

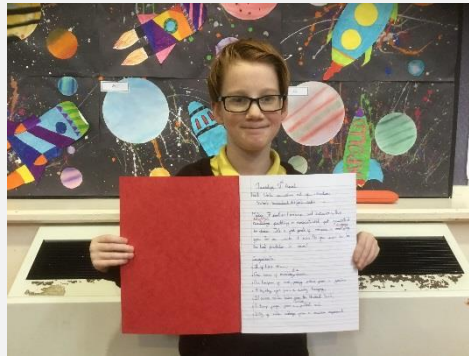
Midsomer Norton Primary School



Head teacher: Mr Alun Randell

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to a new term. It is a pleasure to be back! This is the time of year that I am always struck by how much our children have grown both physically and in maturity. I had the pleasure of teaching Year 3 all day on Wednesday and I was so impressed with their behaviour, focus and motivation. On Tuesday afternoon, I was showing visitors around school and we were given a very informative talk about dinosaurs by our experts in Reception who knew all about dinosaurs I have never even heard of! Throughout the school, I have seen the children taking such pride in their work. This young man's expression says it all!



Learning Gems

The learning behavior we are concentrating on this term is 'Keeping Focused' for which the children can earn Amethyst Power. In assembly on Tuesday, we learned how we can keep focus by listening carefully to instructions and advice; managing distractions in school (and at home!); taking pride in everything we do and maintaining our concentration.

Julian House

Many thanks to Stephen Chesworth from Julian House who spoke to the children in Wednesday's assembly about the challenges facing the homeless in our local area and how Julian House helps people try and get back on their feet. In addition to their hostels and outreach services, Julian House run bike repair and sales workshops in Bath, Bristol and Trowbridge to develop an individual's employability and self-confidence. If you have a bike at home that is no longer needed the charity to receive donations that they can use for training purposes and to sell to raise funds.

Parent Survey

I regard myself as incredibly fortunate to be head of a school with such dedicated, hardworking, passionate and creative staff. Ensuring the highest quality of education for our wonderful children is always our number one priority. There have been some significant changes and improvements this year but we are always eager to improve further. Next Friday, we will be sending home a parent survey. This is a chance for parents and carers to give feedback on what we do well and the areas in which we could improve further. The survey will take 5 minutes to complete. All feedback is important and gratefully received!

E-safety

Teachers frequently look at how to stay safe on line and how to use the internet and digital devices responsibly. Social media is now such an everyday phenomena that it is easy to forget that children need to be taught how to use computers, tablets and



Toys in school

I would like to remind parents/ carers that children should not bring toys to school with the following exceptions:

- Greenie time on Fridays
- Playground toys (clearly named) such as footballs, skipping ropes etc).

Young children will often swap toys and change their minds later leading to misunderstandings and upset so please do not allow your child to bring anything to school of value or that they regard as precious or to swap toys with other children.

Please sign up to ParentPay if you haven't already done so.

A big thank you to Elsie and Ralphie for the donation of books and toys. Sunbeams are very grateful

All Instruments We are able to offer lessons on drums, guitar, bass, piano, ukulele, singing and more! If there is a demand for an instrument or club we will aim to provide it.

Our lesson fees are as follows:

30 minute one to one lesson: £56 per month

20 minute one to one lesson: £38 per month

30 minute shared lesson (2 or more) £28 per month

20 minute shared lesson £20 per month

After school clubs £20 per month

Drop off and read times for Term 5

Reception - Weds 8.45am

Years 1/2 - Tues 8.45am

Years 3/4 - Thurs 8.45am

Years 5/6 - Weds 8.45

Pick Up and read times for Term 5

Reception - Thurs 2.55pm

mobile phones safely, as they do not necessarily have the maturity to make the right choices. Social media sites such as Instagram and Facebook are designed for those 13 years old and up for this reason and may have features that parents are not aware of. Did you know for example that Instagram is not just for sharing photos? There is an instant messaging feature and the ability to send messages which are then automatically deleted. For the reasons stated above I encourage parents/ carers to monitor how their child uses the internet carefully, in a communal room such as the living room rather than in their bedroom.

Modifications to the school site

Over the Easter holiday, new electric main gates and security doors in the office reception area were installed - a very visible sign of the positive impact of joining the Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership Trust. This will improve the physical security of the school site. As part of this change, the rear entrance visitors. All visitors will be required to sign in via the school office from Monday. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Drop and Read/ Write

Parents are invited to join their child for Drop and Read sessions starting next week (Drop and Write in Reception). You can find the days/ times on the right hand side of this newsletter.

PSG News

'Welcome back from the PSG! We hope you are looking forward to the Spring Disco on 27th April. The deadline for ticket bookings is next Friday, 23rd April, please let the office know if you have not received a letter.

A couple more dates for your diary: please save Saturday 7th July evening for our Summer Fayre. Up Your Brass are booked to play and there will be great food, drinks, stalls etc, Also, a Cake Sale to raise money for Year 5/6 will be held on Friday 8th June.'

Have a lovely weekend!

Alun Randell
Head teacher



News



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

<https://twitter.com/MSNPrimary>

Letters home this week:
Dragonfly and MNSP joint communication
Clubs Terms 5/6

All letters are uploaded to the school website

Head Teacher Awards

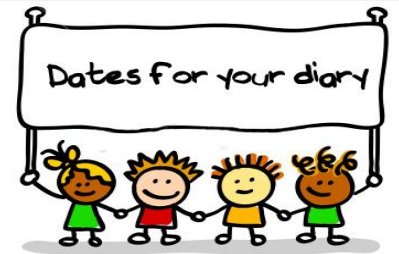
Jake, Charlie, Otis,
Kyle, Jack, William,
Ieuan, Erica, Jessica
Kylan



Gold Awards

For demonstrating exemplary behaviour...

Jasmine, Alasdair, Ella,
Freya, Harrison, Reece
Karis, Jacob, Keira.
Oscar, Liam Nash



Neptune Class -
Swimming Tuesday (last one 17th
April)

Palladium, Midsomer Norton.
Saturday 14th April 2.30pm -
Early Man
Saturday 14th April 7.30pm -
Mercy
Sunday 15th April 6.00pm -
Three Billboards Outside
01761 419133 or
www.midsomernortoncommunitytrust.co.uk



Harry, Amira, Myla-Rose, James, Elwood,
Dexter, Callum, Abigail

Attendance Champions of the week

1st	Moon	100%
2nd	Venus/Saturn and Uranus	98.9%