



# MIDSOMER NORTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

LEARNING FOR LIFE

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## NEWSLETTER 6

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Diary Dates:

<b>12 Nov-17 Nov</b>	<b>Book Fair in school</b>
<b>Fri 14 Nov</b>	<b>SPOTTY DAY – for Children in Need: dress in spots, bring a donation</b>
<b>Fri 21 Nov</b>	<b>MUFTI DAY – no school uniform: bring sweets/chocolates etc for tombola)</b>
<b>Sat 13 Dec</b>	<b>PSG Christmas Fayre</b>
<b>Tu-Th 9-11 Dec</b>	<b>Infants' Nativity: Tues 9th (9.15am); Weds 10th (2.15pm); Thurs 11th (9.15am)</b>
<b>Weds 17 Dec</b>	<b>Juniors (Y3-Y6) Christmas Celebrations 1.45 and 6.00pm</b>
<b>Fri 19 Dec</b>	<b>Last Day of Term 2 – PSG Christmas Discos</b>

### Head's Message

The Governing Body is in the process of putting together the complicated recruitment package for my successor. They are naturally very keen to get your views, as well as those of the children and staff, about the sort of head you feel the school needs for the future. The link below will take you to a short survey for you to have your say, courtesy of Mr Nockolds, vice-chair of Governors and director of Cognisant Research. Please take just five minutes or so to click on the link and give your views on three things: the school's strengths, what you think we can improve, what qualities you therefore think the new head should have. Your response will be confidential and anonymous. It isn't a vote or a referendum, but is a consultation about the school and what it needs, to inform the governors' decision-making process. Thank you.

<http://surveys.cognisantresearch.com/msnprimary/parents.htm>

If you would like to share your views with the Governing Body in person, Governors will be available on the playgrounds **next Tues, Wed & Thurs from 3pm**. Please feel free to catch up with them and let them have your thoughts.

**Cabinet Reshuffle** We have had a little change-around in support staffing, beginning this week: Sue Stoppard will be freed from the shackles of the toaster to devote her time to her admin role, working all day Monday to Friday (except Wednesday, when Karen Hawkins is our admin assistant). Karen will be in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays as well, specifically providing admin support to the School Leadership Team. Sue's Breakfast Club duties are taken up by Tina Smith (see below).

**New Nursery Teacher** We are delighted to inform you that Mrs Soraya Hall's replacement in Nursery from January will be Ms Laura Waters, who is a highly experienced teacher joining us from Wedmore First School Academy and Nursery. She has already been in to carry out some transition work and we look forward to seeing her again in the coming weeks to do some more.

**Open Invitation** ... to grandparents and great-grandparents who may have a connection with either of the World Wars: tea and cakes on our WWI day in the school hall at 2.30pm, plus a singalong with the children at 3.00pm.

**SPOTTY DAY** Next Friday (14<sup>th</sup> November) is Children in Need Day. As we're having a special World War I day on Tuesday, we have decided to keep it simple: children can wear mufti (or school uniform) and something spotty, so long as they bring a nice big donation for Children in Need. CIN wristbands are currently on sale in school for a donation of £1.00.


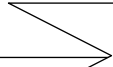
**Green data collection forms** ...were sent out last term but we have had only about 50% back. If you have yet to return yours, please do so as soon as possible, so that we do not waste money and time issuing duplicates.

**Breakfast Club** We will be re-launching Breakfast Club very shortly with new menus, an earlier start time and some other exciting changes. Look out for news in the next couple of weeks. If you have any plastic food containers with lids that you no longer need (e.g. takeaway containers) please can you bring them into the office. We would also be grateful for donations of any complete board games.

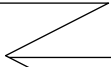

**Football Stars!** Well done to our Girls' Football squad who took on the mighty Paulton Juniors at home on Thursday afternoon in a good-natured friendly fixture ... and won 2-0. The first goal came as captain Tianna got on the end of a lovely cross by Jamima, whilst the second was a fabulous solo effort by Evie T. The whole team played with great spirit and tenacity. Well done to Megan, Cori, Evie C, Jamima, Tilly, Lilli-Ana, Evie T, Libby and Tianna, who led from the front (and the back after taking on goalie duties). And thanks to our friends from Paulton, who provided such an entertaining fixture.

**Netball Stars!** Congratulations to our netball squad, who came third in the tournament on Tuesday and have qualified for the B&NES Area Finals. Another proud moment for our sportsmen and women. Well done to Melody, Jamima, Lilli-Ana, Evie, Gracie, Lois and Lottie. ... and to the squad we took to the festival at Somervale on Wednesday, who acquitted themselves very well, too.

**PSG News** Please look out for a School Comms email with PSG News

**Head Teacher's Awards**

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

*Felix Darcey Karis Jax Tilly Jessica Shae*  
*Alfie Ella Emilly Jackson Danny Izzy Jack*  
*Josh Jasmine JC Aaron Cody Antoni*

**Flu Vaccinations** Protect yourself from Flu this winter. Flu vaccinations are free if you are 2, 3 & 4 years old, pregnant, aged 65 or over, a carer, have a certain medical condition, or live in long stay care. For an appointment contact your GP. Health and social care workers are also eligible – contact your employer. For more information visit the NHS Choices Website [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)



***This week's top house was PHOENIX!!!***



**GOLD AWARDS** - 14 THIS WEEK!!!!  
*Gold Awards are given to children in assembly whose contribution to the life of the school has been exemplary.*

***Molly Frankie Caitlin Harrison Amber Reuben Finn***  
***Jeannie Jack William Justine Daniel***  
***Ashley Faith***

**Letters home this week**

<b>Y 5/6 Bath University</b>	<b>Y2 Gymnastics Festival</b>	
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All letters are now uploaded to the website; follow this link to see them: <http://www.midsomernortonprimaryschool.com/index.php?id=94>

**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.*

Calling all childminders, early years professionals, teachers and parents - a FREE, informative and friendly morning of training and networking: Making Music with Young Children, Saturday 15th November 10.00-12.00 at St Werburgh's Community Centre Horley Road, Bristol BS2 9TJ. For further information: Neil Johnson 07762 915347, or [neil@beymp.org](mailto:neil@beymp.org). With Vicky Meadows and Neil Johnson, early years music experts with Bristol Early Years Music Project. NB: This is an adults training event, not a children's workshop

**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!

Remembering the past WW1 & Local Heritage Event – The Somer Centre, Midsomer Norton 11.30 am-.3.30 pm. Pop up play event with crafts, music, cardboard build, mining lamps and much more.

*Little Pickles* Nearly New & Children's Market returns to The Somer Centre Midsomer Norton Saturday 15th November 10.30am to 12 noon. Nearly new toys, clothes, books & equipment at bargain prices plus SPECIAL GUEST ELSA FROM FROZEN Free goody bags for first 50 through the door Entry Adults £1, children free For more info: [www.littlepicklesmarkets.co.uk](http://www.littlepicklesmarkets.co.uk)



**Many Happy Returns!**

*Pupils with birthdays between the 7<sup>th</sup> November and 13<sup>th</sup> November are included in our list this week*

*Ryley Coe Millie Adams*

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