

Midsomer Norton Primary School



Head teacher: Mr Alun Randell

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It was lovely to see the children so excited on Shuffle Up Day. I always think the children look so much taller as if they consciously grow a few centimetres in anticipation! All the children (and staff) I spoke to said they were really looking forward to next year. Next Tuesday morning, we have our Shuffle Up morning to give the children a second experience of their new class. We have invited all our parents to Drop and Read on Tuesday. Parents will be asked to wait in the hall as we 'shuffle up' before going to their child's new classroom at 9:00am.

A huge thank you!

Thank you very much to Mr and Mrs Guy for erecting our new picnic tables and friendship bench during very hot weather this week! Our children love the new tables which were bought with money donated by the PSG - another demonstration of just what an impact the PSG has on improving our children's school experiences. Thank you to everyone who has helped support the PSG and attended PSG run events throughout the year.



PSG News

'Thank you to everyone who has offered to help with the summer Fayre tomorrow!! The weather looks amazing and we have inflatables, displays, games, food, drink and of course, the fantastic Up Your Brass. We know everyone (including us) will be glued to the football but please join us after the game to carry on the celebrations 🙌. Looking forward to seeing you there. Have a lovely weekend.'

Parents Survey: Afterschool Clubs

Over the next few newsletters, including in to September we will be looking at a theme from our parent survey and explaining how your feedback is helping to shape our school development plan.

Feedback point: 82% of parents said their child enjoyed school; however, 38% of parents felt the school did not offer enough after school clubs.

Response: I know of some schools who don't allow their teachers to take clubs because they believe all their energies should go into preparing lessons, marking and assessment and instead rely on paid coaches with the cost being passed on to coaches. Teachers are not obligated to run clubs; when teachers volunteer they are giving up their free time despite the demands of the job, which are significant and run far beyond the 8:45am-3:15pm 'school day', but I believe teachers and children benefit if teachers are involved in the clubs programme; it builds community spirit and helps children and teachers get to know each other in a more relaxed setting. However, there also needs to be a balance so that teacher can perform their core purpose - teaching. We try hard to provide a range of clubs for all ages and an examination of the websites of other schools in the area show that our 'clubs offer' compares favourably; however, the number on



Present Year 2 children will need to commence paying for school lunches in September so 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 22nd June. All library books should be returned by Friday 6th July at the latest. Thank you.

offer has reduced and we would like to do better and provide a broader range of clubs, particularly for infants and lower key stage 2.

Action: Mr Andrew, who is returning to our school in September has been appointed Sports and Clubs coordinator. In liaison with other key staff including Hayley Bullock, our Sports Coach, and Miss Dodington, our Active Well-Being Coordinator, we are designing a comprehensive club programme which will provide significant choice for all age groups. Clubs will be a mixture of free and paid-for clubs; however, the school will continue to subsidise clubs to minimize costs and ensure the breadth of choice so that 'niche' clubs are able to continue - not just those that are most popular.

Forest School

Congratulations to Mrs Meade who has successfully completed her training to be a Level 3 Forest School Leader. With Mrs Grice, that means we have two level 3 leaders and can expand our forest school ambitions. From September, all classes from Reception upwards will have at least sequence of forest school sessions (one morning/ afternoon each week for a term). Forest school will depend on volunteers to ensure safety - please watch out for Mrs Meade at the summer fayre where she will be publicizing what forest school is and how you can help. From September, Mrs Meade will also be running a Forest Rangers Club for younger children, throughout the year.

Breakfast Club/After School Club

As you will know from the letter sent home earlier this week, Jessems Breakfast Club/After School Club informed us this week that they will not be continuing to operate from our school from September. We believe that high quality wrap around child-care on site is an important service many parents at our school need so we will be offering these clubs run directly by the school. We are finalising arrangements and will inform parents of costings and booking arrangements prior to the summer holiday.

School Reports

Your child's annual school report was sent home today. Please check their school bag. If you wish to meet the teacher following on from the report we have put aside Wednesday after school to enable parents to sign up for an optional parents evening. Teachers will have a sign-up sheet outside their classroom from Monday.

Hot weather

The hot weather looks likely to continue into next week. We will continue to relax our uniform policy and allow children to wear school PE kit until further notice.

Have a lovely weekend - I hope to see you at our summer fayre on Saturday at 5:30 just after England have beaten Sweden! It's coming home! ☺ (For all of our volunteers readying the fair - don't worry I will be setting up the match on the big screen in the hall).

Best wishes,

Alun Randell
Head teacher

Head Teacher Awards

Leo Kai Callum Callum

Dexter Poppy-Mae Loujoun

Reuben Angel Charlie Cody



News

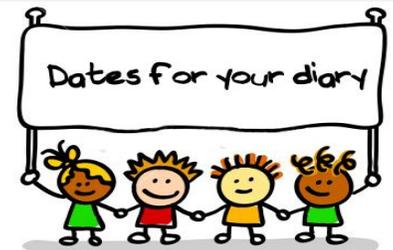


Don't forget that you can catch up with what's going on in school on our twitter feed:

<https://twitter.com/MSNPrimary>

**Letters home this week:
Year 3/4 Show and Share**

All letters are uploaded to the school website



**Shuffle up Morning - July 10th
Summer Fayre- July 7th
Term Ends Friday 20th July**



Gold Awards



For demonstrating exemplary behaviour...

Chloe Phoebe William Emily

Neve Harvey Lily

Eva Sonny Beau Mia

Sammy Liam



Birthdays



Eli Amy Abby Victoria

Phoebe

Attendance Champions of the week

1 st	Neptune	98.9%
2 nd	Venus	98.3%
3 rd	Uranus	97.8%