

# Midsomer Norton Primary School



Head teacher: Mr Alun Randell

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to a new term. It was great to see the children back, smiling and laughing. There were a few tired faces on Monday (and not just the children) but by Tuesday the children were all back in the groove!

## Passport Club

Year 6 children began their SATs passport club this week. I was very impressed at the turn out with over 30 children attending. The club runs Tuesday - Thursday, 8:00-8:30am.

## Parent Survey/ Clubs

Please watch out for feedback from the parent survey next week. One area parents/ carers indicated they would like to see improvements in is the number and range of clubs we offer. We are very pleased that we have been able to significantly improve our clubs programme for the next two terms. Please see the letter sent home this week for details. The list of clubs is also available on the school website. I'm afraid **Computing Club** will not begin until week 3 as I am unavailable next Friday. Capture the Flag was so popular that we have had to only allow Year 5 and 6 this time and Year 6 will be taking part in Term 5 with Year 5 having their turn in Term 6. Forms coming home tonight.

## Breakfast Club/ After School Club

PH Sports has taken over the running of our Breakfast Club and we are very pleased with how well it is running. PH Sports will trial an after school club in Term 6, 3:15-5:15pm. If there is sufficient demand this will become a permanent club.

## School Website - Curriculum Updates.

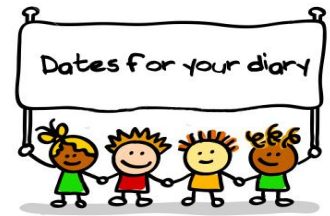
Phase teams are now able to publish weekly curriculum updates on the school website. These updates will be posted by 5:00pm each Friday and will cover the week's learning and any homework. The updates will also provide key words and a brief description of the planned learning for the following week. The updates can be found by clicking on the relevant link (e.g Year 1 & Year 2) at the top of school website.

## We Are Going Cashless

From **September**, Midsomer Norton Primary will be going cashless using our School Gateway on-line payments system. This system offers significant advantages to school and parents/carers in terms of ease of use, time saved and peace of mind by avoiding the need for children to bring money into school in an envelope. Payments can be made via the Gateway weblink on our website or via the easy to use Gateway app. Please look out for a letter soon reminding you how to register if you haven't already.

## Fantastic Writing!

Charlotte P from Jupiter has reached the final 4,800 of the BBC Radio 2 short-story competition from over 125,000 entries. We have our fingers crossed for you Charlotte!



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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.

## Sports News

The new term has begun with yet more sporting success. On Wednesday, the football team successfully defended their title at a football tournament at Somervale school, defeating Westfield 1-0 in the final.

Yesterday, in the Spring County Finals, the hockey team progressed to the semi-finals before eventually finishing 3<sup>rd</sup>; the netball team got to the semi-finals too and finished 4th. The archery team won best team work prize! Mr Willcox and Mrs Bullock report that all 3 teams showed great spirit and teamwork. Well done to all!

## Weekend Sports Events

Good luck to Lottie, Cameron, Oliver and Leo F who are representing B&NES at the county cross country event on Saturday. Good luck to the football team who are competing in the Regional Finals at Odd Down playing fields on Saturday. Their first match begins at 12:30pm. Any home support would be most welcome!

## Gardening Club - Rocket Science

The Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) has teamed up with the European Space Agency to investigate growing seeds in space. Our gardening club will be participating in the experiment by growing seeds which have spent 6 months in space on the international space station. More information can be found at:

<https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/Competitions/Rocket-Science-Experiment-Overview>

## Mufti Day - Raising money for cancer research

We will be holding a mufti-day on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May to support the fundraising efforts of Karyn Farrell. Karyn is an ex-pupil of Midsomer Norton Primary now at Somervale School and cancer survivor. All proceeds will go to cancer research. Karyn's target is to raise at least £500 through organising a number of different events.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Alun Randell  
Head Teacher

## Head Teacher Awards

Tyler Charlie Jamie

Logan Jayke Alesha Cori

Jecaela Archie Aaron Ryan

Minoas Alex



## Gold Awards



*For demonstrating exemplary behaviour...*

*Alfie Lyra-Leigh Fausteja*

*Phoebe Abby Summer Samuel Eva*

*Angel William Joe William Ollie*



## Birthdays

*Happy Birthday this week to the following children!!*

Otis Lucy Lois Reuben



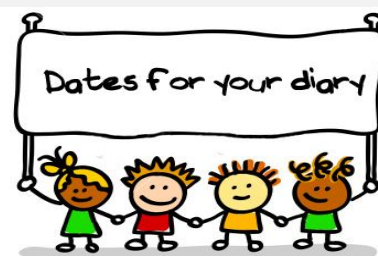
## News



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:



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

## Tennis For Kids - Free Tennis Coaching

The LTA is offering a free racquet and six 1 hour long coaching sessions to new players (5-8 years old). The nearest tennis clubs to school are Camvale Tennis Club in Paulton and Writhlington Tennis Centre. For more information visit [www.lta.org.uk/tennisforkids](http://www.lta.org.uk/tennisforkids)