



MIDSOMER NORTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

LEARNING FOR LIFE

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NEWSLETTER 3

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Diary Dates:

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
Mon	13 Oct	KS1 Phonics Workshop for Parents (3.30pm in Y1/2 area)
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

It was great to see so many parents at our Parents' Pop-in on Tuesday afternoon. Thank you for taking the time to come in. We're acutely aware that for working parents it's not always easy to get time off to attend such events, so I can assure you that there will be other opportunities in the evening to come into school to find out more about what your children are learning. At the meeting on Tuesday Ms Biss highlighted the three big themes for our curriculum:

- **Taking Responsibility:** expecting children to do things, to make decisions, to look after themselves
- **Opportunities:** enabling children to understand the possibilities there are in school and in life
- **Knowledge and Understanding of the World.**

In assembly I remarked that this was a day of huge historical importance for all the children and for their country. I asked if anyone could explain why. A few hands went up. One Year 4 child (I won't embarrass him by naming him) put it very succinctly: "Scotland voted 'no' to leaving the United Kingdom." It made my day to have found someone who could so accurately sum up this landmark event. In a nutshell, this is our dream – to educate a whole school of children to develop a sense of who they are in the world, historically, geographically and socially. It's worth noting that our star pupil had learned about the Referendum not in school, but at home. His parents had clearly decided to educate him about it. It underlines the point that children gain their knowledge and understanding of the world not only at school, but *crucially at home*.

HOUSE CAPTAINS

We are delighted to announce the appointment of the following Year 6 pupils to the positions of House Captain and Vice-Captain, having been nominated by their Y5/6 teachers:

	Corvus	Aquila	Phoenix	Pegasus
<i>House Captain</i>	Tianna Cooper	Tinashe Caitlin	Charlie Gracie	Callie Cain
<i>House Vice-Capt</i>	Jamima Molly	Emily Atley	Tilly Harrison	Daisy Toby

Staff report that this was a difficult choice, as there were so many strong candidates. They predict the early appointment of some house prefects, reflecting the great example our Year 6s set in the school.

Phonics Workshop in Key Stage 1 Phonics? What's that? Why is it important? How do we teach Phonics in Years 1 and 2? Come and find out on **Monday 13th October at 3.30pm**. A crèche will be provided in the hall to allow parents and carers to focus on the Phonics!

Persistent Lates School starts at 8.45am sharp. Children who are persistently late are persistently missing chunks of their lessons and disrupting the class by coming in late. We will be operating a simple catch-up regime for those who are regularly late, whereby children will catch up the number of minutes they are recorded as late to school during their break times. The alternative is for parents to ensure their child arrives at school on time.

Readathon Your child should have brought home information and a sponsorship form for our Readathon which continues next week. Please support them to collect sponsors and read as many books as they can either independently or with an adult to help use raise funds for books in school

Nursery Parents – a request Due to the layout of our building, the best route to Nursery involves walking through our top playground. For your safety and for the sake of all our children, please follow the path around the outside of the fenced playground, rather than cutting across it, where children may be playing or in a PE lesson. Thank you.

	<i>This week's top house was CORVUS!!!</i>			
Corvus:	Aquila:	Phoenix:	Pegasus:	

Hey! For children in Y5/6, a reminder to bring in any recent trophies, medals or certificates for a photo shoot with the editor of Hey! Magazine at 9.00am on Tuesday (23rd). As Y3/4 pupils will be out on their trip to the Roman Baths on Tuesday, they can bring in their trophies etc. on Thursday for a lunchtime photo with Mrs Forster. Hey! Magazine is aimed at Key Stage 2 pupils, so this is why this is only for Y3-Y6 children.

Congratulations to our gardening club and classes for achieving Level 4 'Thriving' in the 'It's Your Neighbourhood' section of the South West in Bloom competition, contributing to the town's fantastic achievement of being crowned overall small town category winners and winners of the Preece Cup for 2014.

PSG Cake Sale / Second Hand Uniform Sale This will be our first event on **Friday, 3rd October 2014** and will be held in the main hall after school. At the end of last year there was a lot of uniform left and since the beginning of this term people have very kindly donated lots of trousers, jumpers and t-shirts plus we still have lots of summer dresses. We would be very grateful of any donations for cakes for the sale, please bring them to the office on the morning of that Friday.

Our next meeting is being held on **Friday, 3rd October 2014** at 9.00am in the Milky Way Room at School. If you have any ideas or comments, we look forward to seeing or hearing from you.



Head Teacher's Awards



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

Keisha Mae Erin Harry Tilly Lottie

Mitchell Harry Ashton Dominic Joshua Mia Jake

Letters home this week

<i>Letter from Governing Body</i>	<i>Readathon</i>	
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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>

Gold Awards

Savannah Libbie Henry Ellie

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

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

Wansdyke Play Association, MSN Community Trust and The Play Network are screening PROJECT WILD THING at The Palladium, Midsomer Norton Town Hall on Wednesday 24th September doors open 6.30pm for 7.00pm start. Donation will be asked for on the night. Contact 01225 394426 or donna_biddlecombe@bathnes.gov.uk



Many Happy Returns!

Pupils with birthdays between the 19th September and 25th September are included in our list this week

Lacey Lily William Connor Erin

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