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MINETY NEWS



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MOTHERING SUNDAY 31ST MARCH 2019

On Sunday 31ST March a Mothering Sunday Service took place at St Leonard's at 10.00 am. Volunteer juniors read poems and led prayers – the singing was joyful. Brian Senior led a wonderful celebration. As ever a warm welcome was given to all by the St Leonard's team. Thank you to Brian Senior and Ben John for leading our children and to everyone at St Leonard's for all your support.

NATIONAL SATS TESTS 2019

The tests for **Year 6** will take place during the week of **13th 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.

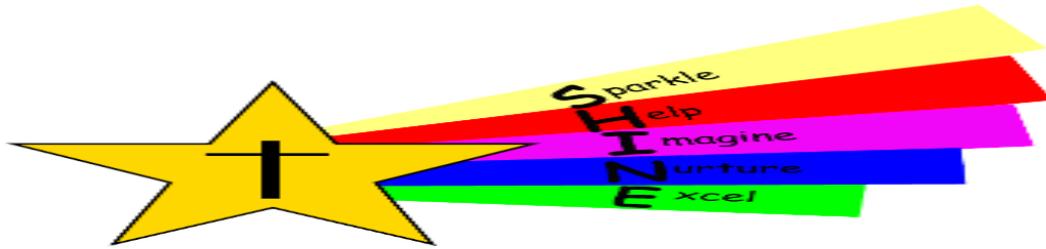
PTA NEWS

Minety Midnight Masquerade Ball

The Ball is just over 3 weeks away and there are still some tickets left. It's not exclusive to just parents at the school so feel free to invite friends and family. Please contact any of the PTA if you are interested tickets.

It's a Black Tie fun event for all with Dinner, Auction, Bar and Dancing. Don't forget your mask as there will be a prize available for the best mask. It's our biggest fundraiser of the year and we can't wait to see you all there on the 27th April 2019.

Plus, if you happen to know anyone who would be willing to donate a raffle and/or auction prize then please get in touch. Also, if you're able to help with the setting up on the Friday/Saturday and clearing up on



the Sunday then please contact the school office to put your name forward.

Ball Meeting

Please do come along as we need as many volunteers as possible to make this a successful event. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 24th April.

PTA Meeting

Given how much work will be going into the Ball over the next month or so the next PTA meeting will not be until Tuesday 7th May at 8pm at the Vale of the White Horse.

Everyone is welcome to all of the above meetings 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.

Landscape Day

What a fantastic turn out and such hard work put in by all. The school grounds are looking plucked and pruned to perfection. Thank you to everyone that came along to help.

Lucky Numbers

The lucky numbers draw for April will be on Friday 26th April. You can join the lucky numbers draw at any point during the school year whether you are a parent, grandparent, child, brother, sister etc. The cost is £1 per month per number. For further information please speak to one of the PTA Committee.

Dates for your diaries

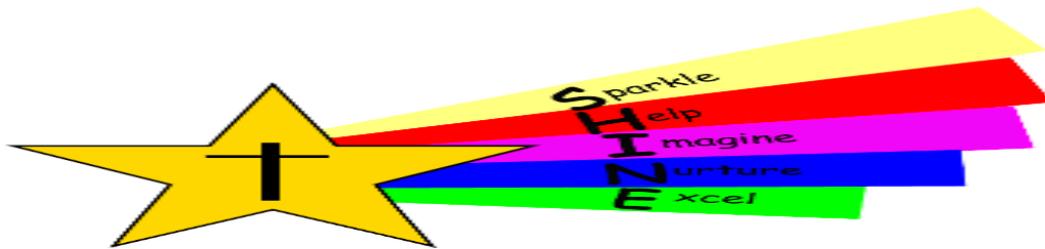
Ball meeting 24th April 8pm venue TBC
Annual Ball 27th April 7pm at the Village Hall
PTA meeting 7th May 8pm at the Vale of the White Horse

CLASS 1 PARENT ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 29TH MARCH

A wonderful assembly took place last Friday with our youngest children speaking with confidence and singing with great spirit. Beautiful pictures of mums were shown and stories were retold – the trolls and the Billy Goats performed with great aplomb. Well done to all of our youngest children. Thank you to Mrs Madeley, Mrs Holdway and Mrs Horlick 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 4 – Friday 26th April – 9.00 a.m. start - **Please note this date has changed –sorry for any inconvenience**

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

All parents, friends and family are welcome to these assemblies.

EASTER THEME WEEK

We have enjoyed the most wonderful Easter theme week which culminated in the classes sharing their learning with each other. Key events from Palm Sunday through to the resurrection of Christ were explored with some wonderful art, writing and creative learning on show for all of us to enjoy. Thank you to all our talented teachers for leading their classes in this.

On top of this School Council organised an egg raffle whilst we also decorated eggs and rolled eggs. Great fun was had by all but with the most marvellous learning being achieved as well!

HIGHWAYS ENGLAND AWARD

We are delighted to announce that Poppy Watts won a prize from Highways England for an excellent report that she wrote after visiting their Highways Headquarters in Bristol along with the science club and Mrs Madeley. Congratulations Poppy.

A MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNORS

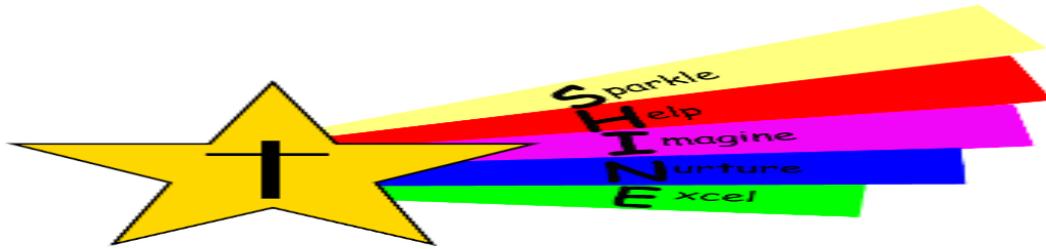
Following the recent parent survey, the results highlighted that the role and responsibilities of the Governing Body were perhaps not as fully understood as we would like. So, here is a short summary of what we do.

The role of the Governing Body is to oversee and support the school in providing the best possible education for its pupils. The school governors set the school's aims and policies together with the headteacher, who is responsible for the day-to-day management of the school. The Governing Body, as a whole, is responsible for any decisions made on behalf of the school and is made up of four committees which cover all aspects of the school:

- Finance & Premises
- Curriculum
- Pay & Personnel
- Christian Ethos

The Full Governing Body (FGB) meets once a term and each committee meets as often as they need too (at least once a term). There are 13 Governors with various classifications (Local Authority, Co-opted, Parent, Foundation and Staff). All are volunteers and do not get paid for the work they do.

For this academic year, the Chair of Governors is Sally Maynard-Smith and the Clerk to Governors is Georgina Pilley.



You can find out about Who is Who in the Governors, read the Annual Governance Statement and check the attendance at meetings and also read our Chair' Person's Welcome on the website.

Our website address is <http://www.minety.wilts.sch.uk/governors> but google Minety School and look for the Governors' heading and you will find it.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at:

governors@minety.wilts.sch.uk or drop a note in at the office addressed to Sally Maynard Smith or talk with one of our Governors when you meet them out and about.

STAFF NEWS

We are delighted to verify that after meeting us all and a full day of lesson observations, written tasks and interview we have secured an excellent teacher for Class 6 and the SLT position. David Trendell is joining us from Holy Trinity Academy in Calne. David is currently working in Year 3 as he has sought experience across the age ranges but is an experienced Years 5 and 6 teacher and has excellent references. We look forward to him joining us in September 2019.

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

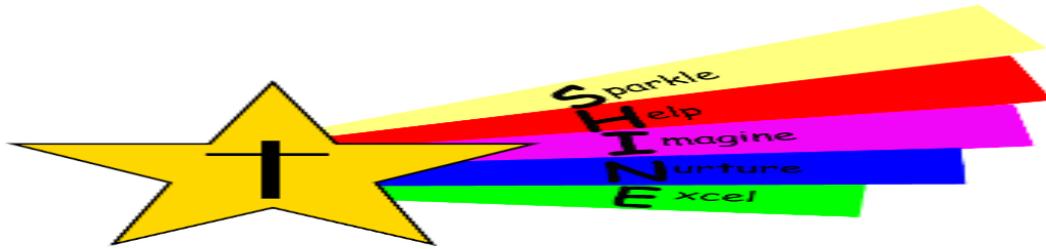
Christmas Holidays for children 2 weeks beginning on Saturday 21st December and returning on Monday 6th January

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

Thank you to everyone who does make the effort to park safely at picking up and going home time – this is to keep everyone safe.

Thank you for reminding your children to stay with you on the playground at pick up time. We really appreciate your help in this area.

PARENT CONSULTATION EVENINGS – TUESDAY 30TH APRIL AND THURSDAY 2ND MAY

Remember to sign up for the Parent Consultation Evenings if you have not managed to do so already! The sign up slips are on the doors or contact the office if you can't get in to school.



LANDSCAPING DAY

On Saturday 24th March we got together to tidy up the school grounds. What a difference – lots of planting, weeding and pruning took place! Thank you to our wonderful PTA for the refreshments and to all parents and families for your help. Thank you to Mr John, Mrs Madeley for their support and especially to Mrs Smith who led this event.

What a wonderful half-term – we have worked hard and enjoyed lots of enrichment activities. Have a well-deserved Easter rest.

Sally Greaves