

Midsomer Norton Primary School



Head teacher: Mr Alun Randell

Dear Parents & Carers,

A warm welcome back after the half-term break! The weather has certainly deteriorated since the break and I would like to take this opportunity to ask parents/carers to ensure that their children are suitably dressed for cold and wet weather. We need to ensure that our children get as much fresh air and exercise as possible and it is only in heavy rain that we will declare 'wet play'.

A fond farewell... but not just yet!

It is with very mixed feelings that we find ourselves wishing Mr Andrew a fond farewell at the end of this academic year. Mr Andrew will be moving to Dubai in September to teach in an international school. The impact Mr Andrew has made in his time at Midsomer Norton Primary is clear for all to see and he will be much missed; however, we would also like to wish him all the best as he starts a new and extremely exciting stage of his career. The process of recruiting a new teacher will begin in March/ April. Applicants with boundless energy and sports coaching excellence will be high on our wish list!

Sporting news

Needless, to say if we mention Mr Andrew we also need to mention the latest Midsomer Norton sporting exploits. Yesterday saw a tough boys' football fixture versus Trinity which ended in a creditable 2-2 draw. Well done to all the players who battled gamely throughout.

Champions for Change

Our Champions for Change are hoping to raise a sizeable sum for Children in Need after school today by selling hot chocolate and cookies. Next Friday, on Children in Need Day itself they have organised a Weird and Wacky Day. Children are invited to come to school dressed as weirdly and wackily as they can imagine in return for a suggested donation of £1.00. Our Champions have set a challenging, but we hope attainable, target of raising £300.00 for Children in Need. Let's see if we can reach it!

KS2 Maths/ Abacus Evening

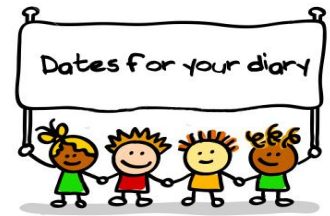
Our rescheduled KS2 Maths/ Abacus Evening will be held on Tuesday (10th November) at 6:00pm in the Key Stage 2 classrooms. Sessions are expected to last approximately 40 minutes.

Toys in school

We have experienced a number of disagreements in school recently regarding children's personal possessions including toys. We would like to remind you that children should not bring their own toys into school with the exception of Fridays if they would like to play with them during 'Greenie Time'.

Have a lovely weekend!

Alun Randell
Head Teacher



Upcoming Events

Friday 13th November

Children In Need 'Weird and Wacky' Day

Friday 27th November

PSG Mufti Day

Important Announcements

Y4 & Y6 Camp

Please remember that £40 deposits for both camps should have been paid by Friday 6th November to secure your child's place. If you are having difficulty paying please speak to someone in the office



Poppies

Will be on sale in school from Mon 2nd November along with a selection of of British Legion Poppy Appeal items available for a suggested donation of £1.

School Crossing Patrol

B&NES have installed a new ramp for crossing the High Street. Please ensure you use this crossing aided by our School Crossing Patrol

Key dates in Term 2

Mon 9th & Tues 10th Nov - Science Dome
Thursday 12th Nov - 9.15am - Reading
Coffee Morning
Fri 13th Nov - Children in Need Day
Thurs 19th Nov - Choir Theatre Trip
Fri 27th Nov - Storybox Theatre in school
Tues 1st Dec - Open Day for Prospective
parents
Monday 7th Dec - Christmas Lunch
Tues 8th - AM/ Wed 9th - PM/ Thurs 10th Dec
- AM - Infants Nativity
Wed 16th Dec - KS2 Christmas Production
- PM & Eve
Fri 17th Dec - Last Day of Term 2
Mon 4th Jan - INSET day
Tues 5th Jan - children back to school for
Term 3

Reception Applications for September 2016

Should be made by 15th January 2016

Please visit the B&NES website (link below) for more information or to make an online application or call them on 01225 394312

<http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/schools-colleges-and-learning/admissions-schools>

Online Payments

Due to an admin error Dinner Money balances are showing incorrectly in the School Gateway. Please be assured that if you have made a payment and received a receipt, it has been received by us. We will be working on the necessary adjustments and hope to have it all corrected by the end of next week. Apologies for any confusion or inconvenience.

Photo orders should be in the office by 9am Wednesday 11th November. Thank you.



Head Teacher Awards

Henry Lewis Tyler Blake Beau
leuan Will Missy Ellie Harrison



Gold Awards

For demonstrating exemplary behaviour...

*Mae Leah Libbie Samuel
Skye Joseph Toby Eloise
Chloe Jasmine Callum*



Birthdays

Happy Birthday this week to the following children!!

Kyle Korey Ryley Callum
Scarlett Millie Elliot



Class News



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

<https://twitter.com/MSNPrimary>

News from Uranus Class this week....

Sophie reports that "In Uranus class we have been making Algorithms in ICT. We drew simple tracks with chalk to follow and our Algorithms guided our human 'robots'"

Find out more about algorithms [here](#) or visit www.bbc.co.uk/guides/z3whpv4

Will says that "In science we're learning about electricity. We used wires, a battery with a light bulb and our challenge was light it up. Then we had to make it so that it didn't light up and we had to draw some diagrams. We felt happy when we got it to light up, at first it was hard

Find out more about circuits [here](#) or visit www.bbc.co.uk/education/Clips/z2tmhyc