

Midsomer Norton Primary School



Head teacher: Mr Alun Randell

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Christmas shows

It is that time of year already with Christmas just around the corner! Children and staff are busy practicing hard for the Infants' Nativity and the Key Stage 2 Christmas shows.

The Infants' Nativity shows will be held in the school hall on Tuesday 6th December 9:30am, Wednesday 7th December 1:45pm and Thursday 8th December 9:30am. The Key Stage 2 shows will be held in Midsomer Norton Methodist Church on Thursday 15th December 1:45 pm and 6:00pm.

This year we will be holding a collection on the doors to raise money for our creative arts fund and to cover the cost of hiring the church.

Midsomer Norton Christmas Celebration

We have been invited to participate in the Midsomer Norton Christmas Celebration event on **Friday 2nd December**. The celebration begins at 6:00pm in Midsomer Norton Methodist Church before moving outside to the Hollies to see the Christmas tree lights switched on at 6:45pm. We are able to take up to 30 Key Stage 2 children to represent our school. Family and friends are also invited to the event. Please see the letter sent home today for more details.

Fundraising

We managed to raise a grand total of **£288.06** last Friday which will be shared between Children in Need and Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund (find out more about the work of this charity at <https://jdrf.org.uk/>). Thank you very much for all of your support!

The raffle we were due to run this week did not run due to 'technical difficulties'! Raffle tickets will be on sale for 20p at playtimes in the library next week.

Attendance

Across the school, our attendance rate for Term 1 was a very impressive 97.8% compared to an average of 96.8% for B&NES. Our attendance has dipped dramatically over the past two weeks as the winter lurgies take their toll. Please remember that children should miss as little school as possible and should come to school even if they have a minor ailment such as a cold.

Authorised Holidays

There have been a number of holiday requests recently which I have had to refuse. Schools must follow very strict guidelines and can only authorise holidays for exceptional reasons. I am not allowed to authorise holidays for reason of cost or extended holidays to meet up with family outside of school holidays. Further information can be found in our attendance policy on our school website.

Maths infants workshop

Poppy Appeal

Thank you for raising a total of **£139.92** for the recent Poppy Appeal.

After School Clubs

All clubs finish next week.

Christmas Lunch

Please ensure green forms are returned by Wed 30th Nov. All Christmas lunches must be paid for online. We usually set a minimum payment of £11 for school meals because of the costs to us of processing lots of small payments online.

If your child rarely takes school meals but is having a Christmas lunch you can pay the one-off charge of £2.20. The request should now be showing in your online payments (Xmas lunch) You do not need to use this option if you already have a credit balance or your child usually takes meals and you will be paying for more meals anyway. If you have any questions regarding this please contact the office

Library Books

Due to some technical problems with our librarian software we have not been able to issue new library books recently. These issues should now be resolved and we hope normal service will be resumed next week.

We had a great turn out for the Infants Maths workshop on Wednesday. Many thanks to the parents and to Miss Dodington and Mrs Hinder for all of their efforts.

PCSO visit

On Monday Year 5 and Year 6 will have a talk from our local PCSO addressing some of the challenges and choices children are often face with as they move from primary to secondary school.

SMSA Post

We are currently advertising for the post of SMSA (School Meals Supervisory Assistant). Details of this post can be found on our school website at <http://midsomernortonprimaryschool.com/job-vacancies.php>

Christmas Fayre

And finally, the Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday 10th December. The PSG's fundraising plays a very important role in ensuring the school has the resources to provide as broad and exciting curriculum as possible. Many thanks to the PSG committee and all their volunteers for the work they are doing to make it a great success. We hope to see you there!

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:
PSG Christmas Fayre
Reverse Advent Class List
KS2 Costume List

All letters are uploaded to the school website

Attendance Champions of the week

1 st	Mercury	89.3%
2 nd	Jupiter	88.3%
3 rd	Saturn	85.7%

Well done everybody!



Head Teacher Awards



Deimantas Freya Frankie Leah
Angel Lyra-Leigh Harrison Henry
Josh Olivia Louis



Gold Awards



For demonstrating exemplary behaviour...

Eden Ella-Rose Layla Ashlee Abby Jacob

Nada Amber Victoria Logan Will

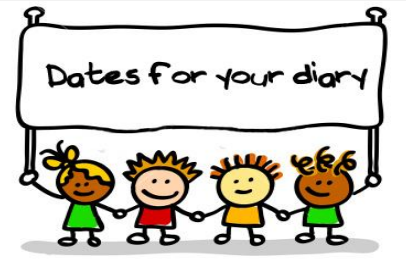
Ellie Bradley Alfie



Birthdays



Chloe Summer Max Macy Emelia



Tues 29 Nov - Y1/2/3 Flu

Immunisations

Christmas Nativity/Productions
Infants

Tues 6 Dec - 9.30am

Wed 7 Dec - 1.45pm

Thu 8 Dec - 9.30am

KS2

Thu 15 Dec

1.45pm & 6pm

Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper
Day - Wed 14 Dec

BFG 2.30pm and Me Before You
7.30pm both on the 26th November
at the Town Hall.