

Midsomer Norton Primary School

Head teacher: Mr Alun Randell

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As we begin the half-term holiday and a well-deserved break for our children and staff, I would like to say a big thank you to everybody for helping to support our children throughout the term; parents and carers reading daily with their children, volunteers helping out with Forest School, walking children to the swimming pool, our lunch time staff, more volunteers listening to readers and leaping out in classes. It takes a lot to build such a supportive community- thank you all!

Wear It Pink

Thank you to everybody for supporting Wear It Pink last Friday in order to raise money for breast cancer research. We raised a fantastic £212.40!!

Monster Ball

The Monster Ball was a huge success last Friday. The children had great fun, Mrs Meade filled the hall with top tunes and energy and our PTA and all their volunteers did a marvelous job of organising the event and tidying up afterwards. A huge thank you to all!

PTA AGM

The PTA Annual General meeting will be held on Wednesday 27th November at 6pm. All parents/ carers are automatically members of the PTA. Please come along to hear a review of the year and fundraising plans going forward. We would particularly like to hear from anybody who would like to play a role in organising events or sitting on the PTA committee.

Sunbeams Open Afternoons

Are you looking for a nursery for your two year old (or almost two year old?). We are holding Open Afternoons on Tuesday 5th November and Tuesday 12th November 1:30:00pm. Come along to meet our staff and see our amazing Sunbeams nursery environment.

Parents Evenings

If you have not had a chance to sign up for our Parents Evenings on Tuesday 5th or Thursday 7th November it is not too late. If you have any problems booking an appointment on line please contact our office and our staff will be happy to help.

Sports

It was an action packed week of sport last week, with four sporting events taking place over four days.

Our football team played their first league match of the season on the Monday, and they managed to dig in to secure a 2-1 victory vs St Vigor and St John's.

Tuesday saw us enter the B&NES Dodgeball tournament for the first time. We dodged our way through five matches and actually ended up winning the entire competition. We now go through to the county finals in January.



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.

We entered two teams into the B&NES Netball Cup this year, and both were successful this week with wins against St Benedict's and Peasedown St John. We got to the final last year and hopefully we can have the same (if not a bit more...) success in that competition this year!

And then this week...

Our second football match of the season away to Peasedown St John on Monday ended in a 6-4 defeat. But what a cracking game. Well done team!

A HUGE well done to our Year 6 netball squad for their victory at the MSN Association Netball Tournament this week. They won 7 games out of 7 and only conceded one goal en route to victory. They have shown real dedication over the past year by turning up to school early for netball practice and it really did pay off this week. They move forward to the area finals in the Spring and we are sure they will continue to flourish over the rest of the season.

Please return all sporting kits to the office or Mr Andrew ASAP please. We are missing a lot!

Reading Dog

As mentioned in our newsletter earlier in the year, we are very fortunate to have a volunteer 'reading dog' joining us on Wednesday afternoons from after half-term. Willow is a gentle giant and fully trained therapy dog and will be listening to selected Year 1 children read, one to one. The children chosen will vary across the year. I would like to say a huge thank you to Willow's owner (and school parent) Sally Teall for volunteering her and Willow's time in this way. If you have any questions about this initiative or if your child has an allergy, please see your child's class teacher.

Anti-bullying week

After half-term we will be marking Anti-bullying week, 11th -15th November. During the week our children will be learning about what to do if they experience bullying or witness bullying. We will also be celebrating how we are all different on Odd Socks Day on the Tuesday.

Children In Need


Friday 15th November is also Children in Need. We will be marking the occasion by joining in the Big Morning Move.

Cooking course

Virgin Care are starting a 5 week course, after school, commencing Monday 11th November. It's open to all primary age children and their carers who are looking to learn how to make healthy family meals on a budget. Please see the attached flier for details.

Have a lovely half-term break

Mr Randell
Headteacher


Birthdays
Jack Layla Callum Josh Esther
Harvey Sofia Theo Kyle Aisha
Ryley Teddy Elliot Scarlett Millie
Eldin Aaliyah

Head Teacher Awards



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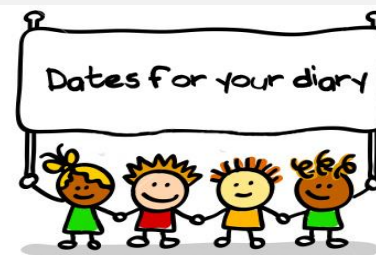
Don't forget that you can catch up with what's going on in school on our twitter feed:

<https://twitter.com/MSNPrimary>



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All letters are uploaded to the school website.



Parents Evenings: Tues 5th
November/ Thursday 7th November

Remembrance Day 11th November

Children in Need 15th November

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 18th Dec
1:45pm/6:00pm