

# Midsomer Norton Primary School



Head teacher: Mr Alun Randell

Dear Parents/ Carers,

And so we come to the end of another school year! As always, I am struck by just how quickly it has flown by. We began the year by converting to being an academy and joining the Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership Trust; although this has been the busiest year I have ever known as we made the change, the experience has been very positive with the trust supporting us in many ways in terms of maintaining and improving our facilities and in supporting learning through the sharing of expertise between schools. We are very fortunate to be part of such a strong trust with such an emphasis on collaboration to improve outcomes for all children across the trust.

Here are just a few of my favourite highlights from this year: the opening of, Sunbeams, our brand new nursery class for 2-3 year olds, our Year 5 children competing with distinction in the Trust public speaking competition, the many performance opportunities children of all ages have had during the year, seeing so many parents attend our Drop and Read/ Count sessions and achieving the Director of Public Health Award. In the last two weeks, we have had a flurry of good news - our excellent outcomes at the end of Year 6 as detailed in last week's newsletter, the award of the Primary Games Gold Mark, the success of our children in the Maypole Dancing Competition (see below) and we have just heard that our school will be receiving an award from Bath In Bloom, thanks to the enthusiasm and dedication of the children and staff in gardening club!

## Maypole Dancing Competition

Our maypole dancing emerged as deserved overall winners in last Saturday's Town Show. A very professional team, ably coached by Mrs Cook and Mrs Meade, were simply outstanding and performed with such pride and obvious enjoyment.



## Leavers and welcome

Our year 6 pupils finished the year in style this week with a fantastic performance of Bugsy Malone. The children simply 'owned the show' needing very little direction from staff. It was wonderful to see all the children rise to the challenge and perform a very ambitious show. As they move on to their secondary schools, they will be able to look back on their achievements and know that, with determination, they can do anything they set their minds to.

We also said good bye this week to a number of teachers and teaching assistants as they move on to the next exciting stage of their lives. I wish to say a heartfelt thank you to Miss Cole, Mrs Langan, Miss Inwood, Mrs Brereton, Mrs Weatherhogg and Mrs Judson and wish them all the best for the future. Mrs Young also begins her maternity leave in September and we look forward to



## Important Announcement

### Parent Pay - Lunches

Present Year 2 children will need to commence paying for school lunches in September so please sign up to ParentPay if you haven't already done so.

### Visitor access to school

Please remember that visitors, including parents, can no longer access the school via the lower entrance. All visitors are asked to enter via the main entrance and sign in at Reception. Thank you for supporting us in keeping the school site secure.

### Breakfast Club/ After School Care

- Breakfast Club 7:00am-8:45am: £5:50 (Siblings £4.50)
- After School Care 3:15-6:00pm: £8:50 (Siblings £7.00)
- Children who attend After School Care can also attend school clubs such as football etc free of charge (subject to availability).

Please contact the school office to book: [office@midsomernortonprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@midsomernortonprimary.co.uk)

### Can we help?

Midsomer Norton Primary School holds Foodbank Vouchers. If you are struggling to feed your children please speak in confidence to reception who will be able to give you further information.



### Doodlemaths

All children from Reception up have been provided a Doodlemaths login for free. Many of our children have started using this regularly at home and we have received excellent feedback from children and parents. Over the summer, we encourage children to continue to practice those key skills in number and reading 'little and often' and Doodlemaths is a very good way to achieve this.

hearing news of the latest addition to her family! I would like to welcome Mrs Jane Miller to the school. Mrs Miller is a very experienced Year 1 and 2 teacher. Mrs Miller and Mr Rye will be teaching Pluto class while Mrs Young and Mrs Hinder are on maternity.

Finally, I would like to say an extra special farewell to Mr Chris Dowell, our caretaker. Mr Dowell has been absent all year after suffering a stroke last summer and will be taking early retirement. We were delighted to see Mr Dowell today at our Year 6 leavers assembly to be able to say goodbye properly. This year has shown just how much we depended on Mr Dowell and how much just magically happened behind the scenes. He has had an immense impact on the school and will be enormously missed by children, parents and staff.

### Parents Survey Update 3: Communication

Over recent weeks, we have been looking at a theme from our parent survey and explaining how your feedback is helping to shape our school development plan. 141 parents responded to the survey.

**Feedback point:** 85% of parents say they feel welcome in school; however, 35% of parents felt that the school did not take account of their suggestions and concerns, with particular concern expressed about staff leaving mid-year.

### Response:

It is always regrettable when teachers leave mid-year, which can happen for a range of reasons. We are extremely pleased with the appointments we have made for next year and look forward to a stable future with staff dedicated to providing the very best education for our children. We try very hard to listen to feedback from parents, maintaining an open door policy; however, we recognise that there is also more we can do to give parents opportunities to provide feedback on where we can improve further.

### Action:

- From September, we will hold a Parents Forum each term - an opportunity for school and parents to explore particular themes in depth so that parents can ask questions and give their views. The first forum will with focus on Behaviour, date tbc. In the meeting, we will also identify which themes parents would most like to discuss in future Parent Forums.
- Although, we believe we have good systems for communication, occasionally these break down, which can lead to frustrations especially if communications are at short notice. We will be reviewing procedures with staff on a regular basis so that we can iron out inconsistencies.

### Breakfast Club/After School Care

We are now taking bookings for our Breakfast Club and After School Care. Please contact the school office to book: [office@midsomernortonprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@midsomernortonprimary.co.uk)

### School Uniform

As we move to our new school uniform, please bring in any unneeded brown and yellow uniform still in good condition into school. We will be donating the uniform to a school in Bristol and to charity.

Please remember to ensure that your child wears full uniform in September including black or grey socks (white is acceptable with summer dresses) and black shoes. We are looking forward to our smart new look!

### And finally... a few more thank yous

And finally I would like to say thank you to all of our hardworking and committed staff. In a very busy year, they have yet again shown that their dedication to encouraging our children to do their very best. Their passion and commitment is second to none and I regard myself as very lucky to be their head teacher!

I hope all of our families have an enjoyable summer. Thank you again for all of the support our parents and families provide our children and the school in general. We look forward to seeing our children on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September.



## 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 note - From September all dinner money must be paid in advance. There will be no facility to go into debt on ParentPay and we will be chasing payment on a daily basis! Please be aware if we don't receive payment in advance, there is a possibility your child will not get a school meal and you will be asked to provide a packed lunch.

**MSN Railway Station Family Fun Day 12<sup>th</sup> August. Rides £6 adult £3 child Under 3's free**

Best wishes,

Alun Randell  
Head teacher



### Head Teacher Awards

Jazzy Olivia Neve Ethan Callum  
William Jesse Zoe Lily-Mae  
Charlie Shae Henry



### Gold Awards

For demonstrating exemplary behaviour...

Toby Maruva Skye Isaac  
Freddie Amber Kacey Jazzy  
Isabella Lacey Sophie Jesse  
Joseph Calum



### Birthdays

Mia Lily-Mae Dominic Kacey Emily  
Zuzanna Caitlin Kieran Leah Megan  
Mia Chloe Harley Leo William  
Oliver Shiloh Reece Ellie Tilly  
Leona Jack Isabella Esme Beau  
Isaac Joshua Callum Evan Jack  
Elyssa Lucas Sasha Katie Thomas  
Flynn Bradley Jesse Frasier Ashton  
Freddie Jessica Esme

### Attendance Champions of the week

1 <sup>st</sup>	Moon	99.00%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Venus	97.2%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Saturn	96.3%



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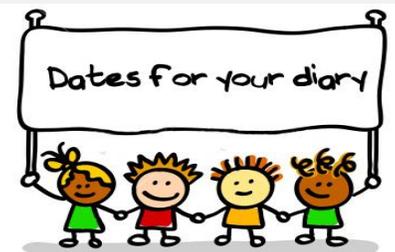


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Letters home this week:

All letters are uploaded to the school website



Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September - New school year begins  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September - Meet the Teacher 2:00pm  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Camp  
24<sup>th</sup> September - clubs begin  
1<sup>st</sup> October - Harvest Festival 9:30 Infants, 10:45 Key Stage 2