



# MIDSOMER NORTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

LEARNING FOR LIFE

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## NEWSLETTER 13

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Diary Dates:

<b>Sat</b>	<b>13 Dec</b>	<b>PSG Christmas Fayre 11.00 - 2.00</b>
<b>Weds</b>	<b>17 Dec</b>	<b>Juniors (Y3-Y6) Christmas Pantomime 1.45 and 6.00pm Methodist Church</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>19 Dec</b>	<b>Last Day of Term 2 – PSG Christmas Discos</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>5 Jan</b>	<b>First Day of Term 3 – no training days</b>

### Head's Message

While the run-up to Christmas is always the busiest time in a school, it is also in many ways the most enjoyable. Never is that more true than when we come to the children's performances. This week we were treated to **A Wriggly Nativity** and next week we have the Juniors' panto to look forward to. These are not just a bit of fun, but provide children with some valuable learning experiences, requiring listening and speaking skills, concentration, memory, teamwork and a great deal of imagination and confidence. We saw all these qualities on show during the nativity and it was a real pleasure to see individuals rising to their own personal challenges ... whether it was speaking up in front of a large crowd or just being part of a group following a sequence of instructions. But the icing on the cake for me has been the lovely comments from our audience – from parents, grandparents and others, who all appreciate the hard work that goes into such projects. I won't embarrass the parent who wrote this by naming her, but the staff were very touched by this kind message:

*Thank you for all your hard work and dedication. I am so pleased I chose Midsomer Norton Primary to give my children such a wonderful start in life. Happy memories for all made there today and I am sure my thoughts are echoed by all parents.*

When we receive such generous support, it makes a huge difference and I speak on behalf of all the staff when I say thank you to all those parents who get behind our school and recognise the good things that go on here.

**PSG Christmas Fayre: tomorrow, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 11.00 – 2.00pm See you there!!**

### End of Day Procedures

As you know, mobilising 300 or so children at the end of a school day is a major undertaking. It usually works, but if we can make it better, we will. Here is an improvement we want to trial:

- **Older brothers/sisters in Years 3 and 4 should go to the exit their younger brothers/sisters use** and be dismissed to the same point. This means that no Y3/4 children are being let out without a parent being there to meet them – they no longer have to go round the lower end of the building 'against the tide' to the lower playground where infants are dismissed. It also means parents don't have to look for children on more than one playground. Let's see how it goes!
- For parents of younger children, please come forward to identify yourselves to staff so they know they're delivering children to the correct grown-up.
- Where there are *two* younger siblings, the Y3/4 child should exit from the same door as the youngest

Parents of Year 5/6 pupils may give permission for them to walk home without an adult; they should ideally be with other older pupils or close to other family groups walking home. We expect our Y5/6 pupils to know whether they are being picked up or not. It is the parents' responsibility to ensure children know the pick-up arrangements at the end of the day. If there is any significant change, please inform office staff.

### Electronic Games

We are sometimes asked by children if they can bring in electronic games on the last day of term. The answer is no, but ... children are encouraged to bring in other games or toys if they like, particularly those that they can play with friends. We also have plenty of 'last-day-of-term' activities children can do if they don't want to bring anything in from home. Please don't bring in anything of great value or significance – it would be very sad if it were dropped or was mislaid somewhere.

### Clothes and stuff

Please take advantage of the Christmas break to ensure your child is fully kitted out for school, with all the appropriate uniform, proper school shoes, PE kit and coats ... and make sure everything is named. We are still handling large volumes of unnamed lost property items.

**GOLD AWARDS:**  
**Amber Ellie Sam Evie Molly Libby**  
**Cody Skye Mitchell Lucas Cain**


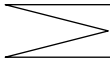
*Gold Awards are given to children in assembly whose contribution to the life of the school has been exemplary.*

**Badminton News** Twelve children took part in the first ever BANES area Badminton tournament at Bath Leisure Centre. Children were chosen after signing up for Greenie Time trials and practice sessions after-school. At the tournament they were split into 3 teams and each player took part in either singles or doubles matches against each team in their pool, playing a total of 8 matches overall. All games were very close in score, particularly in the doubles, with partnerships improving as the tournament progressed. Final tournament results haven't yet been released, but we know that 1 team missed out on first place by a point and both other teams came a very close 3rd. Well done to all the players and special thanks to parents for taking time out to transport children to Bath. The squad: Dominic, Ashton, Leo, Ben, Tinashe, Jackson, Harrison, Charlie, Tianna, Lilli-Ana, Cori and Eva (and thanks to coach Mrs Bullock!!)

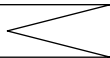

**Letters home this week**

<i>KS2 Dance Umbrella</i>	<i>KS2 Dance/Y5/6 Football sleepover</i>	<i>Infant Dance Umbrella</i>
<i>Uranus Swimming</i>	<i>Free School Meals &amp; Pupil Premium</i>	

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

**Head Teacher's Awards**

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

*Toby Abby Leo Evie Bradley Ellie Millie*

*Maddie Jamie*

**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](mailto:sarah.isherwood1@gmail.com) to receive your first class free!

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](http://www.weltonchurch.org.uk)



**Many Happy Returns!**



*Pupils with birthdays between the 12<sup>th</sup> and the 18<sup>th</sup> December are included in our list this week*

**Harrison Jasmine Jack Skye Oliver Ashlee**

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