



SOMER NORTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



Ms Biss's Best Bits!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all our children, families and staff for a positive and an eventful Term 1. It's lovely to see the new children starting with us in Sunbeams having such a nurturing experience and enjoying all the wonderful experiences provided for them. Our children who have moved from Sunbeams into Sun Class (as well as new ones) are all having a great start and loving nursery life. Our highly skilled nursery staff really do make their start to school so happy and of course that helps our parents and carers too!

Our new reception children in Moon and Star Class have settled in beautifully and walking into the lunch hall to see them today, it seems that they have been here much longer. They were happy, chatting, making friends and enjoying their lunch.

I showed new parents around on Thursday morning and there is a calm and purposeful atmosphere in the school. The children can talk confidently about their learning and welcome our visitors with smiling faces! We have had lots of new parents attending on our open days and open evenings which is really positive..

Highlights this term have been Year 6 camp at Osmington Bay, a visit from Chris Moon MBE, trips to Palette and Pasture for Reception and Stonehenge for yr 3 & 4. We celebrated Black history Month this month with assemblies and lessons on important black woman in history such as Mary Seacole and Michelle Obama. We celebrated harvest in the church with lovely performances from our infant and junior children. The Monster Ball was a big success and always raises lots of funds for our school that benefit all of the children.

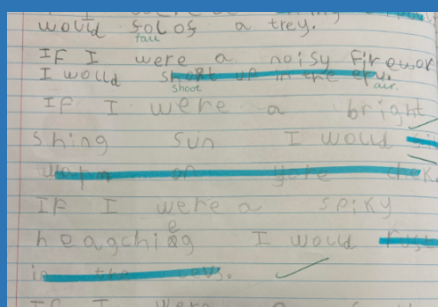
There has been a lot going on as you can see and it's definitely time for a holiday ! Have fun, rest, recuperate and get ready for Term 2 and all that will bring!

Happy half term !

Ms Biss

MIDSOMER NORTON PRIMARY NEW RESOURCE CENTRE.

This September we were excited to launch Comets Resource Base. Although we are still at the beginning of our journey we are really proud of the start we have made. The children have loved cooking and decorating pumpkins to inspire their writing. The opening of this has also enabled us to support children across the school with their phonics, spelling, maths, reading, writing and mental health and wellbeing.



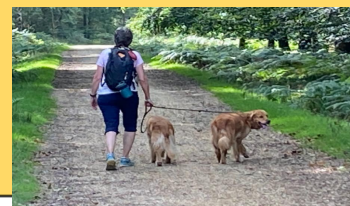
MRS KNIGHTLY FOREST SCHOOL WALK - SUNDAY 19TH NOVEMBER.

At our school we are very lucky to have a fantastic forest on our school grounds where students love playing, building dens, whittling wood, making fires and cooking. For many children, Forest School is the favourite part of their school day. A resource centre for children with Specific Learning Needs has opened at our school and Forest School will be a vital component of their specialised programme. As the need for Forest School grows, we have very limited funds to support both Forest School and outdoor play. We need a new shelter for Forest School, new tools for working with wood and ropes for rope bridges. Extra outdoor kit such as waterproofs and wellies so that every child can play outside in the forest all the year round is also crucial. Buying good equipment that will last does not come cheaply.

Our fantastic forest school leader Mrs Knightly is walking 50 miles over 5 days in 5 different forests and you can follow her journey on her go fund me page. She has so far completed 30 miles and walking 10 miles on Monday in Dartmoor.

On her final walk we are inviting families to make "footsteps for forest school" in Greyfield woods by walking together and raising money for our new equipment.

https://www.gofundme.com/ff/forest-school-at-midsomer-norton-primary-school?utm_campaign=p_lco+share-sheet-first-launch&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_source=customer



SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS.

At Midsomer norton primary we offer a great range of afterschool clubs and sporting opportunities for our children. This term already our children have got involved in several events in and out of school time. Our year 6s have taken part in football matches so far undefeated and our lionesses are getting ready to play next term. A special thanks to Charlie Callaghan who has volunteered her time to come and coach the boys and girls football.

Year 5 and 6 girls had their first Netball tournament this term and played brilliant as a team, winning there last match was a great boost for the girls.

Years 3 and 4 took part in a cross country run at Bath university and took home some winning medals including the team relay.

If your child has any achievements they would like to share in or outside of school please let us know, as we would love to celebrate them too.



YEAR 6 SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Please remember to submit your child's school application submission by 31st October 2023.



On Monday 16th October Years 3 and 4 enjoyed a fun, educational trip to Stonehenge .

The children (and adults) were very well behaved! A trip enjoyed by all!



YEAR 6 SCHOOL CAMP

At the start of term the year 6s went on school camp to PGL Osmington Bay in Weymouth. Not only did they have a fantastic time they also had incredible weather.



Pumpkin Picking

On Tuesday reception enjoyed a lovely day out to Palette and Pasture in Frome where they had a great time pumpkin picking. Each child had their own pumpkin to take home.



As you are aware, when we plan school trips we ask for a voluntary contribution. This is a guide price on how much it will cost for each pupil to go. We are so grateful to everyone that helps contribute towards this. However we do need to meet 95% of the overall costs for the trip to be able to go ahead, if we do not meet this, unfortunately, as the school budget is stretched we have no option but to cancel. Before each trip, if we do not have enough funds we will let parents know that we do require more, and like the Stonehenge trip, we will hopefully manage to work together to resolve this!

Thank you so much for understanding and for your continued support.



If your child is ill.

Please contact the school if you have a child off who is poorly or has an appointment booked. This needs to be done for every day the child is off. Our sickness policy is no return for 48 hours. Thankyou.

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Dates for your diary

Monday 30th October 2023 - Inservice day

November 17th - Children in Need Burpee day

November 19th - Footsteps for forest school

13th December- Infant Nativity

14th December - Infant Nativity

18th December KS2 Carol concert.

PE DAYS NEXT TERM

Sun sunbeams- Monday , wednesday and Thursday.

Moon- Monday and Wednesday

Star- Tuesdays and Thursdays

Mars- Monday and Tuesday

Pluto- Monday and Friday

Saturn- Tuesday and Wednesday (year 4 swim wed)

Neptune- Wednesday and Friday (year 4 swim wed)

Jupiter- wednesday and Thursday (year 4 swim wed)

Earth- Wednesday and Friday

Mercury- Tuesday and Thursday