



MIDSOMER NORTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

LEARNING FOR LIFE

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NEWSLETTER 7

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Diary Dates:

12 Nov-17 Nov	Book Fair in school
Fri 21 Nov	PSG 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

In keeping with our drive to increase children's Knowledge and Understanding of the World, we held a very successful World War I day on Tuesday, to coincide with Armistice Day. Children in all year groups learned about the need for an act of remembrance, as well as making their own poppies, undertaking art work inspired by the war and studying some of the more accessible war poetry. We were pleased to have some guests including a veteran from the British Legion who had tea and cakes with us and listened to the children singing songs from the first war. The children responded with great maturity and seemed to take on board the solemnity of the occasion. Whilst remembering those from our own families and communities who lost their lives, we also considered how many people across the globe had been affected by the war (and subsequent wars), including those 'on the other side'. They too had families who had to suffer bereavement and loss. As an American philosopher wrote: "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." After Tuesday, I have a great deal of faith in our current generation of children to keep alive a memory of those who died or suffered in previous conflicts.

E-Safety Ms Biss led a lively and informative assembly on Wednesday on the subject of e-safety, emphasising the risks involved in seemingly innocent on-line activity in an age-appropriate way. The children were reminded of the acronym SMART:

- Be **S**afe – don't share any personal details
- Never **M**eeet someone whom you've only 'met' on the internet
- Never **A**cccept at face value what you read on the internet
- Ensure what you read is from a **R**eliable source
- If you're in any doubt about any online communication, **T**ell a parent/teacher

We have had incidents of unpleasant online communications outside school – it is your responsibility as parents to police this – not the school's – so please actively monitor your child's online presence.

School photos should be back with the office by 9am Monday 19th November. Thank you.

Green data collection forms ...were sent out last term but we have had only about 50% back. If you have yet to return yours, please do so as soon as possible, so that we do not waste money and time issuing duplicates.

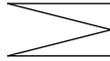
PSG News

Christmas Fair please look out for a letter from the PSG regarding the Christmas Fair including raffle tickets for you to sell

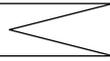
Chocovember Thank you to everyone who came along and supported us by purchasing a hot chocolate last Monday, we will be doing the same on Monday 17th November but it will be from the kitchen so why not come on into the Studio hall via the amphitheatre entrance (down the big steps on the top playground) and enjoy a hot chocolate with marshmallows and squirty cream and have a chat or just come in from the cold and rain whilst waiting for your child to finish their after school club.

Mufti Day Our next event is a mufti day on **Friday 21st November**. In return for not having to wear school uniform we ask that the children bring in a **jar of sweets/chocolates/toys**. All these jars will be used on the Sweet/Toy Tombola. We will be collecting these on the gates on the morning.

Christmas Disco As last year's disco was so popular we thought we would do it again to give the children an extra treat to round off the term, getting them ready for Christmas! A DJ has already been booked and is looking forward to entertaining the children with lots of music and festive fun. A letter regarding tickets and cost of disco will be sent out at the beginning of December but don't forget it will be on the last day of term, **Friday, 19th December**.



Head Teacher's Awards



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

Bailey Libby Reef Nikola Missy Megan Jake
Isabelle Elsie Chloe Charlie Ava Evie
Lilv Mae Benjamin

GOLD AWARDS Freya Jamima Daisy Erin Abigail Ava Esther Ashlee

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

Letters home this week

PSG Christmas Fair	North Road Gate Closure	Asthma Inhaler
Mrs Hughes maternity (Neptune class only)		

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.

Calling all childminders, early years professionals, teachers and parents - a FREE, informative and friendly morning of training and networking: Making Music with Young Children, Saturday 15th November 10.00-12.00 at St Werburgh's Community Centre Horley Road, Bristol BS2 9TJ. For further information: Neil Johnson 07762 915347, or neil@beymp.org. With Vicky Meadows and Neil Johnson, early years music experts with Bristol Early Years Music Project. NB: This is an adults training event, not a children's workshop

Daily outdoor fitness classes in Midsomer Norton. Boxercise, Interval Training and Circuits available. Contact Sarah Isherwood of Alphega Fitness on 07429 149190 or sarah.isherwood1@gmail.com to receive your first class free!

Remembering the past WW1 & Local Heritage Event – The Somer Centre, Midsomer Norton 11.30 am-3.30 pm. Pop up play event with crafts, music, cardboard build, mining lamps and much more.

Little Pickles Nearly New & Children's Market returns to The Somer Centre Midsomer Norton Saturday 15th November 10.30am to 12 noon. Nearly new toys, clothes, books & equipment at bargain prices plus SPECIAL GUEST ELSA FROM FROZEN Free goody bags for first 50 through the door Entry Adults £1, children free For more info: www.littlepicklesmarkets.co.uk

FROSTY CHRISTMAS SONG HUNT on Saturday 29th November - pick up a trail sheet from S&B Kitchen Green Grocer in Radstock and look for the Christmas song themed displays in the shop windows throughout Radstock. Treasure at the end of the trail! £1 per trail sheet.



Many Happy Returns!



Pupils with birthdays between the 14th November and 20th November are included in our list this week

Daniel Daisy Mya Kathryn Toby

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