

# Midsomer Norton Primary School



Head teacher: Mr Alun Randell

Dear Parents/ Carers,

## Sad news

It is with sadness that I must inform you that Maxine Chivers, one of our school midday supervisory assistants passed away this week after a lengthy illness. Maxine was a long serving, dedicated member of staff and our thoughts are with her family at this time. Some of the older children will remember Maxine fondly. In addition to her dinner time duties, she helped to support reading in our school. Maxine and her family were supported by Dorothy House and the school would like to make a collection to support the excellent care they give. If you would like to contribute to this collection please contact the school office. We will also be collecting at the Year 6 Leavers Show next Friday.

## Bath in Bloom

Our Gardening Club wowed Jan Nodder, the visiting judge for Bath in Bloom, on Thursday. Jan was particularly impressed by the children's ability to articulate how they have developed the garden in recent months. The gardeners have been ably facilitated by Mrs Edgell, Miss Farnham and Mrs Smith but Jan picked up on the fact that it is the children who have real ownership of the garden. Well done all!



## Staff news

At the end of this year, we will be saying a fond farewell to Ms Kate Durrant, our School Business Manager, and Mrs Sally Thatcher, one of our teaching assistants. We will also be extending a warm welcome to our new School Business Manager, Mrs Julie Wellington. Mrs Wellington is currently business manager at the Church Valley Schools Federation and will bring a wealth of valuable experience as Midsomer Norton Primary School becomes an academy and joins the Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership Trust.



## Maypole Dancing

At the Town Fayre on Saturday, our may pole dancing team were fantastic. Despite a slight problem with numbers initially, the dancers all pulled together, checked their positioning and their ribbons and smiled throughout. Well done to all but especially Mia and Mya who stepped in at late (and very late) notice!

## Year 6 Leavers Show

Year 6 are working hard on their leavers show. It sounds amazing from my office. We look forward to seeing

parents/ carers at the show in the school hall **next Friday 9:15am.**

## PSG

We are holding a meeting for all parents who are interested in playing an active role in supporting the PSG on Tuesday 5:00pm in Mercury Class.

## Newfound Friends

The children were treated to an inspiring assembly on Monday by Emily from New Found Friends who reminded us of the importance of staying SAFE near water and introduced us to two Newfoundland dogs, Bea and Frankie who have been specially trained to help rescue people from water.

S: Spot the dangers

## Early Years Make-Over

We would really appreciate any parent volunteer help you can offer on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July in the morning. We are overhauling the outdoor areas outside Nursery and Reception classes and initially need help with painting fences to give the areas a lift. Please contact the office if you can help.

**If you are planning to come along and help with the EY makeover tomorrow and have not already done so, please let us know so that we can organize enough equipment**

## Library Books

Please ensure that all library books are returned to school as soon as possible. No more books will be issued this academic year. If we have not received your child's book back in school we will be writing to you to ask for payment for a replacement.

## 30hrs Free Childcare

Don't forget that from September, working parents are entitled to 30hrs free childcare for children aged 3-4yrs. You will need to register at [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk) to obtain your unique code to verify your entitlement. If you wish to take up the 30hrs offer you must register and get your code before the 31<sup>st</sup> August

**We have been advised of a case of Nits in the school so please check your child's hair this weekend and treat as necessary. Thank you**

A: Advice - Take safety advice

F: Friend - Always go with a friend

E: Emergency - Learn what to do in an emergency

Many thanks to Sally Teall for putting us in touch with New Found Friends. You can find out more about the charity and how you can make a donation at <http://www.newfoundfriends.co.uk/>

### Skipping

Skipping coach Sofia from Dantheskippingman.com led all classes from Reception to Year 6 in skipping workshops this week. We finished with a whole school demonstration and I was amazed at how well the children had mastered different skills and tricks. It was great to see all children challenging themselves and to see that it is not 'ability' that is important but having the opportunity and being motivated to keep on trying and practicing - just as in all other aspects of learning. Skipping is a great (and cool!) way for children to develop a love of exercise and I was very pleased to see how many boys and girls were skipping at play time today.



### Nursery Update

As previously mentioned, we will be extending our school age range in the autumn by opening up a nursery for 2-3-year olds in what was previously the Children's Centre. Our target date for opening is Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October, the first day back after the half-term holiday. Lots of work is going on behind the scenes and I would like to thank the staff involved in preparing the building and planning for what promises to be a wonderful learning environment. We will keep you updated with developments. If you would like to enquire about nursery places please contact the school office.

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:

All letters are uploaded to the school website

Saturn swimming



Archie Isabella Fabian Mason  
Amy Harry Alfie Deimantas  
Oliver Jupiter Class Ellie Ethan



*For demonstrating exemplary behaviour...*

Ruby Phoebe Izzy Jai Sam Elwood

Mya Mia Olivia Frankie Henry

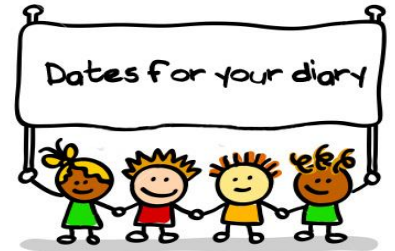
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Alex Musson

Attendance Champions of the week

1 <sup>st</sup>	Mars	99.4%
Joint 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Neptune	98.9%
	Jupiter	



Tues 18 July - Y6 Leavers Trip to Avon Valley Country Park

Thu 20 July - Y6 Leavers Disco - School Hall

Fri 21 July - Y6 Leavers show, 9.15am School Hall

Fri 21 July - LAST DAY OF TERM

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Sept - INSET day

Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Sept - Term 1 starts