

Midsomer Norton Primary School



Head teacher: Mr Alun Randell

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to a new academic year at Midsomer Norton Primary School! We hope you had an enjoyable summer and that the children feel refreshed and ready to learn!

As the new head at Midsomer Norton, my first impressions of the school have been extremely positive. Observing and talking to the children as they made their way into school yesterday, some excited, some a touch nervous, a few looking a little tired, but all polite and well-behaved, it struck me again just how lucky we are at Midsomer Norton Primary School. Having spent two INSET days getting to know the staff and seeing their commitment to and pride in the school, I feel very fortunate indeed to be leading such a team.

I would like to thank everybody for the welcome and the support I have received over the past couple of weeks as I have settled in. In particular, I would like to thank Miss Biss and the Senior Leadership Team who clearly did an excellent job of leading the school from January 2015 until the summer.

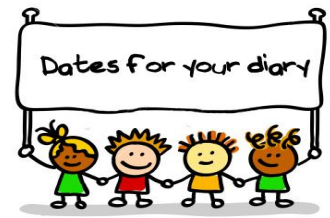
Over the next few weeks there will be a range of opportunities to find out more about school and how we meet your child's needs. I would especially like to bring our Meet the Teacher event on Tuesday 15th September 2:30pm to your attention. This is an opportunity to hear about our school development priorities for the year and to get to know the staff teaching and supporting your child.

Alun Randell
Head Teacher

A Message from our Chair of Governors

As we start the new academic year I would like to extend a very warm welcome to everyone connected with the school, especially those who are joining for the very first time....pupils, parents, teaching and non-teaching staff alike. With our new Head, Alun Randell, at the helm we will continue to provide learning opportunities and ongoing educational support to all. There will be challenges but with the first class team that we have we will overcome these to ensure all children have the chance to develop as individuals with self-esteem and confidence. If for any reason you do have concerns then please do not hesitate to contact the school - we and you have the same aim to support and develop the children.

Ian Alexander



Upcoming Events

Monday 7th Sept - PSG AGM in the school hall

Tuesday 15th Sept - Meet the Teacher - 2.30pm

Thursday 24th Sept - Phonics coffee morning - 9.15am

Tuesday 28th Sept - Open Day for Nursery & Reception prospective parents. 9-11am & 1.30-2.30pm

Important Announcements

Y6 Camp

Please be in the school hall for 9am on Monday ready for an exciting week! Don't forget your medical forms

PSG AGM

Takes place on Monday 7th September at 6pm in the school Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. The new committee will be elected at this meeting.

Clubs

Start the week commencing 14th September. Your child should have brought home a letter and clubs listing today so they can sign up. Please remember that all places are allocated on a first come first serve basis. Y6 MUST RETURN THE SLIP ON MONDAY BEFORE THEY GO TO CAMP

School Uniform

Don't forget that you can buy book bags and PE Bags from the school office and all other uniform can be purchased from Norton Sports & Camping or online at www.mapac.com

For a full school uniform list visit the school website at www.midsomernortonprimaryschool.com

Payments to school

Please don't forget that all payments to school can be made online via the School Gateway. You can make payments via debit or credit card or instant bank transfer. There is a minimum payment of £10 for dinner money but once you have made a payment it stays on your account until meals have been taken to that value whether that is in the same week or across the whole academic year. If you download the app to your phone it also means we can message you for free saving the school money! Why not give it a try? www.schoolgateway.com

Sporting News

Sainsbury's School Games - Gold Award

Over the summer, we were awarded the 'Gold Award' from the Sainsbury's School Games scheme, for our outstanding PE provision. This puts us in the top category nationwide and takes into account criteria such as participation in clubs and competitions and the quality of PE lessons we provide. A huge well done and thank you to our PE coordinator, Mr Andrew and all the other staff and volunteers involved!



Head Teacher Awards



For demonstrating exemplary behaviour, . .

No Head Teacher or Gold Awards this week but the following children have been given a 'First Impressions' Award from Mr Randell

Bailey Lucas Callum

Jake Rahib Jessica

Dodi Paige Ollie

Lois Ashton Charlie

Freddie Archie Reece

Summer Amber



Happy Birthday this week to the following children!!

Angelica Jecaela Lucas



Class News

Drop and.....Read starts in KS1 on Thursday 24th September

Letters Home This Week..... Clubs letter

All letters are uploaded to the website

This Year's Term Dates

Term Dates 2015/2016 Academic Years

TERM 1	
Start:	Tuesday 1st September 2015
Finish:	Friday 23rd October 2015

TERM 2	
Start:	Monday 2nd November 2015
Finish:	Friday 18th December 2015

TERM 3	
Start:	Monday 4th January 2016
Finish:	Friday 12th February 2016

TERM 4	
Start:	Monday 22nd February 2016
Finish:	Friday 1st April 2016

TERM 5	
Start:	Monday 18th April 2016
Finish:	Friday 27th May 2016

TERM 6	
Start:	Monday 6th June 2016
Finish:	Thursday 21st July 2016

INSET days ~	
	Tuesday 1st September 2015
	Wednesday 2nd September 2015
	Monday 4th January 2016
	Friday 27th May 2016
	Thursday 21st July 2016

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS	
Good Friday	Friday 25th March 2016
Easter Monday	Monday 28th March 2016
May Day	Monday 2nd May 2016
Spring Bank	Monday 30th May 2016