

Midsomer Norton Primary School



Head teacher: Mr Alun Randell

Dear Parents & Carers,

Happy New Year and a warm welcome back to school! Christmas is my favourite holiday; however, I was delighted to see the children returning to school on Tuesday morning. There were a few bleary eyes but lots of smiles and as the week went on I have been really pleased at how quickly everybody settled into the new year. In assembly on Tuesday, I spoke about New Year's resolutions and 'going for goals', encouraging the children to think about what they want to achieve this year and how they are going to try and reach that goal.

On Monday, the staff had a productive INSET focusing on spelling with an excellent input from Pat Jones OBE, principal of the Bristol Dyslexia Centre. In the light of the advice we received, we will be reviewing and amending how we teach spelling over the next couple of terms. Watch this space for more news!

Art Project - Monet's Water Lilies

Miss Biss, our multi-talented Deputy Head and Art Coordinator (among her many other important roles) introduced a new art project to the children and staff this week. We will be creating a school-wide display inspired by the impressionist painter Monet's paintings featuring water lilies over the next few weeks. All the children from Nursery to Year 6 will be involved in what promises to be a spectacular display.



Model lilies created by our talented staff!

Young Voices

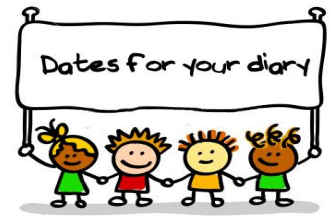
On Monday, Mrs Cook, Mrs De Quidt and Mrs Meade will be taking 23 children in the choir to Birmingham for the Young Voices event. This spectacular concert will feature over 5000 children singing as one. I am sure that our children will do Midsomer Norton Primary proud. They will be cheered on by over 20 parents making the trip to the Genting Arena.

Parents' Evenings

This year our second set of Parents' Evenings will be held at the end of this term on 8th and 10th February. This is a whole term earlier than in previous years ensuring teachers and parents/carers are able to work together to support children in their learning for the rest of the year. Once again, we will be using our new online booking system. Please watch out for letters with information of how and when to book your appointments.

Drop and Write/ Pick up and Read

KS1 Drop and Write commences next week on Tuesday mornings.
Reception Pick up and Read begins next Wednesday pm and please enter the school through the bottom gate.



Upcoming Events

Important Announcements

Catering Assistant Vacancies
B&NES Catering services are looking for 2 new catering assistants to work in our school. The posts are for 12.5hrs per week. If you or anyone you know is interested please contact Dawn on 07530 263081

Breakfast Club Teaching Assistant

We are still recruiting for a TA to run our Breakfast Club. Further details are available on our website

Vomiting & diarrhoea

Please read the letter we sent home recently about Norovirus (also available on the website) We have seen an increasing amount of children absent from school recently with V&D and had one confirmed case of Norovirus in Early Years

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

Late arrivals to school

Please remember that if your child is late to school for any reason they must report to the office to sign in. Please do not take your child directly to class if you arrive after the doors have closed

Garden Club Shed

Over the next few days, our new garden shed will be erected by Mr Dowell and some youthful helpers from Year 6. The shed was bought with the money the school was awarded by the Royal Horticultural Society and the funds Mrs Mitchell and her eager gardeners have raised selling produce in over recent months.

Sportshall Athletics

Our team of 22 Year 5/6 children competed in the first heat of the annual BANES event. They won the event convincingly and are in a good position to qualify for the county finals (although we won't find out for sure until next week).

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>

[PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD HAS THEIR PE KIT IN SCHOOL AT ALL TIMES. THIS SHOULD BE LABELLED AND APPROPRIATE FOR BOTH INDOOR AND OUTDOOR USE.](#)

Key dates in Term 3

Mon 11th Jan - Young Voices Trip for Choir

Mon 18th Jan - Clubs start

Mon 8th & Wed 10th Feb - Parent Consultations (TBC)

Fri 12th Feb - Term 3 ends

Mon 22nd Feb - Term 4 starts

Head Teacher Awards

Samuel Sophia Joe Freya Megan

Harry Summer Cameron



Gold Awards

For demonstrating exemplary behaviour...

Eva Korey Millie Archie

Calum Lacey Cody Kameron

Deimantas Alfie Leah



Birthdays

Happy Birthday this week to the following children!!

Maddison Beau Alex Jack