

Midsomer Norton Primary School



Head teacher: Mr Alun Randell

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to school. After a glorious summer, it is great to be back and I have to say that seeing our children arriving in their new uniform on Wednesday was fantastic. It looks so much smarter and up-to-date! It has been a wonderful start to the year, with the children determined to make a fantastic impression on their new teachers.



Meet the Teacher

If you were not able to make our Meet the Teacher event for Year 1 to Year 6 yesterday, don't worry - we will be posting the presentations on our website. Please do contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns. We operate an open door policy and encourage parents to come in and talk to the teacher at any point throughout the year.

Our School Improvement Plan

We saw some great developments last year, which are already having an impact as demonstrated by our excellent outcomes.

This year, we will be focusing on:

- Bedding down changes introduced last year
- A review of our school curriculum to ensure it excites, inspires and engages
- Maths - times tables
- Literacy - spelling and handwriting
- Supporting the physical and mental well-being of our children, families and staff
- Improving our communication and visibility in the community

Changes for this year

There are many positive developments in the pipeline for this year, many of them influenced by the feedback parents and carers provided via the Parent Survey.

- In the next couple of weeks, we will have a brand new website incorporating our own Facebook page (and twitter feed) and live parent calendar so that parents can easily keep up to date with what is happening.
- We will be holding termly Parents Forum - an informal chance to find out more about a particular theme and provide feedback over tea and coffee. The first forum will be on 4th October, at 1:45pm and will focus on behavior.
- We continue to broaden the opportunities we offer our children. All of our children will benefit from Forest School activities for one session a week for a term. We have also managed to dramatically increase our programme of extra-curricula activities for all ages (Please see today's letter). You can also view a [slideshow online](#) to give you and your child an idea of what each club involves.



Important Announcement

Parent Pay - Lunches

Current Year 3 children will need to pay for school lunches from September so please sign up to ParentPay if you haven't already done so. Contact the office for an activation letter.

Please note - From September all dinner money must be paid in advance. There will be no facility to go into debt on ParentPay and we will be chasing payment on a daily basis! Please be aware if we don't receive payment in advance, there is a possibility your child will not get a school meal and you will be asked to provide a packed lunch.

Visitor access to school

Please remember that visitors, including parents, can no longer access the school via the lower entrance. All visitors are asked to enter via the main entrance and sign in at Reception. Thank you for supporting us in keeping the school site secure.

Breakfast Club/ After School Care

- Breakfast Club 7:00am-8:45am: £5:50 (Siblings £4.50)
- After School Care 3:15-6:00pm: £8:50 (Siblings £7.00)
- Children who attend After School Care can also attend school clubs such as football etc free of charge (subject to availability).

Please contact the school office to book: office@midsomernortonprimary.co.uk

Can we help?

Midsomer Norton Primary School holds Foodbank Vouchers. If you are struggling to feed your children please speak in confidence to reception who will be able to give you further information.



- We now run our own Breakfast Club and After School Care offering care from 7:00am-8:45am and 3:15-6:00pm.
- School lunches are now provided by the academy trust ensuring that they are of the highest standard. I have been very impressed so far!

Forest School

We will need volunteers to assist in supervising children during Forest School. If you are interested in helping out please contact Mrs Carolyn Meade or the office for more information. A letter will be sent out to parents providing more information on Monday.

Diamond Power

In Term 1, we focus on Diamond Power - Being Independent. Once again, the children will be earning 'diamonds' that are collected in assembly on Fridays, aiming for a whole school reward at the end of the term.

Year 6 Camp

Our Year 6s head off to camp on Monday. Each year, Year 6 spend the second week of school at Osmington Bay, taking part in a superb range of physical activities. This is a great opportunity for team-building and to build independence and confidence in our Year 6 pupils last year before they move to secondary school and it is always great to see how much they enjoy camp. No doubt they will return very tired but happy - and perhaps very muddy!

Important dates for your diary

- *Harvest Festival: 1st October Infants 9:30am, KS2 10:45am*
- *Clubs start week 4 (week beginning 24th September)*
- *EYFS Phonics workshop: 2nd October, 3:30 crèche provided*
- *Parent Forum: Behaviour 4th October, 1:45pm*
- *Y1 Phonics workshop: 9th October, 3:30 crèche provided*
- *Coping with challenging behaviour coffee morning: 25th October, 9:00am*
- *Parents' Evenings: 6th & 8th November, 3:30-7:00pm*

Have a lovely weekend.
Best wishes,

Alun Randell
Head teacher



News

Drop Off and Read

Drop off and Read will begin from the week beginning 24th September (Reception week beginning 1st October). You are welcome to join your child to share a book 8:45-9:00 on the followings days in Term 1:

Tuesdays: Year 5/6 and Reception
Wednesdays: Year 3/4
Thursdays: Year 1/2



Head Teacher Awards

Jay Erica Charlie Harley
Eli Frankie Kyle Sonny Bailey



Gold Awards

For demonstrating exemplary behaviour...

Hayden	Libbie	Leland	Jacob
Ashton	Lacey	Darren	Poppy



Don't forget that you can catch up with what's going on in school on our twitter feed:

<https://twitter.com/MSNPrimary>



Jecaela Flynn Lucas Sam
Kayden Marianthe Isaac Georgia

Attendance Champions of the week

1st	Star, Venus Neptune and Jupiter	100%