



# MIDSOMER NORTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

LEARNING FOR LIFE

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## NEWSLETTER 14

19<sup>th</sup> December 2014

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Diary Dates:

**Fri** 19 Dec

**Last Day of Term 2 – PSG Christmas Discos!!!**

**Mon** 5 Jan

**First Day of Term 3 – no training days**

### Head's Message

So this is it – my final message as head of Midsomer Norton Primary School. It could be very long, but I shall try to exercise restraint. I have been overwhelmed by your kind words, good wishes and gifts. Thank you for your support over nine years, for your appreciation and friendship, but most particularly for the privilege of working with your wonderful children! They are a joy to be with, as I am daily reminded, and they make what could be a very challenging job an absolute joy. This school has a great spirit and long may that continue. I thank the governors and my colleagues, who have been such a pleasure to work with, and the PSG for their commitment and hard work. I said in the staff briefing this morning that the school doesn't now go 'on hold' pending the appointment of my successor. Ms Biss will be leading the school forwards with her customary vision and commitment, so she will be counting on the support of everyone in the school, just as I have. I wish you a very happy Christmas break and every success for the future.



### The Knollys Cup

As a parting gift to the school, I am proud to present The Knollys Cup, which is to be awarded three times a year to a pupil who demonstrates the best qualities of a Midsomer Norton Primary School pupil. The very first recipient is someone whom all the staff have been mentioning as someone who exemplifies what we're all about: Benjamin. Courteous, kind, helpful and an all-round delightful person, Benjamin invests so much commitment in all he does here. I am proud that he is our very first winner of the cup and congratulate him on this achievement.

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### Message from Ms Biss

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a wonderful Christmas and New Year. I am excited about leading the school in January and will do my utmost to ensure our children continue to achieve and make progress through exciting learning opportunities that lay ahead. We are a great team at MSN Primary and I know we can count on your support to move the school forward. Thank You.

### Panto Crime

Last week we celebrated the fabulous Wiggly Nativity put on by our infants. This week it was the turn of our Juniors, who gave a wonderful couple of performances of Panto Crime, in which various panto characters seemed to get themselves in the wrong place with the wrong stories. As well as a catalogue of wonderful individual performances, the whole production was a great team effort, from children and staff alike. Particular thanks go to Ms Biss for hours of hard work and dedication.

### From the PSG committee

We would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to everyone that came and supported our Christmas Fayre last weekend. We are still counting up the monies and receipts and will let you know the eventual profit in the New Year along with the details of what we are putting the money towards with regard to the outside play equipment. We would also like to thank all the volunteers who helped out on the stalls as without those people, events like the Summer and Christmas Fayres would not take place. Our last event is the Christmas disco tonight, we look forward to seeing everyone there and enjoying themselves ready for the holidays. If you are unable to attend then we wish you a Very Happy Christmas and thank you for your continued support.

**DANCE UMBRELLA TICKET MONEY IN BY 5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

### KS1 Reading!

Our Key Stage 1 children have extra reading books to read over the holiday. Please give them plenty of time and support to read these, as well as all the normal reading you do with them.

### Friday Chess Club

We are looking for a parent/grandparent who would like to run a 'Chess Club' on Friday at lunchtime. The club would run from 12.00 to 12.30. We can offer you our wonderful library space to work in and a group of 'chess' fanatics. Please leave a message with the office if you are interested in getting involved.

## Applications for Reception places for September 2015

Children who will be 4 years old between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015 are able to start school in September 2015. Applications for places need to be made through Admissions & Transport at Bath & North East Somerset Council. You can do this online by visiting the website at <http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/schools-colleges-and-learning/admissions-schools> . Alternatively you can download an application booklet or contact them on 01225 394312 to ask them to send you one. Applications for reception places **must** be received by B&NES by midnight on **15<sup>th</sup> January 2015**.

If you or anyone you know has a child starting school next year and have not already visited us please do not hesitate to contact the office to arrange a tour of the school.

## GOLD AWARDS

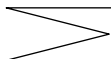
*Imogen Aria Archie Spencer Samuel Keeley Elwood Karis Joseph Samuela  
Josh Jake Fletcher Misha Emily Charley Callie Mel Mr Knollys Mrs Hall*

*Gold Awards are given to children in assembly whose contribution to the life of the school has been exemplary.*

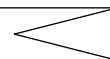
## Letters home this week

*After School Clubs*

All letters are now uploaded to the website; follow this link to see them: <http://www.midsomernortonprimaryschool.com/index.php?id=94>



## Head Teacher's Awards



*were given out today in Assembly to the following pupils for exceptional effort in their work*

***Jamima Lilli-Ana Oliver Justine Elwood***

***Oscar Isabel Cameron***



***This week's and this term's top house is CORVUS!***



## COMMUNITY NEWS

*An update on things going on in and around the area. Please feel free to notify us (by Wednesday) of any items to go in. The school does not actively endorse or vouch for any event publicised here.*

**Daily outdoor fitness classes** in Midsomer Norton. Boxercise, Interval Training and Circuits available. Contact Sarah Isherwood of Alphega Fitness on 07429 149190 or [sarah.isherwood1@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.isherwood1@gmail.com) to receive your first class free!



## Many Happy Returns!



*Pupils with birthdays between the **19<sup>th</sup> December and 8<sup>th</sup> January** are included in our list this week*

*Danny Lois Sinead Tabitha Ruby Ellie*

*Lacey Oscar Isabel Charlie Freya Cody*

*Ava Leo Archie Leo Liam Angel*

*Elouise Nikola*

From all of us at Midsomer Norton Primary School, have a great Christmas break!