

Midsomer Norton Primary School



Head teacher: Mr Alun Randell

Dear Parents/ Carers,

The end of the year is upon us and what a few weeks we have had! The children have impressed in all year groups and they have managed to find the right balance of being excited about Christmas while continuing to put their best into their learning. There has been a lovely atmosphere in school. Our learning power this term has been 'Ruby Power - Supporting Others' and I have seen many examples of children caring for each other. Next term, our focus is 'Emerald Power - Being Ambitious'.

Christmas Shows

And talking about being ambitious... I am sure you will agree that the Infants Nativity Show and the Key Stage 2 performance of Hansel and Gretel were absolutely amazing. A huge well done to all the children and staff who put so much effort into making the shows a success. As a school, we believe in giving children those opportunities to shine and grow in confidence and, my, did the children make the most of those opportunities! I would also like to say well done to our amazing stage hands who calmly kept the whole show running!

Photo Galleries

If you have not managed to catch our twitter updates, photographs of many of the main events of the year - including the Christmas shows - are on our website under the [Our Galleries](#) section.



Christmas Fayre

It was lovely to see such a fantastic turn out for the Christmas Fayre on Saturday. A huge thank you to the PSG committee and all the volunteers behind the scenes who devoted their time and energy to making it such a success. What a fantastic community spirit! Well done also to Cora and Esther who sold their own hand knitted goods and raised over £65 for the charity Daisy Bear which raises funds for brain tumour research.

Punctuality

After feedback from a few parents, we have decided to modify our routines in the morning slightly. Lessons begin at 8:45 promptly and we do expect children to be in class and ready to learn by 8:45 (signaled by the second bell) in all classes. However, we recognise that in Reception and Year 1/2 children might on occasion need a little more time to hang up their coats etc as they develop their independence; therefore, the register will be taken at 8:50 prompt in these year groups. In Key Stage 2 we do expect children to be independent and to ensure that they are in class before



Next term

Don't forget that Tuesday 3rd January is an INSET day and therefore the children return to school on Wednesday 4th January

Christmas Jumper Day

We raised a total of £178.74 on Christmas Jumper day in aid of Save The Children. Thank you very much.

8:45am. The register will continue to be taken at 8:45 prompt. Please allow sufficient time in the morning for your child to put their things away before the day starts.

INSET Day

Tuesday 3rd January is an INSET day. Teachers will be reviewing our Teaching and Learning policy and assessment practices. The children are due back in school on Wednesday 4th January.

Volunteers

I would like to say a huge thank you to all our volunteers in school. In these very challenging financial times, volunteers play a crucial role. We are very appreciative of the time and support devoted to our children!

Thanks

And finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff for all their efforts so far this year. As a school, **'We believe in Ambition'** and we are always seeking ways in which we could improve but I am sure you will agree we could not ask for more in terms of effort, care and compassion from this incredibly dedicated group of staff!

Merry Christmas to you all!

Alun Randell
Head Teacher



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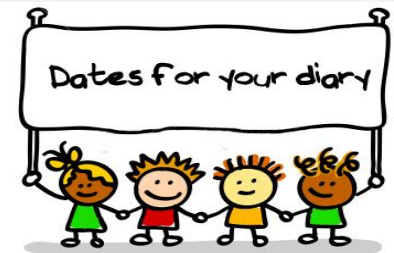


Don't forget that you can catch up with what's going on in school on our twitter feed:

<https://twitter.com/MSNPrimary>

Letters home this week:

All letters are uploaded to the school website



Tues 3 Jan - INSET day
Wed 4 Jan - Term 3 begins for the children
Fri 10 Feb - End of T4

Attendance Champions of the week

1 st	Star	100%
2 nd	Venus	98.7%
3 rd	Pluto	98.7%

Well done everybody!



Head Teacher Awards



Kai Esme Julia Maddie Neve
Sinead Callum Imogen Sam
Zak Isabel Sam



Gold Awards



Ellie Charlie Lily-Mae Mitchell

Jai Eli Elliott Aaron Beau Charlie Imogen Thomas Nada

For demonstrating exemplary behaviour...



Birthdays



Jamie Tyler Kai Ashlee Lacey Frankie Sinead Hayden Ruby Ellie Megan Freddie
Nikola

Isabel Oscar Charlie Freya Cody Ava
Imani Archie Liam Angel William