



MIDSOMER NORTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

LEARNING FOR LIFE

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NEWSLETTER 2

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Diary Dates:

Mon	15	Sept	Clubs start – letter coming home today
Weds	17	Sept	New Homework regime starts – letter on Fri 12 Sept explaining all
Tues	16	Sept	Y1-Y6 Parents' Pop-in – 2.00pm Head's address, Q&A; 2.45pm into class
Fri	26	Sept	Y5/6 Cycling programme starts
Tues	30	Sept	OPEN DAY for prospective parents – please spread the word
Mon/Wed	6/8	Oct	Parents' Evenings
Tues	14	Oct	Y4/Y5 Parents' Meeting re 2015 Camps for Y4 (6pm) and Y6 (6.30pm)
Wed/Thu	15/16	Oct	Photos
Thu	16	Oct	Infants' Harvest (School Hall)
Tues	21	Oct	Juniors' Harvest (Methodist Church)
Weds	22	Oct	Last Day of Term 1
Mon	3	Nov	First Day of Term 2 - term ends Friday 19th December

Head's Message

Our school vision statement speaks of our Year 6 leavers and the skills and qualities they demonstrate as they move on from our school. It was therefore a source of great pride to me to spend some time with our new Year 6 cohort down on their Camp at PGL Osmington Bay on Thursday morning. Their good manners, friendly team spirit and general loveliness made me very glad to have made the journey to see them. More than that, I saw individuals battling with their fears (the abseiling tower is seriously high!), encouraging others to overcome theirs, and interacting with the centre staff and ours with respect. This gives me great confidence about the sort of role models our new Year 6s will be in the school – their parents can feel very proud of them. It should also be stated that the Year 6s who didn't attend Camp this week have demonstrated those same high standards and positive attitudes back here, acting as an inspiration to their Year 5 classmates. My thanks to them all and to the staff who have devoted so much time and care to them during this week. I am one very proud head teacher!

Parents' Pop-In **THIS TUESDAY from 2.00pm for parents and carers of Year 1 to Year 6 pupils.**

Mr Knollys will address the parents from 2.00pm and answer questions, then you will have the chance to visit your child's class from 2.45pm, just to see them 'for real' in their new classes. We have brought Parents' Evenings forwards to the second week of October (6th/8th), to give you an earlier chance to discuss your child's progress. NB: the pop-in is not for parents/carers of children in Nursery or Reception, as there are separate induction arrangements for you, but you'd be welcome to come to the head's discussion at 2pm.

Homework

You will receive our updated policy today (or on Monday, if your child is in Y6). It is posted on our website and is being sent by SchoolComms. It is quite long, but please do read it carefully. Wednesday next week will be the first week that we implement this (Early Years will be after induction).

Morning Drop-Off

In our campaign to encourage children to become more independent and to take responsibility for themselves, we ask parents in Years 1 to 6 to drop their children swiftly at the door in the morning and not come in with them. Our staff on the doors will scoop them up and support them if needed.

Universal Free School Meals

Don't forget that all children in Reception, Y1 & Y2 are now entitled to a FREE school meal every day. You don't need to do anything except ensure that your child knows whether they are having sandwiches or dinners and they remember to tell their teacher in the morning when the dinner register is taken.

Chickens

You may remember that last years' Jupiter class hatched 3 chickens who have spent the last few months living with Mrs Witchell whilst we complete their living quarters and they are old enough to live outside. We are pleased to announce that after a lot of hard work by a very dedicated team of staff and volunteers the outdoor area has been cleared, fencing and a gate installed and their new home was delivered this week so they will be coming back to live at school next week. This has all been achieved through donations (Thank you especially to Charltons and Mr & Mrs Edgell!) and fund raising including a grant from The Ernest Cook Trust and we hope that the chickens will be able to self fund through egg sales in the future. Look out for more details of when we have them on sale.

Club letters were sent home yesterday but if your child has not received confirmation of which club they have got into it may be one of the slips returned with no child's name!!

Code Club on Fridays will finish at 4pm and not 4.15pm as stated.

Secondary School places for September 2015 Applications for a secondary school place for current Y6 pupils will need to be made by midnight on Friday 31st October 2014. Open Evenings at will take place as follows:

Somervale School

Wednesday 17th September 2014. Doors Open at 6pm. Guided Tours begin at 6pm, Head's Presentation at 7.30pm

Norton Hill School

Thursday 18th September 2014. Doors Open at 4.45pm. Guided Tours begin at 5pm. Head's Presentations at 5pm and 6.15pm

Writhlington School

Thursday 25th September 2014. Doors open at 6pm

Garden News Whitehall Garden Centre have very kindly donated £25 worth of vouchers to spend on gardening items. We have also received 10 packets of seeds from Suttons. Many thanks to Mr Dowell and Mr Brown for watering the greenhouse throughout the summer holidays and keeping all our veg alive and flourishing. Our giant sunflower heads and teasals are already being used as resources for an art lesson and we are looking forward to a bumper crop of sweetcorn, tomatoes and leeks in the very near future.

PSG Update Please read the PSG letter that is winging its way to you – and get involved if you can. First meeting this Monday at 6.00pm.



Head Teacher's Awards



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

Connor Ellie Isobel Molly Rahib Natalia
Dominic Victoria Felix

GOLD AWARDS

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

Letters home this week

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

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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.

Midsomer Norton Rugby Club invite any children from Year 1 upwards to join them on Sunday mornings from 10am. See their website for more details.

Fitness Classes with crèche. Wednesdays at MSN Cricket Club. Outdoor Bootcamp, Mumzfit & Over 50s Gentle Exercise. Please call Louise for further details and to book a place on 07872919208



Many Happy Returns!



Pupils with birthdays between the 12th and 19th September are included in our list this week

Ellie Kady Che Rahib Ella-Louise Tianna Emily
Jeannie Finn Cameron Jake Dodi Keira Nada

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