

Midsomer Norton Primary School



Head teacher: Mr Alun Randell

Dear Parents & Carers,

As always, it has been lovely to see the fantastic learning around school this week. The children in Reception have amazed me with their knowledge about volcanoes, Year 1 have been doing some wonderful environmental art linked to their Literacy. I have seen some super creative writing in Year 3 and 4 and some very mature non-fiction writing in Year 5. Year 6 have been working incredibly hard in the run up to their end of Key Stage 2 assessments next week. I would like to take the opportunity to say well done and have a lovely relaxing weekend. You are as ready as you can be and we are very proud of you!

Staffing

I announced earlier in the year that Mr Andrew will be leaving school at the end of the year to teach in Dubai. It is with regret I must inform you that Mr Willcox will also be leaving as he and his family will be relocating to Devon. We would like to wish both teachers all the best as they start the next stage of their adventures! After interviewing prospective teachers last week, I am pleased to announce that we have appointed three new teachers who bring an exciting range of experiences and skills: Miss Olivia Cole, Mr Chris Pipe and Mrs Carrie Hinder. Over the next few weeks, we will be allocating teachers, teaching assistants and children to classes for next year so that we can begin the process of transition after half-term.

Sports News

The football team completed the 'quadruple' this week by beating St John's 3-0 to claim the league title. A historic moment! Midsomer Norton Primary School football team are now: MSN Association League Champions, MSN Association Writhlington Large School Champions, MSN Association Somervale All School Champions and Somerset County Champions!

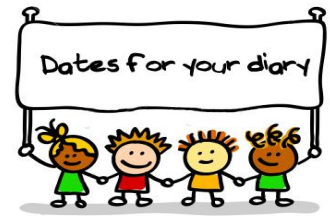
More silverware was earned this week in a cross-country event. Midsomer Norton Primary won both the boys and girls events at Somervale on Wednesday. The girls' team successfully defended the girls' title but we hadn't won the boys' event for over 10 years! Everyone was superb and we had the highest percentage of Year 6s attend the event showing just how keen our children are!

Mr Andrew asks that all kits and hoodies should be returned as soon as possible. Lots of events are coming up for which they are needed!

After School Club

I can confirm that PH Sports who run the Breakfast Club will be trialling an After School Club in Term 6 until 5:30 each day. Parents will be able to book part sessions or whole sessions to provide flexibility for parents and to ensure children can also take part in our school clubs programme.

If numbers are viable (a minimum of 6-8 children) the club will run through the year starting from September. More information and booking details to follow next week.



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Important Announcements

Online payments

As we said in last week's newsletter we plan to go 'cashless' from September. If you have not already signed up to the School Gateway please take some time to set up your login and let us know in the office if you have any problems. **Please see the letter we sent out today**

Gardening Club

Thank you for the donations of seeds and bulbs that we have received for far. We still need some more so if you have any spare at home we would be really grateful

School Meals

Don't forget that the price of school meal increased to £2.20 per day from the start of T5. New menus went home this week and will. Unfortunately we have already had to make a change to the dessert on Wednesday as a trial run did not prove popular with the children. It will now be flapjack

School Car Park

Please remember that the school car park is for **staff use only**. Unless you need to use the disabled spaces due a specific need for your child or otherwise agreed, no parents should be dropping off/picking up/parking in the car park. We will be monitoring the situation over the next few weeks and asking people to move their vehicles if necessary. Thank you in advance for your co-operation

Hats & Sun Cream

The sun has made an appearance this week and we hope it will last so please remember to send your child with a sun hat and apply long lasting sun cream before school

Mufti Day - Raising money for cancer research

Thank you for your support for Karyn Farrell and her fund-raising efforts. We managed to raise £317.00 from today and a cake sale that school staff ran

E-Safety

Children today have amazing access to mobile technologies. Sites such as Instagram and other social media bring amazing benefits but also come with risks. Our children need our guidance to stay safe and also to consider how they treat others online. You can find [advice and links on e-safety](#) under the Our Parents section of the school website.

Church

On behalf of Midsomer Norton Methodist Church, I would like to ask for your support in ensuring that our children use the pavement rather than the paved area outside the church and refrain from using scooters in this area. At busy times such as the end of the school day, there can be a health and safety risk, particularly to elderly church-goers attempting to enter the church.

Tennis

Two weeks ago I mentioned free tennis coaching for children at Camvale Tennis Club in Paulton and Writhlington Tennis Centre. This is being followed by free tennis for the whole family (not just children). This will be at Camvale Tennis Club in Paulton on Sunday 15 May from 9:30am until 5:30pm with a variety of sessions available. Those interested can book a session on-line at www.lta.org.uk/gbtw. Rackets, balls and the coaching team will be available. The aim is part of an LTA initiative to encourage more people, especially families, to participate in tennis on a more frequent basis.

Have a lovely weekend,

Alun Randell
Head Teacher

Head Teacher Awards

Jack Isabella Kacey

JC Elsie Summer Harrison

Angel Karis Toby

Elouise Skye Imogen

Gold Awards

For demonstrating exemplary behaviour...

Emelia Jamie Mya Tyler Jack Frankie

Caitlin Erica Oscar Nikola Eadie



Birthdays

Happy Birthday this week to the following children!!

Isabelle Ryan Faith

Millie Bailey



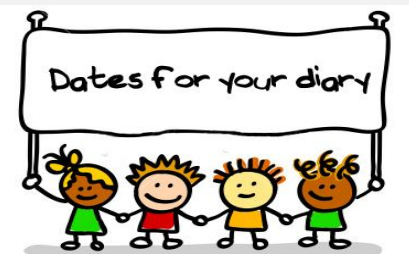
News



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:
Cashless School



Fri 13 May - PSG Bingo & BBQ Night

Thu 26 May - PSG Mufti for Summer Fayre

Fri 27 May TERM 5 ends

Fri 27 May - INSET Day - no school for children

Mon 6 June - Term 6 starts

The Children Centre Nursery.....

....has places available for children aged 2. The Nursery provides a direct feed for children entering our Nursery at age 3 ensuring a smooth transition to the next stage of their Early Years education. Call them on 01225 396858

Free Comic Day

Local comic shops Forbidden Planet and American Dream Comics are offering free age related comics at their stores this Saturday.