

Midsomer Norton Primary School



Head teacher: Mr Alun Randell

Dear Parents/ Carers,

One of the advantages of having mixed year classes is the built in opportunities for all children to have role models to look up to and in turn to be the role models as they progress through the school.

This is something we feel strongly about and seek to build on; an excellent example is our reading buddy programme in which older children visit younger classes on a weekly basis to read together. On Wednesday, I witnessed Years 3 & 4 reading with the nursery children and both sets of children were amazing, with the older children demonstrating real care and support towards the youngest pupils in our school.



Talk for Writing

I mentioned Talk for Writing in the last newsletter but cannot but help mention it again this week. I was so impressed with our Reception children who were designing story maps based on the story they are learning and using them to retell the story from memory. This important technique helps children internalise a library of vocabulary, and sentence and story structures.

Sports News

Rather than celebrate team news, I thought I would focus on sport in school this week. I witnessed a gym lesson of incredibly high quality yesterday illustrating that sport in schools should be about inclusion by engaging all children as well as providing opportunities to compete. We are very lucky to have the talented Hayley Bullock as our sports coach to teach the children and train the staff. Well done Hayley!

Academy Meeting

We held a meeting for parents to find out more about our plans to become an academy this week. We are still in the consultation phase before the final decision is made. If you were unable to attend and you have any questions or comments about the school becoming an academy, please contact myself or the governing body at governors@msnprimary.org.

Book Swap and Shop

Mrs Meade and Mrs Blunsdon's Book Swap and Shop got off to a flying (slightly unexpected!) start last Friday. Every Friday, children and their parents are invited to come along to the school library to buy high quality second hand books incredibly

Dinner Money

Please remember that school meals must be paid for in advance via the School Gateway.

There is a minimum charge of £11, which is the cost of a full weeks meals. We set this minimum to avoid excessive transaction costs. The balance will reduce each time your child takes a meal and those meals can be taken at any time over the course of the academic year.

We currently have a number of children whose dinner money balances are in debit and you will receive a text message from us each week if that is the case. Please ensure that you make a payment to clear any debt as soon as possible.

If a dinner money debt continues to increase we will ask that your child does not take further school meals until it is cleared.

Compared to many other schools in the area we are very flexible around dinner money payments and allowing children to take school meals on an ad-hoc basis. We may not be able to do this if we have continue to have issues with late payments.

If you are having problems with paying or if you have problems accessing the School Gateway please contact the office as soon as possible.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter

cheaply or simply swap an unwanted book for another one. We have a large range of books for children and adults. Many thanks to everybody who has supported by donating books.

Library

We have had a rather trying time recently after our school library computer crashed and all data was lost. This meant children have not been able to change books for a number of weeks. Many thanks to our IT support company Apollo for successfully fixing what turned out to be a very challenging problem so that children can take books out once again!

Have a great weekend,

Alun Randell
Head Teacher

Attendance Champions of the week

1 st	Mars	98.9%
2 nd	Moon	98.5%
3 rd	Pluto	97.8%

Well done everybody!

Head Teacher Awards

Elwood Archie Rocky Sophia
Tilly Lois Olivia Leo
Alesha Riley Seb Antoni

Gold Awards

Leo Ella-Rose Jessica
Alesha Isabelle Jack Jai
Lily-Mae Beau Liam
Cameron Leah Savannah

For demonstrating exemplary behaviour...

Birthdays

Bradley Freya Harry
Neve Harrison



News

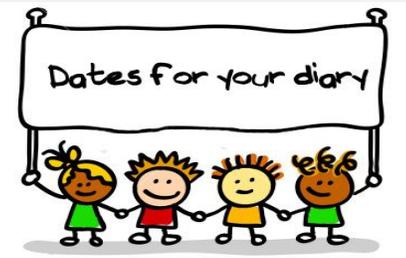


Don't forget that you can catch up with what's going on in school on our twitter feed:

<https://twitter.com/MSNPrimary>

Letters home this week:
KS1 & KS2 Dance Umbrella tickets

All letters are uploaded to the school website



Fri 3 Feb - NSPCC Number Day
Mon 6 Feb & Wed 9 Feb -
Parents Evening
Fri 10 Feb - End of T4