known to your member of parliament.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,
Alun Randell
Head teacher

Head Teacher Awards

James Ella Oliver Evan
Harry Leo Daisy William
Morgan Mario Hollie Tilly

Gold Awards

For demonstrating exemplary behaviour...

Myla Oliver Oscar Reagan
Mia Macy Max Marianne
Alex William Jasmine



News

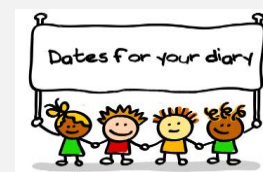


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All letters are uploaded to the school website.



Important dates for your diary

- National Anti-Bullying Week: week commencing 12th November
- Children in Need - The Big Spotaacular: Friday, 16th November
- Christmas Fayre: Saturday 1st December, 11am-2:30pm
- Infants' Nativity: Tues 11th December & Thurs 13th December at 9.30
- Juniors' Carol Concert: Weds 19th December at 1.45 & 6pm
- Christmas Jumper & Lunch Day: Friday 14th December

[PSG Dates](#)

- [Cake Sale Thursday 15th November](#)
- [Mufti Day and Film Night Friday 23rd November](#)
- [Christmas Fayre Saturday 1st December](#)



Millie Lorenzo

Attendance Champions of the week

1st	Mercury	100%
2nd	Earth	99.1%
3rd	Neptune	97.5%