



# MIDSOMER NORTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

LEARNING FOR LIFE

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## NEWSLETTER 5

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Diary Dates:

<b>Mon</b>	<b>13 Oct</b>	<b>KS1 Phonics Workshop for Parents (3.30pm in Y1/2 area)</b>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>14 Oct</b>	<b>Y4/Y5 Parents' Meeting re 2015 Camps for Y4 (6pm) and Y6 (6.30pm)</b>
<b>Wed/Thu</b>	<b>15/16 Oct</b>	<b>Photos</b>
<b>Thu</b>	<b>16 Oct</b>	<b>Infants' Harvest (School Hall) 2.15pm</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>17 Oct</b>	<b>MUFTI DAY – no school uniform: bring £1 for PSG Christmas Fayre funds</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>20 Oct</b>	<b>Reception Phonics Workshop for Parents (3.30pm in Reception)</b>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>21 Oct</b>	<b>Juniors' Harvest (Methodist Church) 1.45pm</b>
<b>Weds</b>	<b>22 Oct</b>	<b>Last Day of Term 1 - PSG Monster Ball discos in school hall</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>3 Nov</b>	<b>First Day of Term 2</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>21 Nov</b>	<b>MUFTI DAY – no school uniform: bring sweets/chocolates etc for tombola)</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>13 Dec</b>	<b>PSG Christmas Fayre</b>
<b>Tu-Th</b>	<b>9-11 Dec</b>	<b>Infants' Nativity: Tues 9th (9.15am); Weds 10th (2.15pm); Thurs 11th (9.15am)</b>
<b>Weds</b>	<b>17 Dec</b>	<b>Juniors (Y3-Y6) Christmas Celebrations 1.45 and 6.00pm</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>19 Dec</b>	<b>Last Day of Term 2 – PSG Christmas Discos</b>

### Head's Message

A big thank-you to all the parents and carers who joined us this week for parent consultations. I always check with my colleagues how they've gone, whether there are any 'matters arising' or concerns that need further discussion, and without exception every teacher has reported what a positive couple of evenings they've had. I hope you preferred the earlier date for these consultations, rather than waiting until November. I know I say this every year, but please don't feel you have to wait until a parents' evening to discuss your child's progress. You can make appointments at any time in the term to have a chat or raise any concerns you may have. Our raising a concern policy is on the website, so do have a look. In the meantime, on behalf of all my colleagues, thank you for a very positive couple of parents' evenings.

**Pride in our Y5/6 pupils** Our Y5/6 children spent Wednesday afternoon in the school hall at a Careers Fair, organised by their teachers. Visitors from local businesses gave up their time to talk about their work. It's all part of the school's drive to build children's understanding of the wider world and of the opportunities they may have in the future. We were delighted to welcome Jon Plenty from Edwards Opticians, Ian Nockolds from Somer Valley FM, the florist Sonia Evans from Tilly Tomlinson in Bristol, actress Dani Tamblyn, police officers Sam and Rob, Sam Butler from Midsomer Veterinary Centre, estate agent Richard Latchem from Barons & Co, hairdresser Aimee Perkins from James Christopher and Sports Coordinator Hayley Bullock. We were very proud of the children, who showed real interest and asked some searching questions. A massive thank you to the professionals who made the event such a success.

**Ref Request** The local derby between our football squad and St John's takes place at 3.30 on Thursday next week (the 16<sup>th</sup>). Mr Andrew really needs to be on the touchline giving encouragement and being tactical; Mr Knollys isn't allowed to ref, as we don't want any trouble, so if there are any dads or mums out there who'd like to referee the game, please let us know. We know we have a number of skilled and enthusiastic parents who know their football, so please step forward if you can. Thank you!

**Well done** ... to all those children who are working so hard on their homework. The new system seems to be working well and we've seen some wonderful topic work being brought into school each week. We are well aware of the gentle persuasion that is sometimes needed at home to get homework done, so a big thank-you to parents and carers for supporting your children in completing their homework.

**Thank you** ... to Declan, Dominic and Riley for the very kind donation of spare clothes for Nursery. We are very grateful to you for helping us out!

**TUBS FOR TABLETS** Please bring in tokens inside promotional tubs of Flora 500g and Stork 500g available in Tesco from early this month. For every 50 that we collect we can obtain Samsung Galaxy Tab 7.0 Wi Fi 8GB tablets.

**Coats!** We are always somewhat surprised at how many children come to school with no coats at this time of year. While we love the continuing sunshine, it's by no means guaranteed and we've had some chilly days and some soggy weather in the last week. Please ensure your child is equipped for all weathers.

### Secondary School applications

Don't forget that applications for secondary school places for September 2015 must be made by 31<sup>st</sup> 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>



***This week's top house was PEGASUS!!!***



### Head Teacher's Awards



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

***Freddie Faith Liam Spencer Louis Joe***

***Ruby Lily Isabel Samuel Dodi Sammy***

***Harvey Cain Lottie Elwood***

### **GOLD AWARDS**

*Eadie Joseph Ella Natalia  
Victoria Oscar Lily*

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

### Letters home this week

<i>School Photographs</i>	<i>Foodbank – Harvest Festival</i>	<i>Infants Harvest Festival</i>
<i>Somervale Netball Festival</i>	<i>Letter from Chair of Governors</i>	

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](mailto:nesomersetnct@hotmail.co.uk)

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October: 9.00 am – 9.00pm - twelve hours of music in aid of WaterAid: Christ Church Frome . Pop in and listen! Donations and refreshments.



**Many Happy Returns!**



*Pupils with birthdays between the 10<sup>th</sup> October and 16<sup>th</sup> October are included in our list this week*

***Makanaka Harry Harvey Joe***

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