

# Midsomer Norton Primary School



Head teacher: Mr Alun Randell

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I have seen some brilliant Literacy work around school this week. I was particularly impressed in Reception and Year 5 & 6 where I witnessed children memorising and mastering their model text that they will learn from and adapt in a process of imitation before inventing their own versions using the Talk for Writing approach to learning. This helps children build an internal library of vocabulary, phrases and structures that is raising standards in writing across the school.

## Maths Calculation Workshops

Thank you to the staff who ran our Maths Calculation workshops for parents on Wednesday. If you were not able to make it, you can download the calculation policy from the policies section of our school [website](#). If you have any questions please feel free to come in and talk to your child's teacher.

## Macmillan coffee morning

Thank you to everybody for their support for our fundraising coffee morning this morning. It was a great event in terms of fundraising and in raising awareness and so far we have £370.00 to share between our three chosen charities. Cake sale after school in studio hall!!



## School funding

As you will be aware from the news, schools are facing an ever tighter funding squeeze with real-term budget cuts impacting on the provision schools are able to provide, coupled with increasing demands placed upon them. Due to an increase in sports premium funding (which is ring fenced), we have been able to offer all clubs free this year; however, in other areas like all schools, we face challenging times. This week, I came very close to making the decision to cancel the Year 3&4 trip to Stonehenge because the contributions received were significantly less than was required. In the end, the trip went ahead at a loss as it would have cost the school even more to cancel the coaches; however, we simply cannot continue to lose money on trips. While we will do everything we can to ensure that we continue to offer enriching experiences such as trips, it may well be we have to cancel trips in future.

Our school is relatively lucky - we are predicted to lose at least £15,000 over the next two years but that does not take into account rising costs or the effect of other cuts. The BANES SEN budget, for example, is facing a deficit



## Cake Sale

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October, the PSG and parents from Year 1&2 will be organising a cake sale after school. Half of the proceeds will go directly to Year 1&2 with the other half going to the PSG main fund. During the year, each phase will have the opportunity to run a similar cake sale.

## Parents' Evenings

Our first parent/carers consultation evenings will be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October. Please look out for the letter next week with details about how to book online.

## Open Days/ Evening

We will be holding two school Open Days on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October/ Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 1:30pm and an Open Evening Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 6:00pm for prospective parents.

## Reading workshop

Mrs Boyce our Literacy Leader will be running a Whole School Reading Workshop Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 3.30pm. More details to follow.

## Donations

Any spare scarves, hats gloves etc for Sunbeams 2-3 year old Nursery would be gratefully appreciated. Thank you.

in the millions of pounds. I would like to once again urge parents and carers to make their views known to their MPs. In a nutshell, the government is much more likely to listen to potential voters than to schools or head teachers! You can find out more about the scale and scope of the cuts at <https://www.schoolcuts.org.uk/>



## News

### Harvest

It was great to see so many parents at our Harvest Art Event last Friday. The art work created together is being exhibited in the Methodist Church for the Harvest festival. Parents and carers who wish to get a closer look are welcome to visit the church between 10:00 and 12:00 on Saturday morning. We hope you can make the Harvest celebrations on Monday at 9:15am (Infants) and 10:45am (KS2). We will be making a collection on the doors with half of the proceeds going to a local food bank and half to support the church's fundraising for the Send a Cow Harvest Appeal ([www.sendacow.org](http://www.sendacow.org))

Have a lovely weekend!

Alun Randell  
Head teacher



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

Which have been announced in class but will be presented next week!!

Mae Parkins Frasier Fuller Jessica Di Rienzo Ethan Young  
Daisy Rabbitts Tulula Flagg Jesse Avis Lucas Shaw George Bevan  
Ellie Swift Harry Hopkins Ralphie Harvey Ethan Smith Evie Rivers



### Gold Awards

*For demonstrating exemplary behaviour... as with Head Teacher Awards these will ben presented next week*

*Lucas Derrick Bobbie Shanks Maisie Dezis Dominic Coe Spencer Wright*

*Chloe Awcock Ashton Mills Eshan Ali Harrison Foulger Sofia Gould*

*Marco Yimercati Ruby Lye*

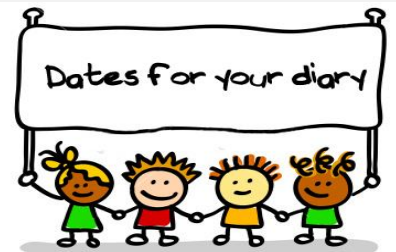


### Birthdays

Alesha Filer Charlie Hamill-McMurray Mohammed Usman Charlie Sperring  
Samuel Gumm Amber Popkin Ffion Gunton Zoe McKay

### Attendance Champions of the week

Joint 1 <sup>st</sup>	Star	100%
	Moon	100%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Neptune	97.2%



Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> October Harvest Festival, Infants 9:15am/ KS2 10:45am In Methodist Church  
Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> October, 1.30pm Open Afternoon prospective Reception and Nursery parents  
Weds 11<sup>th</sup> October, 6pm Open Evening prospective Reception and Nursery parents  
Mon 9<sup>th</sup> October, 3:30pm: Whole School Reading Information Evening  
Mon 16<sup>th</sup> / Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> October - Parents' Evenings