



MIDSOMER NORTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

LEARNING FOR LIFE

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Diary Dates:

Sat	4 Oct	Car Wash to raise funds for Environmental Area (chickens, pond, etc.)
Mon/Wed	6/8 Oct	Parents' Evenings (NO CLUBS)
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) 2.15pm
Fri	17 Oct	MUFTI DAY – no school uniform: bring £1 for PSG Christmas Fayre funds
Mon	20 Oct	Reception Phonics Workshop for Parents (3.30pm in Reception)
Tues	21 Oct	Juniors' Harvest (Methodist Church) 1.45pm
Weds	22 Oct	Last Day of Term 1 - PSG Monster Ball discos in school hall
Mon	3 Nov	First Day of Term 2
Fri	21 Nov	MUFTI DAY – no school uniform: bring sweets/chocolates etc for tombola
Sat	13 Dec	PSG Christmas Fayre
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

Head's Message

Our sporting successes continue. After one of the best years we've had in a long time, we had our best showing in the area Cross Country event at St Greg's on Wednesday: our boys' team came third overall (out of 20) and our girls' team WON!! As you can imagine we had some very bubbly boys and girls in school on Thursday morning, dying to tell me all about it. Any of us grown-ups who remember cross-country running from our own schooldays will recall that burning sensation in the lungs, the draining of energy from the legs, the scramble up Death Hill (or maybe that was only my sadistic school). So, I take my hat off to our runners, for their determination, resilience and ... as the photos show ... great team spirit. You're a credit to our school and to your families!

CAKE SALE **TODAY in the School Hall after school. Please come and support.**

Silver Award Mrs Bullock organised our squad for the above and she should also receive a great deal of thanks from us for working with Mr Andrew and Mrs Boyce to secure for us the Sainsbury's School Games Silver Award, which recognises all the things that go on in our school in sports. This is partly about the high levels of participation we have achieved throughout the school, as well as our involvement at a competitive level.

CAR WASH Tomorrow! Saturday 4th October. Why not treat your car to a de luxe car wash experience, courtesy of our Poultry Posse, who are raising funds to sustain our chickens and the environmental area in general. Pop in any time between 9.00 and 12.30 tomorrow ... and spread the word.

A BIG thank you to Harry and his family for their generous donation of books, toys, dressing up clothes and school uniform. With an ever tighter squeeze on school budgets, we are very grateful!

And also ... to the small but dedicated band of parent/grandparent volunteer helpers who are giving up time to read with children or help with Y3/4 swimming or community project. With your help, we can do so much more with and for the children. THANK YOU!! *[... and there's plenty of space for more – just pop in and ask]*

And lastly ... to all those Reception parents who have welcomed our staff into your homes.

NO THANK YOU ... to unwanted visitors in Nursery (headlice). These can only be eradicated if every parent takes time to get out the conditioner and do a thorough check with a nit-comb.

Phonics Workshops In the diary dates you can see we have two phonics workshops for parents after school (Y1/2 on Monday 13th October, Reception on Monday 20th October). We can provide a crèche with a suitable DVD for school-age children – if you can make arrangements for smaller children to be looked after, that would help, as they might get a bit freaked by being looked after by a strange man in a suit (Mr Knollys).

Gardening Award On Thursday 25th September Justine, accompanied by her mum and Mrs Witchell, attended an evening reception at the Town Hall. After champagne (which Justine didn't have!) and a buffet, the Mayor, Cllr Paul Myers, presented them with a framed certificate and a large bag of daffodil bulbs. This was in recognition of the school achieving a Level 4 "Thriving" garden in the RHS *It's Your Neighbourhood* competition. Justine is a keen member of the after-school gardening club. Her favourite tasks are picking tomatoes and potting up strawberry plants.

Secondary School applications

Don't forget that applications for secondary school places for September 2015 must be made by 31st October 2014. Please visit the B&NES website (link below) for more information or to make an online application or call them on 01225 394312

<http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/schools-colleges-and-learning/admissions-schools/admissions-transfer-secondary-school>



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

Lily Evan Victoria Olivia Toby Beau
Megan Will Bill Jacob Oli Cain
Eva Harry Ellie

GOLD AWARDS Reef Aria Sadiya Beau Megan Maddie Blake Zuzanna

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

Letters home this week

PSG Monster Ball

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

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.

NCT are holding a Nearly New Sale at the Conygre Hall in Timsbury on Sunday 26th October 2014 for you to sell all those clothes that are mounting up in the wardrobe and toys that you keep falling over in the sitting room! The sale will run from 11.00am - 12.30pm (with early entry for members at 10.45am). Email for more details or to register as a seller: nesomersetnct@hotmail.co.uk



Many Happy Returns!



Pupils with birthdays between the 3rd October and 9th October are included in our list this week

**Samuel Eva Amber Lewis Tilly Kyle
Zoe Isabel Bobbie Beau Jax**

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