



MIDSOMER NORTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

LEARNING FOR LIFE

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NEWSLETTER 11

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Diary Dates:

Tues	2 Dec	OPEN MORNING for <u>prospective</u> parents (not existing parents) 9.30-11.30am
Mon	8 Dec	Bath Abbey Carol Service – KS2 trip
Tues	9 Dec	Christmas Dinner
Sat	13 Dec	PSG Christmas Fayre 11.00 - 2.00
Tu-Th	9-11 Dec	Infants' Nativity: Tues 9th (9.15am); Weds 10th (2.15pm); Thurs 11th (9.15am)
Weds	17 Dec	Juniors (Y3-Y6) Christmas Celebrations 1.45 and 6.00pm
Fri	19 Dec	Last Day of Term 2 – PSG Christmas Discos
Mon	5 Jan	First Day of Term 3 – no training days

Head's Message

A visitor taking assembly this week commented on how many children were yawning (*before* he'd started his assembly, not *during* it). Some children have been telling us how much they've been enjoying *I'm a Celebrity...*. Quite apart from whether this is suitable viewing for primary age children, what concerns our staff is the time that it is on. Of course, some parents may allow their children to view the programme on ITV's catch-up service, but we know a number have been watching it at the scheduled transmission time of 9.00 on a Sunday or weekday evening. Tired children simply don't function as well as they should at school - their concentration is poor, their temper shorter, their resilience much lower. On behalf of all the staff, please, please enforce sensible bedtimes ... and thank you to those who already do. I know how resistant to going to bed children can be – my 11-year-old is worse than the 14-year-old – but please stand firm and, if necessary, tell them that their teacher and Mr Knollys insist. Latest advice says: Infants should get between 10 and 12 hours' sleep per night; Juniors between 10 and 11 hours' sleep. We leave it to parents to decide exactly what a sensible bedtime should be, but you can work out that 10.00pm isn't it.

PSG Christmas Fayre ... is only a couple of weekends away. We hope to have a really big turn-out and lots of things to sell. Please do everything you can to support this landmark event in the school's calendar. We can always do with more goodies to sell and more helping hands to make it a success. Just have a word with any of our wonderful PSG committee. If you haven't managed to see the detail, click on this link, which also contains the order slip for Father Christmas tickets!

[PSG Christmas Fayre Letter](#)

Megan, Evie C, Cori, Tianna, Evie T, Jamima, Lilli-Ana, Tilly, Libby, Molly
Runners-up in MSN Games Association Girls' Football Tournament @ Writhlington on Monday
 More Heroes!

Show & Share It was great to welcome parents at Show & Share sessions throughout the week. Thank you to all those that made it – we hope it gave you a flavour of your child's experience in class, and that you found it worthwhile.

Reception would be grateful for any clean 6, 4 or 2 pint plastic milk containers with lids for a Design and Technology project. Thanks.

GOLD AWARDS:

Gracie Callie Charley Cain Kathryn
Jasmine Ruby Janna Justine Sam
Isabelle Millie Lacey

Gold Awards are given to children in assembly whose contribution to the life of the school has been exemplary.

New Prefect Congratulations to Eloise on her appointment as Prefect for Pegasus house. Eloise has demonstrated a great attitude in school and a real sense of responsibility.

Spelling Books Please be aware that children should be attempting **one** week's spelling activities per week. We've had some just roaring through the book, copying out spellings ... but not actually learning or retaining them! The idea is that your child carries out the activities (under parental supervision) and that you practise those spellings with your child : talk about them, about the common patterns, trying to think of other examples. It's all about the quality of learning, not the quantity! Thanks for your support with this.

Letters home this week

After School Club questionnaire

All letters are now uploaded to the website; follow this link to see them: <http://www.midsomernortonprimaryschool.com/index.php?id=94>



This week's top house is AQUILA!



End of Day Procedures

We are having a bit of a punctuality drive at the moment. We ask parents of children who are sluggish in the morning to do all you can to get your children in at 8.35am and by 8.45 at the latest. We will be calling some parents in to meet the local authority's Children Missing Education Service, to improve their child's attendance or punctuality. In return, we promise to improve the promptness with which children are dismissed at the end of the day, which has not been as punctual as it should be. With the exception of children attending clubs and swimmers on a Wednesday, we aim to get children to you punctually at 3.15pm.

Unwelcome visitors

We have had reports of head lice in Nursery and Y2. Please take some time over the weekend to check your children's hair and treat them if necessary. Thanks

Asthma Inhalers

Following on from the recent letter concerning the emergency use of Salbutamol inhalers school, please ensure that if your child has been diagnosed with asthma, you have returned the permission slip and that your child has a working, in date inhaler (and spare if necessary) in school with them at all times. Doctors are more than happy to prescribe additional inhalers for this purpose.

Brunel visit

Key Stage 1 classes, who are studying Victorians, were delighted to receive a visit this morning from none other than Isambard Kingdom Brunel, who popped in to talk about his life and achievements. Thanks to Mr Brunel's agents, Eva's grandparents, who arranged the visit - the children asked lots of interesting questions and it was a wonderful end to our Design and Technology bridge building week.



Head Teacher's Awards



were given out today in Assembly to the following pupils for exceptional effort in their work

Bradley Cora Bradley Joshua Darren Summer

Charlie Harrison Esther Sophie Mel Jacob Jake

Charlotte Eva Lucv Callum Keira Dodi Dominic Reuben

COMMUNITY NEWS

An update on things going on in and around the area. Please feel free to notify us (by Wednesday) of any items to go in. The school does not actively endorse or vouch for any event publicised here.

Daily outdoor fitness classes in Midsomer Norton. Boxercise, Interval Training and Circuits available. Contact Sarah Isherwood of Alpha Fitness on 07429 149190 or sarah.isherwood1@gmail.com to receive your first class free!

FROSTY CHRISTMAS SONG HUNT on Saturday 29th November - pick up a trail sheet from S&B Kitchen Green Grocer in Radstock and look for the Christmas song themed displays in the shop windows throughout Radstock. Treasure at the end of the trail! £1 per trail sheet.

Don't miss the opportunity to win £50, £40 or £30 in the **Midsomer Norton Christmas Nativity competition** organised by Welton Baptist Church. There are 18 Cardboard Nativity characters to collect from various shops in the High Street to take home, colour, build, decorate and photograph. Look out for more details in the Journal newspaper, MSN Library or www.weltonchurch.org.uk

Jumble Sale being held at the Whisty Hall, Radstock on Saturday 29th November from 1.00 pm-3.00 pm.



Many Happy Returns!



Pupils with birthdays between the **28th November and 4th December** are included in our list this week

Max Gregory Macy Durham Chloe Cradock Ashley Whittock Lucas Russell

Sam Dolman Alesha Snell Adam Whittington

From all of us at Midsomer Norton Primary School, have a great weekend!