

Midsomer Norton Primary School



Head teacher: Mr Alun Randell

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope you enjoyed the summer - despite the changeable weather. After a busy but child-less INSET day on Monday, it was great to see the children coming back eagerly into school on Tuesday!

Becoming an Academy

As expected, we were able to complete the process of becoming an academy over the summer. We formally acquired academy status on 1st September and simultaneously joined the Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership, the local Multi Academy Trust (MAT). Joining the Trust will benefit our school through the sharing of expertise and resources ensuring we are able to continue to offer our children an excellent, rounded education which prepares them thoroughly for life.



Development priorities

Our school development priorities this year are:

- **Reading** - promoting a reading culture/improving outcomes for pupils
- **Maths** - implementing our revised calculation policy, challenge.
- **STEM subjects** (Science, DT, ICT) - raising the profile and developing positive attitudes regardless of gender.
- **Talk for Writing** (non-fiction)
- **Well-being** - (Mental health, Director of Public Health Award, developing outdoor play, building resilience)

Sunbeams Nursery

Our preparations to open our new nursery class for 2-3 year olds, Sunbeams, continue. I would like to say a big thank you to our Sunbeams leader, Mrs Smith, and her army of volunteers for their efforts throughout the summer. Our target date to open is Monday 30th October.

Clubs

Your child should bring the autumn term's club letter home today. This year, we are extremely fortunate to be able to provide all clubs free of charge. Please encourage your child to take part in one or more of these enriching activities.

Meet The Teacher

If you were not able to make our Meet The Teacher event on Thursday, you will be able to download each phase's presentation from their section of the school website early next week.



Fidget Spinners

These are only allowed in class after it has been agreed with the teacher in consultation with parents. If your child wants to use one at playtime then please ensure that it is labelled with permanent ink. Thank you.

Saturn Class

Thank you to those who can assist with taking the children to swimming on Tuesdays. We would appreciate if anyone who offered could be at school by 1.00pm. Thank you.

Book and PE bags

We now have these for sale in the office. Book bags are £5 and PE bags £4

Dressing Up Clothes

Any donations of dressing up clothes would be greatly appreciated for play and lunch times. Thank you.

Water bottles/ lunch boxes

Please remember to name your child's water bottle and lunch box

Punctuality

I have been really pleased with the effort children and families are putting in to being in school on time. Please remember, lessons start promptly at 8:45 am. The register is taken at 8:45 in Key Stage 2 and at 8:50 in the infants.

Uniform

Please remember that children must come to school in full school uniform including black shoes. Children should not wear jewelry other than ear studs which should either be removed or taped over for PE. Fashion accessories such as temporary tattoos and dyed hair are not appropriate.

Have a lovely weekend!

Alun Randell
Head Teacher



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:

All letters are uploaded to the school website

Head Teacher Awards

Jay Darren Ellie Luca
Cruz Isaac Alana Sammy
Joseph Aaron Leo Esme



Gold Awards

Nada Ava Leonna Harley

Samuela Zuzannah Jazzy Isabella
Olivia Seb Rosie



Birthdays

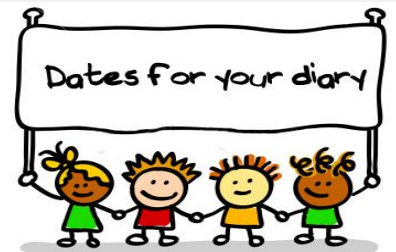
Lucas Isaac Ellie Georgia

Ella-Louise

Attendance Champions of the week

1 st	Mars	100%
2 nd	Neptune	98%
3 rd	Jupiter	95%

Well done everybody!



Mon 11th Sept - Year 6 camp
Fri 15th Sept - Year 6 camp return
Weds 27th and Thurs 28th - Year 3/4
Stonehenge