

# Midsomer Norton Primary School



Head teacher: Mr Alun Randell

Dear Parents & Carers,

December is here and needless to say the weather is unseasonably warm! The school is getting into the Christmas spirit, however, with classes rehearsing for our Christmas shows, Christmas cards being delivered and a sense of excitement in the air. Today after school our wonderful PSG and their volunteers will be preparing the school for tomorrow's Christmas Fayre. We hope you can come along between 11:00am-2:00pm. We can guarantee lots of stalls with Christmas treats and entertainment in the form of music and drama.

## Website update

As mentioned previously, the school website is being restructured and updated. The English and Maths pages have been updated this week by the English and Maths teams and now include lots of useful information and links to help you support your child at home. You will find links to online books, authors reading their works aloud, advice on phonics and a variety of maths websites. In particular, I would like to draw your attention to our calculation policy which explains step by step the methods of calculation we teach in school. There is more to come so we will make sure that each time content is uploaded we inform you via the newsletter.

## Any spare paving stones?

Do you have any spare paving stones that you could donate to the school? We would like to use them as a base for our new garden shed.

The school was awarded £200 by the Royal Horticultural Society for achieving our Level 5 School Gardening Award (as mentioned last week). Mrs Witchell is using the money and funds raised by selling garden produce to purchase a new shed to store gardening tools, allowing the children easier access to independently choose the equipment they need.

If you have and spare stones, please leave them by the garden gate and call into the office to let our admin team know. Thanks!

## Christmas Shows

The dates and times for our Christmas show are overleaf in Key Dates for Term 2. Please ensure you have sent in your ticket requests for KS 2 production.

## Clubs

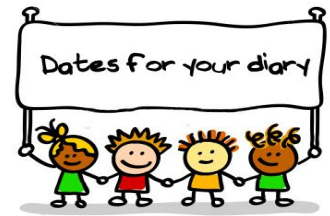
Clubs finished this week (4<sup>th</sup> December). New list will be sent home in the New Year.

## INSET Day

We would also like to remind you that Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January is an INSET day. The new term starts on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January for pupils.

Have a lovely weekend and hope to see you at the Christmas Fayre!

Alun Randell  
Head Teacher



## Upcoming Events

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December  
PSG Christmas Fayre

## Important Announcements

### Vomiting & diarrhoea

Please read the letter we have sent home about Norovirus. We have seen an increasing amount of children absent from school this week with V&D

**Please do not send your child back into school until they are clear of any symptoms for 48 hours**

This helps us limit the spread to both staff and children  
If we know a child has returned to school too early we will ask you to come and collect them

### Alterations to School Dinner menu:

#### Week One

Tuesday pudding is now Chocolate Sponge

#### Week Two

Tuesday pudding is now Jam Sponge

#### Week Three

Monday instead of Paella it is Pizza and pudding on Thursday is Carrot Cake

### Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
ALL children, regardless of whether they usually have a hot meal or qualify for FSM should have returned the slip by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November to say if they want a Christmas lunch. If this slip has not been returned your child(ren) will need to bring a packed lunch that day

## Reception Applications for September 2016

Please visit the B&NES website (link below) for more information or to make an online application or call them on 01225 394312

<http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/schools-colleges-and-learning/admissions-schools>



## News



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

<https://twitter.com/MSNPrimary>

### Key dates in Term 2

*Infants Nativity - School Hall*  
Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Dec - 9.30AM  
Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Dec - 1.45PM  
Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Dec - 9.30AM

*Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper day*

*KS2 Christmas Production - Methodist Church*  
Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Dec - 1.45 & 6pm

*Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec - Last Day of Term 2*

*Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Jan - INSET day*  
*Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Jan - children back to school for Term 3*

**Letters home this week**  
*KS2 Christmas Production Tickets*  
*KS2 Christmas Production Costumes*  
*Norovirus*  
*School Full of Stars*

## KS2 Christmas Production Tickets

You should have received a letter home this week regarding tickets for the KS2 Christmas Production on 16<sup>th</sup> December. We unfortunately have to limit the number of people we are able to admit to each performance and therefore need to allocate tickets again this year. We understand that this is disappointing for families where grandparents and other family members may wish to attend but we have to restrict numbers due to strict guidelines issued by the Church around how many people are allowed to be in the church at any one time according to their fire regulations. This must also include the children performing. We will inform parents on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December if there are extra tickets available and hope that as many of you as possible are able to come along.

Please note that the afternoon performance is likely to be less popular so if you are able to come then it would help to ease the pressure on ticket demand for the evening.



## Head Teacher Awards



Alfie Archie Summer Harry  
Callum Samuela Angel Evan  
Freya Aaron Maisie Oliver



## Gold Awards



*For demonstrating exemplary behaviour...*

*Remy Lewis Ruby Skye Lily*

*Ellie Hayden Shae Chloe*



## Birthdays



Happy Birthday this week to the following children!!

Alesha Adam Fathema Erin  
Logan Declan