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MINETY NEWS

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THE SCIENCE OF BEES

We were very fortunate to receive an assembly and free lower junior workshops from Gary Packer reference the science of the honey bee. Children found out many fascinating science facts, information about the care of bees and saw how bees are cared for. All children had the opportunity, if they so wished, at lunchtime to talk with Gary and observe his bees. Thank you so much to Gary for coming to our school to present so enthusiastically on this fascinating subject. Thank you to Mrs Madeley for organising this.

MALMESBURY CLUSTER TENNIS FESTIVALS

Well done to our lower junior and upper junior tennis teams. They played with great team spirit and behaved immaculately – so much so that at a meeting in Malmesbury School I was congratulated on how the teams behaved. Both teams achieved a 5th place in a large competition. Well done, Maison Affleck, Lilly Gill, Lily Miller, Jasper Keck, Amelia Byrne, Adam Bott, Harry Andrews and Amelia Dow. Thank you Mrs Byrne and Mrs Miller who accompanied the children.

NATIONAL SATS TESTS 2019

Year 6 have focussed so very hard this week on their tests and worked with great calmness and composure. Well done Year 6 – we are all very proud of you.

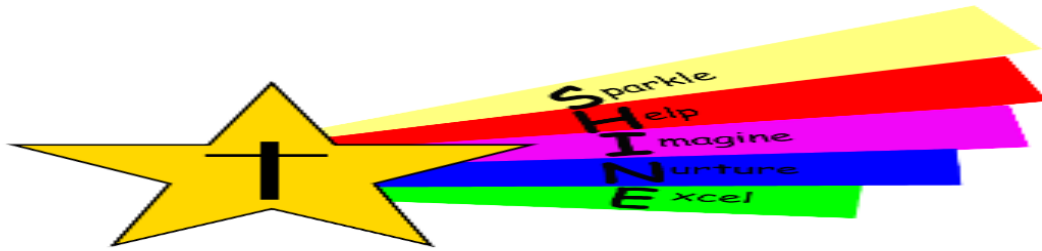
Year 2 tests this year will take place **during the month of May** – please ensure your children are in school during this period and do not have medical appointments or dental appointments or are out of school for any reason.

PTA NEWS

We will be taking a little breather for the month of May but as you can see from below there will be plenty of activities and events planned for June/July so get the dates in your diaries so you don't miss out.

School Disco

Please save the date as this will be the end of year school disco and open to all years – Friday 14th June 6pm-7.30pm. Further details and registration forms will be sent out at the beginning of June.



Non-uniform Day

Friday 21st June will be non-uniform day and marks the start of the Jam Jar collections (to be filled with treats) in payment for non-uniform, alternatively you can pay £1, but the filled jars will be of great help for the Summer fair Tombola.

Crudwell 24hr Bike Ride

This will be taking place from noon on Saturday 22nd until noon on Sunday 23rd June. The children are welcome to take part and do as much or as little as they like. Please speak to the school office and/or Lilia Woodhouse if any of your children are interested in taking part.

This really is a fun day out and even if you don't want to take part you can go along and support. Further details will be in the newsletter at the beginning of June.

Match Funding

Please could we ask everyone to investigate with their employers to see whether this is something that they would be willing to consider with one of our forthcoming planned events? It really could make a huge difference!

This is something that we would like everyone to look into and have taken the following from the Parentkind website to explain in more detail. Match giving or match funding is a simple way of maximising the fundraising efforts of your individual PTA volunteers. It is an informal albeit corporate arrangement between a company and their employee. Not all companies offer matched funding but those that do will pledge a sum of money relating to the amount their employee has raised or donated to the charity of their choice. Some organisations will match fund on a £ for £ basis, others will stipulate what they are prepared to give.

Sports Day

The school sports day will be on the 25th June in the morning. The PTA will be organising refreshments - tea/coffee/cakes/ice lollies etc and if anyone is willing to help out then please let us know.

Summer Fair

The Summer Fair will be held on Friday 28th June 5-7pm. There will be a BBQ and refreshments, beat the goalie, lucky dip, sweet wheel, hair braiding, face painting, book stall and many more fun activities for the whole family. If there are parents who can assist in setting up on the day and/or running a stall, we would be very grateful.

Minety Music Festival volunteers

The festival is looking for volunteers to help out over the weekend. If any parents, friends or family are able to lend a hand then please let the school office and/or Lilia Woodhouse know.

Junior Summer Productions

The school will be running their annual Junior Productions on the 17th and 18th July. The PTA will be running a bar and refreshments on both nights. If there are parents who can assist on the night then please let us know.



PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting will be on Wednesday 5th June 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 5th June 8pm at the Vale of the White Horse
- School Disco 14th June 5.30-7pm
- Crudwell Bike Ride 22nd/23rd June
- Sports Day 25th June
- Summer Fair 28th June 5-7pm
- Minety Music Festival 5th/6th/7th July
- Junior Summer Productions 17th/18th July in the evening

FUND-RAISER – BRISTOL CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL

Natasha and Nell Kinch are raising money for the Bristol Children’s Hospital after the hospital provided excellent care and treatment for their daughter. Natasha is cycling to Land’s End to Bristol from 19th to 22nd September 2019 in just four days so will raise sponsorship in this way. The Kinchs are also organising a charity auction and raffle on Saturday 22nd June – 5.00 p.m. onwards at Minety RFC and hope you could support them by purchasing some raffle tickets or attending. For more information please see the Facebook Event **Auction and Raffle Fundraiser for Bristol Children’s Hospital** or catch one of the Kinchs to buy a ticket or two!

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

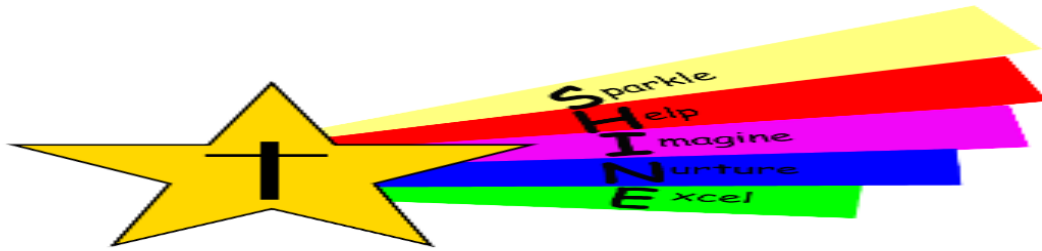
PARENT ASSEMBLY DATES SUMMER TERM 2019

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.

STAFF NEWS

We are delighted to announce that Katie Henderson will be joining us very soon as a part of our office team. We are very much looking forward to Katie joining us.



CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS MADELEY

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Madeley has won the Regional Enthuse Award for Excellence in STEM Primary teaching and now goes through to the National Awards Competition in London. You may have spotted how many brilliant activities Mrs Madeley has organised in School and within the Malmesbury Science Partnership – examples are the science club, trips to Highways England, representations at the Malmesbury School Science Festival and workshops from the Highways England team focussing on Smart roads, autonomous cars, rock cycles, Lego Mindstorm and science in bees. The children have had the most wonderful opportunities – all due to the hard work of Mrs Madeley liaising, organising and giving up much of her free time to bring about these most fantastic opportunities. Thank you to Highways England – especially Gary Packer and to Dr Beggs from Malmesbury who has led the Enthuse Partnership and of course to Mrs Madeley. Good luck Mrs Madeley!

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

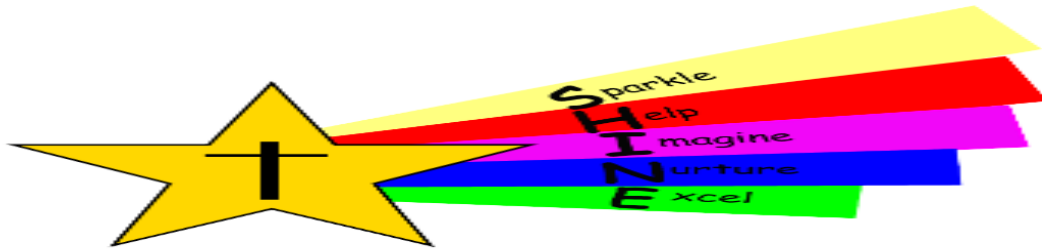
Spring Term 1 Finishes on Friday 14th February 2020

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

MALMESBURY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS AND OPEN EVENING 2019 FOR CURRENT YEAR 5 PARENTS (2020 entry)

The staff and students of Malmesbury School would like to invite Year 5 parents to visit the school early in the new academic year. Malmesbury believe that parents should see the school 'in full swing' in September when they have their full complement of students rather than in June when their sixth form and Year 11 students have left.

The school will be open throughout the day on **Tuesday 17 September and Wednesday 18 September and during the morning of Thursday 19 September 2019** when senior staff will be giving tours for parents to see the school 'at work' and there will be an opportunity to talk through any questions you may have. Although this may seem early to be thinking about September 2019, the deadline for applications to Wiltshire County Council for a secondary school place is **31 October 2019**.

In addition, the school will be open on the **evening of Thursday 19 September 2019**. There will be an introductory talk to parents and pupils during that evening and as we usually have more parents than we can comfortably accommodate in the hall, the talk will be given twice. Malmesbury normally request parents to attend at a specific time - either 6.00 pm or 7.00 pm – according to the primary school their son or daughter attends.

Early in September, further details of the Open Days including details of how to book a tour of the school and the Open Evening will be sent.

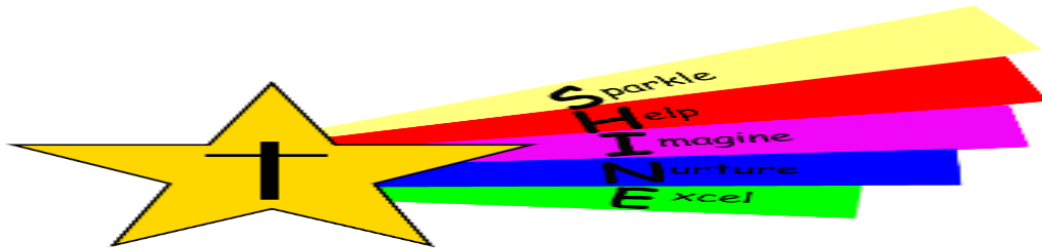
SONGWRITING AND COMPOSITION COURSE

Joe De Berker – the manager of Rhythm Instinct and Instinct Sounds which provides our drumming tuition has sent the following message.

“I am writing to you to let you know about a song writing/composition course I've set up in Chippenham at the Instinct Sounds studio.

Dates are from 11th June to 16th July from 6-7pm.

The course is primarily for any musicians under 18 years of age, you don't need to read or have taken exams, just be serious about developing your musical skills and want to work with other musicians.



Over 6 weeks explore song writing and learn skills in small groups to help develop and create your own songs. The course will be booked on a termly basis but will be on-going so students can book on for further terms in the future.

The course will be led by Tammy Payne. Tammy has much experience as a songwriter, bandleader, musician and teacher. She has released materials on Warner Bros & Takin Loud, performed on Jools Holland and taught at BIMM (Brighton institute of Modern Music) to name but a few of her many achievements.

The course is subsidised by Wiltshire Music Connect so initially is available at the fantastic price of £12 for 6 sessions.

If any adults are interested, do get in touch.”

If you'd like to find out more or book a place please let the office know by 31st May and they will give you Joe's contact details.

REMINDERS

Lost Property has been put on display in the playground since yesterday – there is a great deal of unnamed property with many garments. This will be disposed of, if not collected by the last day of term. Please have a look!

Please do not bring your dogs into the school grounds – there are notices reminding you of this. Some children are frightened of dogs and some just get very excited to see a dog and forget to keep their distance so it is best to keep your dogs at home. Many thanks for your help in this.

What a very busy and packed half-term to date – full of learning and enrichment. The sunshine this week has also been an added bonus! Enjoy the weekend.

Sally Greaves