

Midsomer Norton Primary School

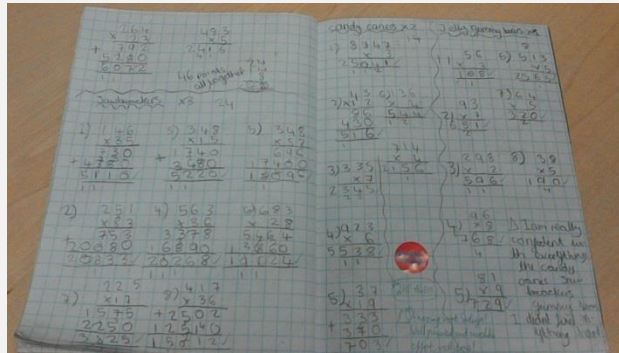


Head teacher: Mr Alun Randell

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Apart from the weather, it has been an excellent week at school. My highlights for this week have been the Year 1 and 2's ideas for how to trick an elephant and Jazzy (Uranus) explaining to me how to punctuate speech.

I was very impressed also by Sadiya's determination in mastering long multiplication!



School Development Plan Update

You may remember at the start of the academic year that we announced our school development priorities as:

- Adopting a 'Talk for Writing' approach to teaching Literacy to raise standards in writing
- Enhancing the quality of learning under the mastery curriculum
- Promoting positive learning behaviours (being independent, being ambitious, being resilient, working together, supporting others and keeping focus)

Teachers and Teaching Assistants were trained in Talk for Writing in September and we have been experimenting with and developing our understanding of the approach since. Anecdotally, we feel that there has been a big impact on the standard of writing and we will be measuring the impact across the year.

We have devoted a number of staff meetings to the quality of learning and our new Teaching and Learning Policy is available on our website.

We are pleased with the impact of our emphasis on Learning Powers in developing positive learning behaviours. I was in classes yesterday and heard children and teachers talking about being ambitious. Having high expectations and a belief that children 'can' is so important for all of us - staff, parents and carers and the children themselves.

Academy Meeting

As we announced in December, the school governors have voted in principle to apply to become an academy and join the Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership. Please remember we are holding a consultation evening on Wednesday 15th January 6:00pm

Book Swap and Shop

From next week, Mrs Meade and Mrs Blunsdon will be running a Book Swap and Shop after school every Friday. Come along to buy high quality second hand books incredibly cheaply or simply swap an unwanted book for another one. We have a large range of books for children and adults. Please see the letter sent home last week for more details.

Library Books

We are still experiencing software problems and so are unable to change library books.

**Welton Baptist Church present
RAIDERS of the PRAIRIE GOLD at
Somervale School.
Friday 20th January 7.30pm
Saturday 21st 2.00pm and 6.30pm
Contact 07866120545 or 01761
410274 for tickets.**

in the school hall. Come along to find out more and have your questions answered.

Sainsburys

And finally, I would like to remind parents and carers not to park in the Sainsburys delivery bay. We are eager to be good neighbours to Sainsburys who are very supportive of our school. The store do not mind parents using the main car park for drop off and pick up but it is not safe to park in the loading bays and we are also impacting on the running of the business. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Have a great 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:
KS1 Art Project

All letters are uploaded to the school website

Attendance Champions of the week

1st	Jupiter	98.7%
2nd	Moon	98.2%
3rd	Mercury	97.3%

Well done everybody!



Eshan Elliot Daisy Dexter
James Spencer Eva Bradley
Hayden Abigail

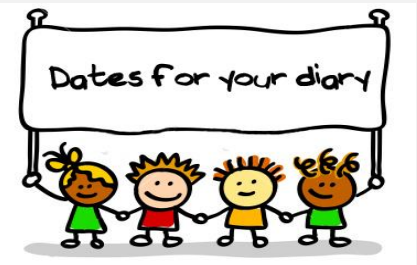


Bella Jack Cruz Harvey
Bailey Jeannie Lucas Mia
Olivia Darcey Jasmine Cerys

For demonstrating exemplary behaviour...



Alex Jack Oliver
Alice



Wed 18 Jan - Academy Consultation meeting for parents - 6pm
Fri 3 Feb - NSPCC Number Day
Mon 6 Feb & Wed 9 Feb - Parents Evening
Fri 10 Feb - End of T4