

# MIDSOMER NORTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



## TERM 1 NEWSLETTER



### Ms Biss' Best Bits

'Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness'. This poem by John Keats reminds me of what a lovely season Autumn is: colourful leaves, conkers, fruit, nights drawing in, Halloween and all the busy business of a first term at school. Term 1 is all about settling in, getting to know each other (again) and getting back to routines. The children have worked so hard and are obviously ready for a holiday. I would like to thank my colleagues for their hard work this term also.

Over the last seven weeks, we have had a very successful visit from Helen from The Dog's Trust who ran workshops and an assembly for the whole school. The children have really enjoyed our trips this term: a visit to a farm in Bath, Silver St Woods, St John's Church, The Living Rainforest in Berkshire and an inclusive sports trip to Bath Rugby. Our Harvest celebrations in The Methodist Church were really lovely- our oldest and our youngest children (who had just started school) were so confident in their speaking and singing. Tonight is the 'Monster Ball' which I'm sure will be a big success- the children can't stop talking about it! Thanks as always to our PTA for organising.

We have had lots of families join us for our open days this term and hopefully even more for our open evening at 6pm on Tuesday November 8th. They have been very impressed by the lovely atmosphere in the school and the hard work and politeness of the children. Please spread the word if you can!

Finally, I wish you and your families a lovely half term break and we will see you all back for Term 2.

Ms Sarah Biss

### Open Evening September Starters 2023

**8th November 6.00pm**

Please join us at our open evening, where you will have the opportunity to meet the teachers and other parents. Refreshments will be available.



### Poppy Appeal

From 1<sup>st</sup> November, we be selling poppies, snap bands, wrist bands and stationary ranging from 50p-£1

These will be sold on the playground at break times. You will not be able to purchase from the office.



### Dates for Your Diary for Term 2!

**10/11/22** – Year 1/2 Show & Share

**14/11/22** – Odd Socks Day (Mental Health Week)

**17/11/22** – Year 3/4 Show & Share

**24/11/22** – Year 5/6 Show & Share

**30/11/22** – Flu Vaccinations

**6/12/22** – Infants Nativity 09:30

**7/12/22** – Infants Nativity 13:45

**8/12/22** – Infants Nativity 9.30

**14/12/22** – KS2 Carol Concert 9.30 & 14.00

**16.12.22** – Last day of term

## Upcoming Trips

Moon Class	Years 1 /2	Years 3/4	Years 5/6
<b>20.10.22</b> – Palette & Pasture <b>09.11.22</b> – St John's Church <b>16.11.22</b> – Silverstreet Nature Reserve <b>During Term 4</b> – Professionals to visit school <b>During Term 5</b> – Visit local allotments <b>16.06.23</b> – Court Farm Country Park	<b>18.10.22</b> – St John's Church <b>19.10.22</b> – Silverstreet Nature Reserve <b>08.02.23 &amp; 09.02.23</b> – Radstock Museum <b>08.03.23</b> – Silverstreet Nature Reserve <b>21.06.22</b> - Silverstreet Nature Reserve <b>07.07.22</b> – Cheddar Gorge	<b>01.12.22</b> – Egyptian Exhibit @ Bristol Museum <b>28.02.23</b> – St John's Church <b>09.05.23</b> – Going Greek @ Holburne Museum <b>13.06.23</b> – Silverstreet Nature Reserve <b>11.07.23</b> – Welton Park	<b>19.10.22</b> – The Living Rainforest <b>During Term 2</b> – African Drumming @ School <b>26.01.23</b> – St John's Church <b>18.05.23</b> – Silverstreet Nature Reserve <b>16.06.23</b> – Radstock Park <b>28.06.23-30.06.23</b> – Year 6 Camp

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 hopefully we can manage to work together to resolve this!

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



We are very sad to say goodbye to Katie Stokes, who has done a wonderful job caring for the children in Sun class and various roles around the school for the past 14 years. We wish her all the best for her future in her new career.



### New Staff/Job Roles

**Ms Biss – Head of School** – *“I have been lucky to have been teaching for 32 years. My first 20 years in a London School. I have been at MSN Primary since 2010. If the children could pick my favourite subject, they would say 'Art' but I love all the other subjects too! Working with children everyday there is never a dull moment and they always cheer me up and make me smile.”*

**Mrs Ross – Assistant Headteacher** - *I have been so privileged to have taught at Midsomer Norton Primary for 23 years. I don't know where the time has gone but I have enjoyed every moment. I have taught mainly in Key Stage 2 and for the last ten years or so as a year 5/6 teacher. I do love preparing the year 6 children for their adventure into secondary school, although have to admit that saying goodbye in the summer term always pulls at my heart strings.*

**Sherrie Rogerson – SMSA** – *I have been working at Midsomer Norton Primary School for the last 9 years, I have done various roles within the school. Every day I enjoy coming in to see all the lovely children and staff and causing chaos around the school, which I'm sure the children love most about me!*

**Mandy Hall – Early Years Practitioner** – *I have recently joined the staff and children in Sun class. My favourite item of clothing is my wellies because that means I'm either taking my two dogs for a long walk or digging in my garden. My favourite thing to do is spending time with my family, visiting historic buildings and having a cup of tea & slice of cake.*

*Please see our website for recent job vacancies.*





# Halloween Mufti Day



We have had a wonderful first term, the children have enjoyed various activities including Multiskills events, trips to the church, the library, Silverstreet nature reserve, The Living

