

# Midsomer Norton Primary School



Head teacher: Mr Alun Randell

Dear Parents & Carers,

I have had the pleasure of teaching a few classes this week and I have to say, yet again, how impressed I am by the behaviour and manners of our children. This was reinforced by feedback from a volunteer accompanying Year 3/4 to go swimming who described their behaviour as excellent! My highlights for this week are watching: scrap play on the lower play ground, Year 1 and 2 learning about 2D shape in wonderful hands on activities, Year 3/4 practising their history skills by examining "stone age artefacts" and Year 6 making 3D Egyptian Death Masks!

## Champions for Change

Our 'Champions For Change' led an assembly on Monday explaining to the rest of the school how they can get involved in fundraising for Children in Need. We had some wonderful ideas, from organising car washes to wacky hair days. The Champions have set the school a fundraising target of £300. With such drive, enthusiasm and leadership, I am confident that we will be successful.

## Year 4/6 Camp Talks

Residential trips are an incredible opportunity for children to experience physical activities they may have not had the chance to do before and to develop greater independence, confidence and resilience. On Tuesday, we are holding an information evening about the Year 4 and Year 6 Camps. The Year 4 Camp will run 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> March 2016 for this year's Year 4s. The Year 6 Camp is held in September each year so the talk is for parents/carers of our current Year 5s.

## Monster Ball

It is that time of year again! On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, the PSG are organising the Monster Ball in the school hall. All children are invited to dress up and join a disco 6:00-7:15pm for Key Stage 1 and 7:30-8:45pm for Key Stage 2 children. Please watch out for more information from the PSG.

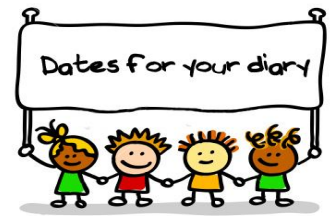
## Parents' Evenings

As mentioned last week, we are trialing an online booking system for Parents' Evenings this year which should make the process much quicker and simpler for parents/carers and school. Your child should have brought home a letter yesterday about the booking process. Any parents/carers who do not have access to the internet will be able to book by phoning the school office. The Parents' Evenings this term will be held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup>/ Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 3:30pm - 7:00pm.

We will be showcasing our children's homework projects in the hall during the meetings. Please drop in and take a look!

Have a lovely weekend!

Alun Randell  
Head Teacher



## Upcoming Events

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October-

Year 4 Camp Talk 6:00pm/

Year 6 Camp Talk 6:30pm

Monday/ 19<sup>th</sup> / Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>  
October

Parents' Evenings 3:30-7:00pm

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October-

PSG Monster Ball

KS1 6-7:15pm, KS2 7:30-8:45pm

## Important Announcements

Parents Evening Booking online

Go to [www.parents-booking.co.uk/midsomernorton](http://www.parents-booking.co.uk/midsomernorton)

You will need to input the name by which your child is legally known and their date of birth

Booking closes on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>  
October at 12.30pm

Please see the website for a copy of the letter that went home this week with more details

## 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](http://www.schoolgateway.com)

## Holidays in Term Time

Please remember that the school must abide by very strict guidelines when it comes to authorising holidays during term time. Authorisation can only be given for valid learning experiences or on compassionate grounds. We are not able to authorise holidays booked due to lower costs or to coincide with holidays of other family members.

## Cake Sale news

A big thank you from the PSG for the amazing cake entrees and donations last Friday for our Bake Off. We raised £130! Congratulations to Eva M winner of the children's category and Dave (dad of Thomas W) winner of the adult category. A very over-whelmed and (by the end) ever so slightly over-full Mr Randell acted as our judge and was very impressed by the standard of the cakes. Well done everybody!

## Breakfast Club....

....need your unwanted games or books please! All donations gratefully received, please drop them into the school office. Thank you

## Wet Play Games

If you have any unwanted board games in good condition we are always looking for extras for wet play times.

## Flu Vaccinations

Children in Y1 & Y2 have received a leaflet today about flu vaccinations. Please note that these **will not be delivered through school**. Your GP will be writing to you to offer your child a vaccinations



## Head Teacher Awards



Natalia Josh Ella Jamie Thomas  
William Sonni Connor Olivia Lucas  
Eva Alfie Kameron



## Gold Awards



*For demonstrating exemplary behaviour, . .*

Ava Oscar Georgia Connor  
Isla Leo Jai Josh Ruby



## Birthdays



Happy Birthday this week to the following children!!

Alan

Samuela



## Class News

Drop and.....Read continues in KS1 on Thursday mornings straight after drop off



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....

Parents Evening online booking  
Y4/Y6 Camp talks  
KS1 Grandparents coffee morning  
Y3/4 Taunton Museum trip

All letters are uploaded to the website

### Key dates in T1 & 2

Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Oct - 6.00/6.30pm - Y4 & Y6 Camp Talks  
Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Oct - 3.30-7pm - Parents Eve & Homework Showcase  
Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Oct - 3.30-7pm - Parents Eve & Homework Showcase  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov - 9.15am - Reading Coffee Morning  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Lunch  
Tues 8<sup>th</sup> -AM/ Wed 9<sup>th</sup> - PM/ Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Dec - AM - Infants Nativity  
Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Dec - KS2 Christmas Production - PM & Eve

### Community News

Midsomer Norton Rugby Club welcome all children from Years 1-6 on Sundays between 10 and 12 at the Rugby Club. Visit their website for more details.

### NCT Nearly New Sale - Sunday 25th October 11am-12.30pm

Buy and Sell: Maternity, Baby & Preschool Clothes, Toys and Equipment.

\*\*New Category\*\* 7+ Clothes and Pre-Loved School Uniform