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# MINETY NEWS

Minety C of E Primary School's Newsletter  
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“Sparkle,  
Help,  
Imagine  
Nurture  
Excel”



## MOTHERING SUNDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2019

On Sunday 31<sup>ST</sup> March a Mothering Sunday Service will take place at St Leonard's at 10.00 am. Volunteer juniors will read poems and lead prayers and all are invited to this wonderful service – our Infant children will know the songs that we have been practising in school. All families and friends are welcome.

## NATIONAL SATS TESTS 2019

The tests for **Year 6** will take place during the week of **13<sup>th</sup> May**.

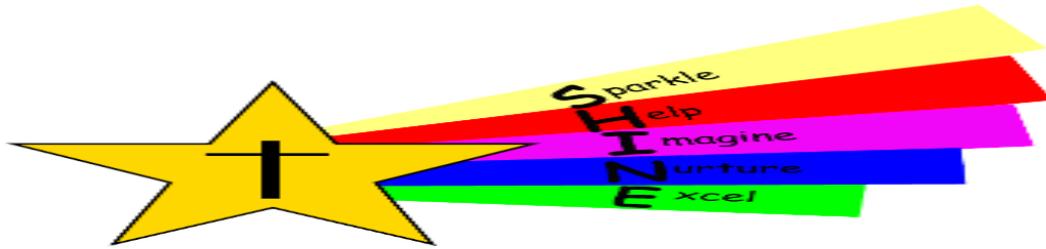
**Year 2** tests this year will take place **during the month of May** – please ensure your children are in school during this period and do not have medical appointments or dental appointments or are out of school for any reason.

## TERRIFIC TRIP TO CADBURY'S WORLD BIRMINGHAM

The trip to the Cadbury's World took place last Friday and the children saw a history of the Cadbury Factory, vats of chocolate and found out how it was made as well as finding out about the origins of chocolate. Thank you to Mrs Rayner and Mrs Freer for organising this trip and to all parents and staff who helped on this trip.

## ATHELSTAN MUSEUM ART SHOW

On Saturday (23<sup>rd</sup> March) and Sunday (24<sup>th</sup> March) the Athelstan Museum Art Exhibition is on display in the The Julia and Hans Rausing Building (The Moravian Church) which is behind the Town Hall, on the corner of Oxford Street and Holloway Street in Malmesbury between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. A huge well-done to



Seren Ticehurst and Lily Ambrose for gaining third prizes in their respective age groups. They have done amazingly well as there were over 300 entries. Other entries from Minety children along with other entrants will also be on display or displayed in a special file. Some children will also have gained the highly commended accolade as the quality of the work entered was phenomenal. Everyone is welcome to this free event.

### PTA NEWS

#### **Minety Midnight Masquerade Ball**

Ticket sales are in full swing. We will be selling them on different days each week so keep an eye out for the parent mail reminder or alternatively, contact one of the PTA directly for 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 the 2<sup>nd</sup> April and 24<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm at the Vale of the White Horse.

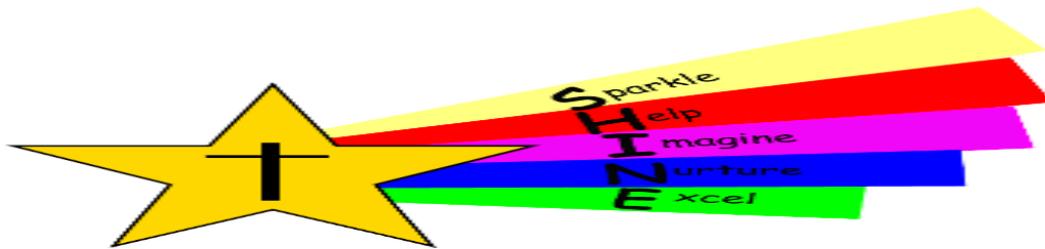
Everyone is welcome to all of the above meetings so please do come along and show your support. If you are unable to attend any of the meetings then you can catch up with the meeting minutes on the PTA page on the school website.

#### **Landscape Day**

Just a reminder that the garden tidy up at the school will be taking place on Saturday 23rd March from 10am to 1pm. You will have seen posters around the school and all the children are very excited.

This is a morning for children, parents, grandparents and siblings to come along and lend a hand giving the school garden areas a spruce up. This is an exciting opportunity for the children to come along to the school on a non-school day and even ride their scooters in school!

No prior gardening required but a willingness to muck in is a must and if you have any gardening tools, gloves etc then please bring them along too. The PTA will be keeping everyone fuelled with free cakes and refreshments throughout the morning. There will be penny sweets available to buy for children (and adults) so bring any loose change you might have.



### **Easter Egg Raffle, Cake Sale & Easter Biscuit Decorating**

Please could we ask for donations of all shapes and sizes of Easter Eggs for the children from Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March. The School Council will be holding a raffle throughout the following week and tickets can be bought for £1 each (by children/parents/grandparents). The draw for the raffle will take place on the 5<sup>th</sup> April when the children will be able to take home their prizes and are guaranteed a prize.

This year the PTA will be holding a cake sale after school (weather permitting outside otherwise it will be in the hall) on the last day of term, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April. Also, Rosie Holdway will be holding an Easter Biscuit Decorating Stall alongside the PTA to celebrate the end of term.

After all the amazing support she received last year, this summer she will be going on a Skydive raising money for The Children's Society. Please come along and show your support.

### **Lucky Numbers**

The lucky numbers draw for March will be on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March. 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**

Landscaping Day 23<sup>rd</sup> March 10am to 1pm  
 Ball meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> April 8pm venue TBC  
 Easter Egg Raffle, Cake Sale & Easter Biscuit Decorating 5<sup>th</sup> April  
 Ball meeting 24<sup>th</sup> April 8pm venue TBC  
 Annual Ball 27<sup>th</sup> April  
 PTA meeting 7<sup>th</sup> May 8pm at the Vale of the White Horse

### **RED NOSE VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION NON-UNIFORM DAY**

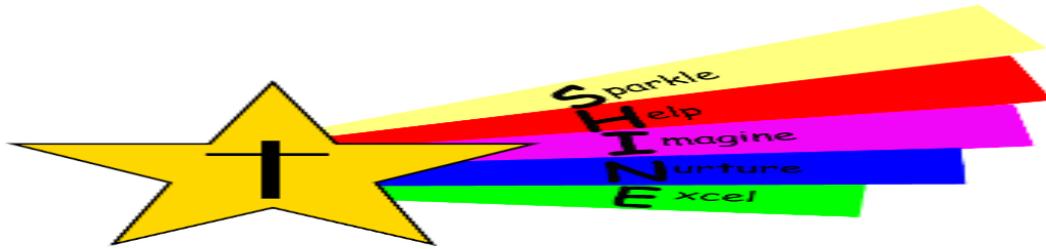
Last Friday the children raised £109.85 for Red Nose Day by wearing non-uniform. Thank you to everyone for your support for this very worthwhile charity.

### **TEACHER TRAINING DAYS FOR 2019-20**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019  
 Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019  
 Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2019  
 Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019  
 Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020

### **PARENT ASSEMBLY DATES SPRING AND SUMMER TERMS 2019**

Class 1 – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – 9.00 a.m. start  
 Class 4 – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April – 9.00 a.m. start - **Please note this date has changed –sorry for any inconvenience**  
 Class 5 – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – 9.00 a.m. start – Parent Show Case in Class 5



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

STAFF NEWS

We are delighted to announce that a large number of very high quality applicants looked around our school and put in applications for the Year 5/6 and SLT Teacher September vacancy. On Tuesday after a lengthy short-listing our Governors and I chose the candidates who will be interviewed next week. We will keep you all posted on how this proceeds.

Some other staff news is that Sarah Brunskill our wonderful Finance Officer is leaving us to have more time with her family – she has plans to travel with her husband and has secured a seasonal post that will allow this. More information about the 16 hours administration vacancy will be available on Tuesday of next week. If you are interested in this role pop into the office to find out more details and look out for the details of this position when it is advertised via Parent Mail and on the website.

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 21<sup>st</sup> October, Week of 28<sup>th</sup> October and returning on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Autumn Term 2 Begins on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Autumn Term 2 Finishes on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Christmas Holidays for children 2 weeks beginning on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December and returning on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> 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

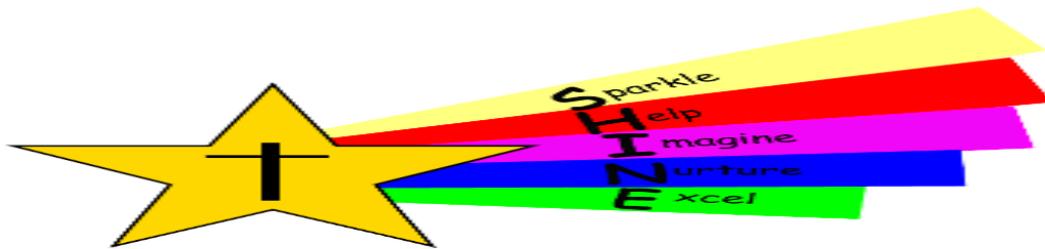
Spring Term 2 Begins on Monday 24th February 2020

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 20<sup>th</sup> April

Summer Term 1 Begins on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Summer Term 1 Finishes on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020



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

Summer Term 2 Begins on Monday 1st June 2020

Summer Term 2 Finishes on Wednesday 22nd July 2020

Training Day Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020

#### REMINDERS

Thank you to everyone who does make the effort to park safely at dropping off and going home time – this is to keep everyone safe. If you are running late or the weather is bad-

- Please be careful where you park and remember the Zig Zag lines by our gates and areas close to junctions could cause an accident if you park there. This could be an accident that could injure one of our children.
- Please remember you can park with ease in the Playing Field Car Park for no cost.
- Please also be assured that if you do run late no child would be left on her/his own – the child would go back to class or the office area.

#### BIG BANG FESTIVAL

Years 5 and 6 enjoyed a tremendous Science event at Birmingham last Thursday. There were so many hands-on exhibits and it was a truly fantastic event. The children were a credit – taking turns and being patient about what activities they took part in as the crowds there were phenomenal. The range and complexity of what was on offer was impressive. The level of the intelligent questions that the children posed and the focus that they showed along with their confidence and co-operative skills were commented on. Thank you to Mr Woodhouse, Mrs Kerslake and Mrs Madeley for accompanying and to Mr John for leading the event. Extra thanks to Mr Woodhouse for securing funding from Dysons to support the children in this fantastic opportunity.

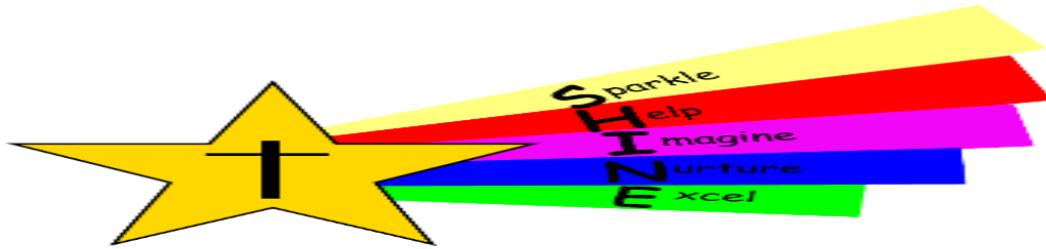
#### FANTASTIC FOOTBALL RESULT

The Years 3 and 4 Football teams gained two fantastic results with our two teams gaining 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> positions. Our first team just missed out on a first place in a penalty shoot-out and so we are extremely proud of all of our children. The teams played with great skill, sportsmanship and team spirit. A special thanks to Mr Dudding who coached the team and to Mr Wells, Mr Nijhar and Mrs Williams who supported the teams on the day. Additional thanks to Mrs Rayner who accompanied the teams.



#### LANDSCAPING DAY

Tomorrow on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. we will get together and tidy up the school grounds. Bring along your tools (spades, forks, wheelbarrows, plastic trugs, secateurs, and clippers), enthusiasm and the family! Children are allowed to bring bikes, scooters, trikes etc. to use on the playground



as a one off experience. Any time donated is really appreciated and will make such a difference to our school grounds.

There has been so much going on at school that has enhanced the curriculum for the children. It is also such a pleasure that spring is now truly in the air! Have a lovely weekend.

Sally Greaves