

Midsomer Norton Primary School



Head teacher: Mr Alun Randell

Dear Parents & Carers,

My! It has been a busy week at school with a lot of exciting learning going on. Last Friday, Year 5 went to Somervale School for an exciting science lesson as the first of a series of joint lessons this year; Year 6 returned from camp full of exciting stories; Reception children had their first lunches at school and we held assemblies in which the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association described the importance of guide dogs for the visually impaired - just some of the varied learning experiences our children enjoyed.



Many thanks to Mr and Mrs Moore
and their dog Davy for a
fascinating assembly.

It was great to see so many parents and carers at our Meet the Teacher event on Tuesday. During the introduction proposed values to support our school vision were shared:

We believe in ambition.
We believe in opportunity for all.
We build confidence and independence.
We believe in community.

We are very eager for any feedback before the values are finalised.

Governors

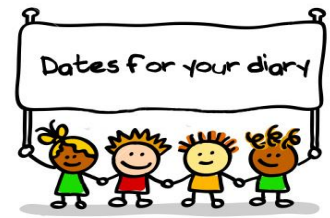
Ian Nockolds has been elected Chair of the Governing Body, succeeding Ian Alexander who has served as governor and chair "for more years than I can remember". The school and the governing body would like to thank Ian Alexander for all of his hard work and support over the years. Stephen Robinson has been elected Vice-Chair of Governors. Over the next few weeks, we will be sending home information about the governors, their backgrounds and their role in addition to information about an upcoming election for a vacancy as Parent Governor.

Bath in Bloom

On Monday evening, the school was awarded a Bronze Award by Bath in Bloom at a ceremony at the Guildhall in Bath. Well done to Mrs Witchell and all her gardeners!

Harvest

Our Harvest Festival celebrations are a little earlier than usual this year on Monday 28th September. The Infants celebration will be held at 9.30am. The KS2 celebration will be held at 1.45pm. Both celebrations will be held in Midsomer Norton Methodist Church. The PSG will be providing refreshments in take-away cups from 8:45am before the Infants celebration and then again at the end of the KS2 celebration.



Upcoming Events

Wednesday 23rd Sep - Reception Information Evening - 6.00pm

Thursday 24th Sept - Phonics coffee morning - 9.15am

Monday 28th Sept - Harvest Celebrations Infants- 9.30am.
KS2 - 1.45pm

Tuesday 29th Sept - Open Day for Nursery & Reception prospective parents. 9-11am & 1.30-2.30pm

Important Announcements

Payments to school

Please don't forget that all payments to school can be made online via the School Gateway. You can make payments via debit or credit card or instant bank transfer. There is a minimum payment of £10 for dinner money but once you have made a payment it stays on your account until meals have been taken to that value whether that is in the same week or across the whole academic year. If you download the app to your phone it also means we can message you for free saving the school money! Why not give it a try?
www.schoolgateway.com

Please check your child/childrens hair for our usual friends!! And treat accordingly.
Thank you.

PSG

I had a very productive meeting with Sarah Smith and Bridget Underwood, Chair and Vice-Chair of the PSG, this morning. We are looking forward to working together to raise funds and develop our school community still further. Once a few more key dates have been finalised we will update the Parent Calendar and send a new version home.

Key dates next week...

Please remember our Reception information evening on Wednesday at 6:00pm and our Drop and Read/ Phonics Coffee morning on Thursday at 8:45/9:15am respectively.

Have a lovely weekend!

Alun Randell
Head Teacher



Class News

Drop and.....Read starts in KS1 on Thursday 24th September

Letters Home This Week...
Choir only - Young Voices Trip

All letters are uploaded to the website

This Year's Term Dates

Term Dates 2015/2016 Academic Years	
TERM 1	
Start:	Tuesday 1st September 2015
Finish:	Friday 23rd October 2015
TERM 2	
Start:	Monday 2nd November 2015
Finish:	Friday 18th December 2015
TERM 3	
Start:	Monday 4th January 2016
Finish:	Friday 12th February 2016
TERM 4	
Start:	Monday 22nd February 2016
Finish:	Friday 1st April 2016
TERM 5	
Start:	Monday 18th April 2016
Finish:	Friday 27th May 2016
TERM 6	
Start:	Monday 6th June 2016
Finish:	Thursday 21st July 2016
INSET days ~	
	Tuesday 1st September 2015
	Wednesday 2nd September 2015
	Monday 4th January 2016
	Friday 27th May 2016
	Thursday 21st July 2016
PUBLIC HOLIDAYS	
Good Friday	Friday 25th March 2016
Easter Monday	Monday 28th March 2016
May Day	Monday 2nd May 2016
Spring Bank	Monday 30th May 2016

Sporting News

Thank you to Mrs Hulford who has advised us of a scheme currently being run by Bristol Sport in partnership with Sky Sports where schools and other community groups can earn free sports kit by returning old sky boxes. More details will be sent home via School Comms



Head Teacher Awards



Jess Kacey Isabelle Evie Molly
Reuben Erin Charlotte Bradley Evan
Alexa Ollie Joe Max Ellie Julia



Gold Awards



For demonstrating exemplary behaviour, . .

Ashton Ben Lottie Sadiya Lois Anani Amber

Sophie Alex Ara Keira Kieran Lily-Mae

Harley Esther Olivia Ella Julia Fausteja



Birthdays



Happy Birthday this week to the following children!!

Dodi Keira Lily William Nada
Connor Connor Olivia Erin

Midsomer Norton Rugby Club welcome all children from Years 1-6 on Sundays between 10 and 12 at the Rugby Club. Visit their website for more details.

