

Midsomer Norton Primary School



Head teacher: Mr Alun Randell

Dear Parents/ Carers,

A warm welcome back to school. I hope you all enjoyed the summer. It was great to see the children back in school on Monday and I have been delighted with the way the children have settled into their new classes.

Last year was an extremely busy year in the world of education and within our own school. We were pleased with our progress and ability to provide a great academic education for our children as evidenced by our excellent Key Stage 1 & 2 results while providing a broad, experience-rich curriculum.

This year, in addition to embedding changes introduced over the last year, we will have three main development priorities:

- Adopting a 'Talk for Writing' approach to teaching Literacy to raise standards in writing
- Enhancing the quality of learning under the mastery curriculum
- Promoting positive learning behaviours (being independent, being ambitious, being resilient, working together, supporting others and keeping focus)

You will hear much more about these developments during the year.

Diamond Power

We are focusing on one learning behavior each term. On Wednesday, we introduced diamond power to represent being independent. Please ask your child to explain how they can earn diamonds!

Staffing

Unfortunately, Mrs Elizabeth De Quidt left the school over the summer due to personal reasons. Everybody at school would like to thank her for her contribution to the school over the years and we wish her well for the future. Uranus Class is being taught full-time by Mrs Eleanor Cook while we recruit a permanent replacement.

Attendance and Punctuality

In July, the school governors approved a new attendance policy to help clarify the school's approach. We will be promoting good attendance and punctuality in class, in assemblies and in the school newsletter. Children with 100% attendance will receive a certificate to mark their achievement at the end of each term. Please remember that our doors open at 8:35am and school begins at 8:45am. Children who arrive between 8:45 and 9:00am will be recorded as having arrived late. The complete [attendance policy](#) is available on our school website under the Our School/ Policies section.

School Uniform

Please ensure that your child comes to school in the correct uniform including black shoes. Our school policy is also not to allow jewelry or dyed hair. For further details please see our [school handbook/ prospectus](#).

Swimming

Unfortunately, we have no choice but to start asking for a £2.00 per session voluntary



Online payments

We are now CASHLESS! All payments to school should now be made via the school gateway. Please go to www.schoolgateway.com to register as a user and then download the app to your phone from your app store. All you need to activate your account are your email address and mobile number that school holds on record for you.

If we do not hold an email address for you, you will need to provide one. Any problems please contact the office for help

Secondary Open Evenings

Norton Hill 15th Sept
Somervale 20th Sept
Writhlington 13th Sept

Flu Immunisations

The NHS will be providing a free nasal flu immunisations via the school this autumn for children in Y1,2 & 3. You will shortly be receiving a letter with further information and to obtain your consent.

The school nurses will be in school on Tues 27th Sep from 8.45am - 9am to answers any concerns or queries that you may have. Please feel free to pop along and see them

Open Day & Open Evening

We will be holding an Open Day on Thurs 6 Oct from 2pm and on Wed 12 Oct from 6pm for prospective parents who are looking for Reception places for Sept 2017 or Nursery places. Please come along if you have a child who is due to start Nursery or Reception or pass this information on to anyone you know who is looking for a school or Nursery place

contribution towards the cost of swimming lessons in Year 3 and Year 4 from this year due to budgetary constraints (many schools in BANES have been charging for a number of years). The contribution will go towards the cost of the lessons themselves with the school continuing to subsidise the hire of the pool and the life-guards.

Homework

Classes in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 will start receiving homework from week 3, once Year 6 have returned from camp. In the meantime, we encourage parents to listen to their children read and read books to them frequently - ideally every day to help boost their vocabulary and understanding of sentence structure... and, of course, for fun!

Roald Dahl Day

And talking of reading for fun we will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of Roald Dahl's birth next Tuesday as stated in Mrs Boyce's letter this week. Children are invited to come to school as a character from one of the master story-teller's books.

Have a lovely weekend!

Alun Randell
Head Teacher



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:

Roald Dahl Day
NSPCC Assembly
Clubs

Attendance Champions of the week

Venus Class	100%
Uranus Class	100%
Neptune Class	100%
Mercury Class	100%

Well done everybody!



Head Teacher Awards



Lily Calum Scarlett Joe
Keira Oliver Jasmine Kady
Deimantas Logan Regan



Gold Awards



For demonstrating exemplary behaviour...

Jake Layla Frasier Harley

Isabelle Lois Ava Zuzanna

Finn Erin Kai

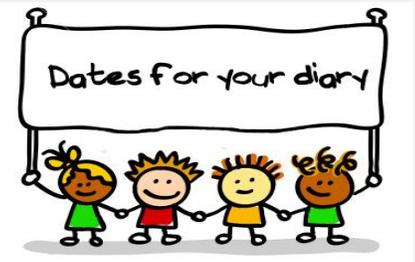


Birthdays



Lucas Isaac Ellie Georgia Kady

Rahib Ella Lara Rosie Flynn



12 - 16 Sep Y6 Camp
Tues 13 Sep - Roald Dahl Day
W/c 19 Sep - Clubs start
Tues 20 Sep - Harvest Art Event
Wed 21 Sep - Y3/4 Drop & Read starts
Fri 23 Sep - Y1/2 Drop & read starts
Mon 26 Sep - Harvest Festival -
Infants 9.15am, Juniors 10.45am
Tues 27 Sep - Flu immunization info
session
Thurs 6 Oct - Open Day for
prospective parents
Wed 12 Oct - Open Eve for
prospective parents
Wed 12/Thu 13 Oct - School Photos
Fri 14 Oct - PSG Monster Ball
Monday 17 Oct & Wednesday 19 Oct -
Parents Eve
Thurs 20 Oct - End of T1
Friday 21 Oct - INSET Day