

# Midsomer Norton Primary School



Head teacher: Mr Alun Randell

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I accompanied Uranus Class to their swimming lesson on Tuesday and was very impressed by our children. The instructors do encourage the children to challenge themselves and it was great to see children pushing themselves out of their comfort zones and being proud of themselves.

### Doodle maths

I have also had the pleasure of working with a number of children on some very challenging maths problems over the last few weeks. The national curriculum expects children to apply the skills they have mastered by solving problems and reasoning. Children who are confident in their number skills are much more likely to do this successfully. I am pleased to announce that our Multi Academy Trust has purchased Doodlemaths for all of our children to help our children develop their skills and their confidence. Doodlemaths consists of two apps Doodlemaths and Doodlemaths Times Tables which provide an exciting way for your child to practice and develop their maths skills. The app is adaptive which means that it increases or decreases the difficulty of questions presented to your child depending on their response to ensure that the level of challenge is just right. Doodlemaths is not designed to replace homework but to complement learning in school by encouraging children to practice 'little and often' - the best way to master any skill. Having used the app in a previous school and with my youngest son, I can heartily recommend it! Doodlemaths can be downloaded as an app for mobile phones, tablets, PCs and Macs at <https://www.doodlemaths.com/available-apps/>. Children from Reception to Year 6 will be bringing a letter home today explaining how to get started and your child's log in details.



### Assembly on having a visual impairment

The whole school was wowed by Alesha in Year 3 on Wednesday when she delivered an assembly to the whole school on what it is like to have a visual impairment. She had such presence and confidence and really helped children and staff understand what the challenges are and what helps. Children even had the opportunity to wear special glasses to experience how doctors believe Alesha views the world. Well done Alesha - perhaps you could take my assembly every Monday!



### Sports News

Well done to our Y3/4 tennis team who placed 3rd in a 14 team tournament this week and were fantastic representatives for the school. Also, well done to our Y5/6 Quadkids team for their performance in this week's tournament. Although they did not make the



*Please sign up to ParentPay if you haven't already done so.*

### Visitor access to school

Please remember that visitors, including parents, can no longer access the school via the lower entrance. All visitors are asked to enter via the main entrance and sign in at Reception. Thank you for supporting us in keeping the school site secure.

### Library Books

**No new Library books will be issued after Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. All library books should be returned by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July at the latest. Thank you.**

### PSG News

*'Thank you so much to everyone that has offered to help at the Summer Fayre. We're really looking forward to a great, relaxing evening. Please continue to sell raffle tickets, donate stuff for our prize hampers and cross fingers for sunshine.'*

### Pyjama and Slippers Day

Please remember our Pyjama and Slippers Day on 29<sup>th</sup> June to raise money for a second scooter pod. No onesies please as the weather is likely to be too hot!

### Reminder

England World Cup matches being shown at Midsomer Norton Methodist Church. See recent flyer.

final, Mrs Bullock reports that they showed an outstanding attitude. The fantastic behaviour of our children outside of school has been a definite theme this year!



### Ned Show

On Thursday afternoon, we had a special treat for the children in the form of a free NED show which stands for **N**ever give up, **E**ncourage other and **D**o your best and fits in perfectly with our work on the importance of having a 'growth mindset'. Children and staff were enthralled - particularly by the yoyo magic tricks. Next week, Mrs Cook will be selling yo-yos during school. The proceeds go towards ensuring the NED show can be taken to other schools. Children will be allowed to play with

yo-yos in the performance area during play times and break times.

### Congratulations

We have excellent hard working staff and I am delighted to announce that Mrs Boyce, our Literacy Leader, is now a Specialist Leader of Education for Literacy and Phonics working with the Bath and Mendip Teaching School! This means that, in addition to teaching Neptune class and leading Literacy in our school, Mrs Boyce will be supporting other local schools as they seek to develop their provision for Literacy and Phonics, sharing her expertise and also learning from and sharing their good practise.

Have a lovely weekend

Alun Randell  
Head teacher



### Head Teacher Awards

Lacey Amy Seb Jack  
Harry Emilia Maddie Eli Megan  
Luca Jamie



### Gold Awards

For demonstrating exemplary behaviour...

Lucas Archie Mika Freya  
Alyssa Angel Alesha Kieran  
Megan Sophie Freddie Ava



### Birthdays

Jesse Morgan Maruva Reece Liam  
Summer Harry Elsie Eshan Madison

### Attendance Champions of the week

Joint 1 <sup>st</sup>	Jupiter	97.5%
	Saturn	97.5%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Earth	96.7%



## News

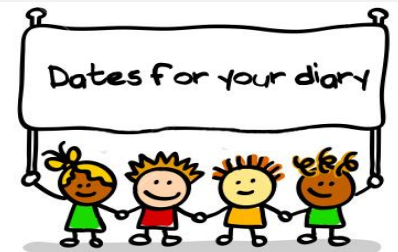


Don't forget that you can catch up with what's going on in school on our twitter feed:

<https://twitter.com/MSNPrimary>

Letters home this week:  
Year One Transition  
Reception Trip

All letters are uploaded to the school website



Pyjama Day-June 29<sup>th</sup>  
Shuffle up Day-July 5<sup>th</sup>

Midsomer Arts Festival  
Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 10.30-2.30pm  
Mrs Plumley (SMSA) band playing at 12.00pm.