

Midsomer Norton Primary School



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Dear Parents & Carers,

Christmas really feels just around the corner now! The school is decorated, the infant nativity shows brought many a tear to the eye and the Key Stage 2 rehearsals are well underway! Christmas is my favourite time of year (even with the ridiculous Spring temperatures we have been experiencing) and it is lovely to see the children brimming with excitement.

Christmas Fayre

Many thanks to the PSG and all the volunteers who were out in force to make the Christmas Fayre a huge success. Although the exact total is still being calculated, approximately £2000 was raised! Thank you to everybody who was able to attend the fayre - in these challenging financial times fund raising plays a crucial part in ensuring we have the resources we need to provide a broad and balanced curriculum to our children.

Infant Nativity - A Midwife Crisis

The children and staff put on three magnificent shows this week. The children were wonderful - for young children to pull off such performances was wonderful to see. These experiences are incredibly important in a child's life - to feel nervous, to overcome your nerves and to shine in front of your family and friends is a great confidence and resilience builder. Thank you all for attending and supporting your child in this way.

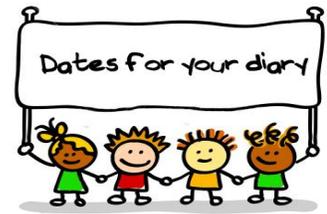


The importance of your help at home

The government published the 2014-2015 school performance tables for Key Stage 2 yesterday and we are pleased to say Midsomer Norton compares very well with other schools. A resounding 95% of the year group achieved the level set by Government for Year 6 (Level 4) in Reading, Writing and Maths, while a staggering 68% and 80% reaching level 5 in Maths and Reading respectively.

The staff and children worked very hard for such results but so did parents and carers at home. Can I take the opportunity to remind you just how important regular reading and mental maths practice, especially of times tables, is? Little and often (with lots of positive praise) has a much bigger effect than less regular, longer sessions.

You can see how our school does compare nationally at <http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/performance/>.



Upcoming Events

Important Announcements

Vomiting & diarrhoea

Please read the letter we sent home last week 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

Christmas Lunch - Tuesday 15th December

If you have not returned the slip requesting a Christmas lunch your child must bring a packed lunch

KS2 Christmas Production Tickets

Requests for tickets for the KS2 Christmas Production were due to be returned to school by today. We will count up the numbers and send a message out on Monday if there are extra tickets available. As it stands the evening performance is full but we anticipate there will be tickets for the afternoon.

These will not be available for collection until Monday morning at the earliest so please do not come into the office today for tickets

Sports News...Again!

Midsomer Norton primary sent two badminton teams to a tournament at Wellsway this week. The A-team and B-team both won their events. Mr Andrew claims that he is now starting to be embarrassed meeting other PE teachers in the area due to our frequent successes (but I'm not sure I believe him)! Mrs Bullock reports the children showed wonderful sportsmanship - offering to help other players on other teams with scoring and serving. Well done to Dominic, Thomas, Ollie, Ben, Freya, Eva, Fletcher and Danny and to Mrs Bullock for training and supervising the children.

Well done also to one of our netball teams who have reached the last 16 of the B&NES event after beating Paulton 'B' team 8-3. Both our teams play their last 16 fixtures next term

Year 3/4 Carol Concert at Somervale

As I type this newsletter, Mrs Cook has just popped in to say how wonderful the Year 3/4 Christmas Carol concert at Somervale School was. The children sang with and for groups of children from Welton Primary School, St John's Primary School and Somervale School itself. Unfortunately, parents were not able to attend the concert due to space but I can tell Mrs Cook is already thinking big for next year!

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>

Key dates in Term 2

Tuesday 15th Dec - Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper day

KS2 Christmas Production - Methodist Church

Wed 16th Dec - 1.45 & 6pm

Fri 18th Dec - Last Day of Term 2

Mon 4th Jan - INSET day

Tues 5th Jan - children back to school for Term 3

PSG News

The PSG would like to thank all the staff, governors and parent volunteers who helped to make this year's Christmas Fayre such a success. A big thank you also to the school choir and band for their entertainment.

PSG Festive Bake Off

Thursday 17th December

3.15pm – School Hall

We would like to invite everyone to a festive cake sale, all donations of Christmas themed cakes, cookies to be brought into school on Thursday morning. There will be a prize for the child star baker!

We will also be serving teas, coffees and hot chocolate and playing some Christmas music, so come and join us for our final fundraiser of 2015!



Head Teacher Awards



Caitlin Alesha Sammy Reuben Eadie
Cora Pippa Jazzy Ollie Spencer



Gold Awards



For demonstrating exemplary behaviour...

Sonni Harrison Kameron Blake

Natalia Nada Nere Kenzie Amber

Spencer Charlotte Daniel



Birthdays



Happy Birthday this week to the following children!!

Harrison	Harrison	Jasmine	Jack
Skye	Oliver	Jamie	Kai
		Tyler	Ashlee