

Midsomer Norton Primary School



Head teacher: Mr Alun Randell

Dear Parents & Carers,

Another week has flown by, our recent Christmas holiday is already just a dream and finally it looks like winter weather has arrived! I would like to take this opportunity to remind you to check that your child has brought suitable winter clothing to school. Fresh air and exercise are important and we try hard not to call 'wet play' so it is important that children are warmly clothed.

A fond farewell...

It is with mixed feelings that we announce the well-deserved retirement of Mrs Witchell at Easter. Mrs Witchell is a long-serving member of staff who not only teaches two afternoons a week but devotes huge amounts of time and energy to our incredible school garden, winning numerous awards. All staff and children who have experienced Mrs Witchell's passion for gardening will appreciate just what an impact this has had on the school environment and the children's development.

Young Voices

Last week, I explained how our choir would join 5000 other children in the Genting Arena, Birmingham, for the Young Voices event. I was wrong... there were over 6,700 children and a similarly sized audience! The children, staff and accompanying family members had a wonderful time. The sense of occasion brought out the very best in the children - of whom staff had nothing but the highest praise. A big thank you to all the staff involved in making this event possible.

Sports

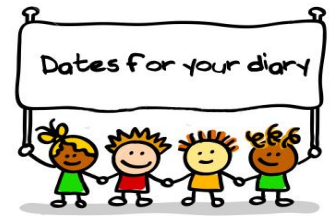
Midsomer Norton Primary sports teams began the new year continuing where they left off. This week saw comprehensive victories for the boys' football team over Welton Primary and the girls' netball team over Trinity Academy. Once again, congratulations to all the children and staff involved on their teamwork and determination.

Champions for Change

In the Autumn terms, a Lloyds Bank initiative saw the introduction of Champions for Change who coordinated the raising of over £500 for Children in Need. So successful was the concept that we have decided to relaunch our school council as Champions for Change with the opportunity to influence developments at school and future fundraising events. Children interested in becoming 'champions' should return a short letter of application describing why they would make a good champion by Thursday 21st January. One of the first tasks the champions will have will be to help the school identify a charity to support for the rest of the academic year.

Dine with the Teachers

Next Thursday, we would like to invite all children to dine with the staff at lunch time in return for a suggested donation of £1.00. This will give our Champions (see above) an added incentive to identify a worthy charity. Please see today's letter regarding the event for more details.



Upcoming Events

Important Announcements

Nut Free School

Please remember that we are a nut free school and we have a number of children and staff who have severe nut allergies and exposure to nuts will induce anaphylactic shock which is life threatening.

Please do not send your child to school with any nuts or products which contain nuts, this includes a wide range of cereal bars. Check the ingredients carefully if you are not sure.

School Closures for bad weather

We are sending home a letter today regarding school closures in the event of bad weather. All parents will be contacted by text and details will be posted on the B&NES website and announced on local radio

Catering Assistant Vacancies

B&NES Catering services are looking for 2 new catering assistants to work in schools in the area. If you or anyone you know is interested please contact Dawn on 07530 263081

Vomiting & diarrhoea

Please read the letter we sent home about Norovirus (also available on the website)

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

School uniform

I would like to remind you that the school policy is that full uniform, including black shoes, should be worn at all times. Please also ensure that long hair is tied back and that only stud earrings are worn. These must be removed or taped over for PE lessons.

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>

Reports from the Young Voices concert.....

"We paid tribute to David Bowie. There were 6420 people in the choir. There were some street dancers that did Uptown Funk with us"

"It was an amazing place and I had butterflies in my tummy but I sang my heart out. My voice has gone now but I am still happy"

Key dates in Term 3

Mon 18th Jan - Clubs start
Thurs 21st Jan - Lunch with the Teacher Day
Fri 5th Feb - Dance Umbrella Sleepover
Mon 8th & Wed 10th Feb - Parent Consultations & Homework showcase
Fri 12th Feb - Term 3 ends
Mon 22nd Feb - Term 4 starts

Community News

NINNYVILLE by Welton Baptist Drama Group at Somervale School Fri 22nd Jan 7.30pm, Sat 23rd Jan 2.00pm & 6.30 pm. Tickets 07866120545, 01761 410274 or

panto@weltonchurch.org.uk

Inside out at Town Hall Sat 23rd Jan 2.30 and Spy 7.30 pm. 01761 419133

Head Teacher Awards

Will Jessica Imogen Declan
Reagan Connor Ashley Zac
Lucas Zac Logan Lucy

Gold Awards

For demonstrating exemplary behaviour...

Danny Alfie Ollie Olivia

Megan Ellie Maddie Lucas

Lily Jessica Jazzy



Happy Birthday this week to the following children!!

Lottie Macie Bradley