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MINETY NEWS

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PARENT DATES

The Parent Dates Sheet for the Summer Term is attached.

MORFA BAY YEAR 6 PARENTS DROP IN

There is a Drop-in for parents of Year 6 on Wednesday 15th May at 3.30 p.m. in class 6 to find out any final information and to put forward any last minute questions reference Morfa Bay. All Year 6 parents and children are welcome.

ORIENTEERING FESTIVAL

Year 3 took part in the Orienteering Festival at Malmesbury Secondary School on Thursday 25th April and the children were a great example of brilliant team work and effort. Results are yet to come but big congratulations Year 3. Many thanks to Mrs Rayner for leading this event and all parents and staff who supported it.

NATIONAL SATS TESTS 2019

The tests for **Year 6** will take place during the week of **13th May**. Just two weeks from now – I am sure you will join us in wishing Year 6 the very best of luck. We have encouraged Year 6 to get lots of rest and relaxation and have early nights during this week and the weekend of the 11th May.

Year 2 tests this year will take place **during the month of May** – please ensure your children are in school during this period and do not have medical appointments or dental appointments or are out of school for any reason.

PTA NEWS



Minety Midnight Masquerade Ball

Wow! What can I say; it was a totally amazing night! £6100 is what we managed to raise so thank you to every one of our generous supporters! Whether you gave your time, ideas, a prize, bid on items etc. Huge thank you to everyone involved from Pete and Paul who did the catering to such a high standard and delicious feast, our auctioneers who didn't fail to delight and excite the crowd, the DJ/MC Malcolm who made us dance our socks off, the ball committee who pulled everything together, everyone who helped with the organisation, setup and clearing up and all the helpers



whether large or small. You know who you are and there are so many people to thank and so much time, effort and hard work went into the event to make it such a success. Thank you one and all, you are truly amazing!

Parents and supporters of the school you have done yourself proud and the figure raised has blown away all of our expectations. This will be put back into the school to help support all of the children with their education.

I hope everyone had a memorable night and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Thank you for being part of such a wonderful evening.

Easter Egg Raffle, Cake Sale & Easter Biscuit Decorating

What a fantastic week of activities. Everyone seemed to have a great time rolling, decorating and eating all of the different eggs throughout the week. Thank you so much for the generosity of The Old Bakehouse, Summerhouse Café, Sandra Green (Esmae's Nanna) and Waitrose Supermarket for their cake donations. They were all truly scrummy and went down a treat. All of your support throughout the week and donations meant that we managed to raise £400.

Lucky Numbers

Congratulations to the lucky winners for the April draw. They were as follows:

1st Mrs Holdway

2nd Austin Hunt

3rd Nina Marchant

PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting will be on Tuesday 7th May at 8pm at the Vale of the White Horse.

Everyone is welcome to the meeting so please do come along and show your support. If you are unable to attend any of the meetings then you can catch up with the meeting minutes on the PTA page on the school website.

Dates for your diaries

PTA meeting 7th May 8pm at the Vale of the White Horse

CLASS 4 PARENT ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 26th APRIL

A wonderful assembly took place last Friday with our youngest juniors speaking with confidence and singing with great spirit based on the class "Scrumdiddlyumptious" theme. Excellent artwork, writing in many genres (leaflets, poems and reports!) and fantastic science learning were presented with great confidence. We also had a fantastic Bake Off with Pru Leith and Paul Hollywood popping in to judge the excellent standard of baking! Well done to Class 4 especially as on the morning the microphone system had an electronic blip and despite rehearsing with micro-phones the class had to manage without – they were troopers and did this so well. Thank you to Mrs Rayner, Mrs Ockwell and Mrs Byrne for supporting the children in this lovely worship.

TEACHER TRAINING DAYS FOR 2019-20

Monday 2nd September 2019

Monday 21st October 2019

Tuesday 22nd October 2019



Wednesday 23rd October 2019
 Friday 26th June 2020

PARENT ASSEMBLY DATES SPRING AND SUMMER TERMS 2019

Class 5 – Friday 24th May – 9.00 a.m. start – Parent Show Case in Class 5

All parents, friends and family are welcome to this assembly.

ART AWARDS

We are delighted to announce that Seren Ticehurst and Lily Ambrose won prizes from the Athelstan Museum Art Competition. Carolyn Brothwood came in to present these on Tuesday of this week. Congratulations Seren and Lily.

STAFF NEWS

We are sad to announce that Sarah Brunskill our highly valued Finance Officer officially left at the end of the Easter holidays – however, she is still supporting us as we settle our new staff in so you will still see her around and about school. We are delighted to announce that George Pilley is taking on lots of the responsibility of Sarah’s post and we are interviewing next week to find the job-share administrator who will work with George. We will keep you posted in the next newsletter.

TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2019-20

The new term dates for the Academic Year 2019-20 are as follows:

In the previous three years our dates have been linked as closely as possible to the holiday dates of Malmesbury Secondary as the majority of our families have siblings there. This is to assist with the booking of holidays and to assist in child care costs. There are copies outside of the office should you want a hard copy.

For Children:

Autumn Term 1 Begins on Tuesday 3rd September 2019

Autumn Term 1 Finishes on Friday 18th October 2019

October Half Term for Children 2 weeks - Week of 21st October, Week of 28th October and returning on Monday 4th November

Autumn Term 2 Begins on Monday 4th November 2019

Autumn Term 2 Finishes on Friday 20th December 2019

Christmas Holidays for children 2 weeks beginning on Saturday 21st December and returning on Monday 6th January

Spring Term 1 Begins on Monday 6th January 2020

Spring Term 1 Finishes on Friday 14th February 2020

Spring Half-Term for children 1 week - Week of 17th February and returning on Monday 24th February

Spring Term 2 Begins on Monday 24th February 2020

Spring Term 2 Finishes on Friday 3rd April 2020

Easter Holidays for Children 2 weeks beginning on Monday 6th April 2020 and returning on Monday 20th April

Summer Term 1 Begins on Monday 20th April 2020



Summer Term 1 Finishes on Friday 22nd May 2020

Summer Half-Term for children 1 week - Week of 25th May and returning on Monday 1st June

Summer Term 2 Begins on Monday 1st June 2020

Summer Term 2 Finishes on Wednesday 22nd July 2020

Training Day Friday 26th June 2020

REMINDERS

Please ensure your child has a coat every day – just as yesterday, the weather can change so very quickly from sunny warmth to deluges of rain. So a coat is essential. Many thanks.

VISIT FROM LOUISE HUNT – PARALYMPIAN

We had an inspiring visit from Louise Hunt – marathon winner and paralympian tennis player who has represented the United Kingdom and won a silver medal. She was wonderful with the children leading an assembly and then leading workshops for the junior year groups. Thanks to Mrs Rayner for organising this and thank you to Mrs Rogers for recommending this excellent speaker after hearing her quality input.

What a wonderful welcome back, it has been wonderful to see everyone. In our first two weeks – we have worked hard and already enjoyed lots of enrichment activities. Have a great Bank Holiday Weekend.

Sally Greaves