

Midsomer Norton Primary School



Head teacher: Mr Alun Randell

Dear Parents & Carers,

Another term comes to an end and it seems to have flown by. My highlights for the term have been World Book Day, seeing the immediate impact our Champions for Change have had, being an audience for Year 1 & 2's oral story telling and visiting the pond with Reception.

A fond farewell

It was with mixed emotions that we wished Mrs Witchell a fond farewell in assembly yesterday. She retires after 35 years of teaching and having spent the last 20 years at Midsomer Norton Primary. Mrs Witchell has played a key role in developing our school garden and the grounds, setting us a high standard to maintain. She will be missed by her gardening club in particular. We are grateful to Mrs Smith who has volunteered to take over the running of gardening club for the rest of the year.

Reception visiting experts

A big thank you to parents Simon Moody (paramedic) and Louise Maine (nurse) for giving up their time to come into Early Years to talk about their jobs. They brought resources for the children to see and handle which enabled them to develop their learning about how people help us.



Parent Survey

Many thanks to everybody who completed the parent survey. We are examining responses and the outcomes and will be published after the holiday.

Clubs

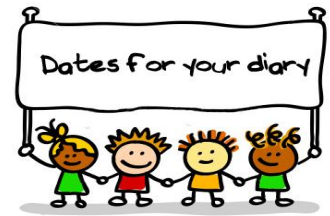
One area the survey highlights as an area parents think we can develop is our after school provision. After the holiday, information will come home about our clubs programme for Term 5 & 6. We have managed to increase our range of clubs and to include greater variety for all age ranges. Any feedback will be gratefully received.

Breakfast club

After Easter, PH Sports will be taking over the running of our Breakfast Club providing a healthy breakfast and a range of activities. More information for those children who do not at present attend Breakfast Club will be sent after half term.

Outdoor learning - Forest School

Over the next two terms, Miss Farnham and Mrs Meade are training to become Forest School Leaders. We are lucky to have a wonderful outdoor environment and our eventual goal is to be able to offer all children one afternoon a week of Forest School



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Important Announcements

Gardening Club

Tina Smith will be taking over gardening club in terms 5 & 6 following Mrs Witchell's retirement. Tina would be extremely grateful for any donations of vegetable and flower seeds or bulbs

Sainsburys Car Park

Please can we ask that you take care when driving up the approach road to Sainsbury's car park. We have had complaints from some parents about some unsafe driving. Although this road is not strictly for pedestrian use many of our families do access school via that route so please take care and watch your speed. Thank you!

Forest School

Miss Farnham and Mrs Meade have started Forest School training. If anyone has any sticks/branches from their garden, they would be grateful to receive them for den building.

Scarlet Fever & Flu-like Illness (possible Swine Flu)

We have been notified by B&NES about outbreaks of Scarlet Fever and flu like illness that may include swine flu. We have not yet had any cases reported in school but would request that you bear this in mind if your child is ill, seek medical advice and keep them away from school if necessary to avoid further spread.

You can find further information from Public Health England by clicking [here](#)

Active Kids

We are still collecting vouchers from Sainsburys.

for one term each year. We plan to provide taster sessions in the summer terms before beginning the more structured programme next year.

I hope you enjoy a lovely holiday. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 18th April.

Alun Randell
Head Teacher



News



Head Teacher Awards



Jai Isabel Ellie Abigail
Aimee Ben Isaac Lois
Jack Ellie



Gold Awards



For demonstrating exemplary behaviour, . . .

*Charlie Summer Lucas Mya
Oliver Lewis Lilli-Ana Eric*



Birthdays



Happy Birthday this week to the following children!!

Izzy Paige Maisie Reece Cora
Leo Daisy Missy Bill Harvey
Dominic Lewis Joseph Daisy Oliver
Blake Stevenson Mya Harry James Elwood
Will Jake Alfie Dexter Callum Abigail

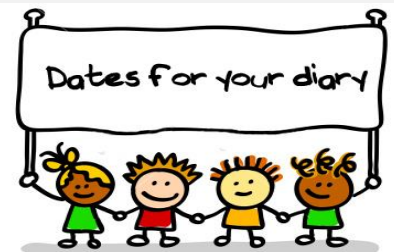


Don't forget that you can catch up with what's going on in school on our twitter feed:

<https://twitter.com/MSNPrimary>

Letters home this week:

PSG Newsletter
Sport Newsletter
Year 6 Maths Morning Wake Up!
Uranus Swimming
Breakfast Club letter (those currently on our list to attend only)



Fri 1st April - End of Term 4
Mon 18th April - Start of Term 5 not 11th as previously stated
Wed 4 May - Class & Y6 Photos
Fri 6 May - Mufti Day for Cancer Research (in support of former pupil)

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