

MINETY NEWS



Minety C of E Primary School's Newsletter
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Help,
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DATES

SEE ATTACHED LIST OF DATES

A WARM WELCOME TO YOU ALL

As well as stating how glad we are to see you all back at Minety School after the Summer break, we warmly welcome the following children and their family who have joined Minety School: **Harry and Jack Andrews**

A special welcome also to all our new children in Reception including: **Grace, Sebastian, Paul, Jessaca, Jenny, Ava, Samuel, Riley, Aimee, Nina, Evie, Jamie, Finley, Dulcie, Seren, Isla, Jack, April and Sofia.**

A special welcome to our New Families whose children join us for the first time – the **Booths, Bucklands, Cusworths, Grahams, Merchants, Mullens, Parkers, Selbys, Ticehurts, Van Eadys and the Willis family.**

We hope you enjoy Minety School.

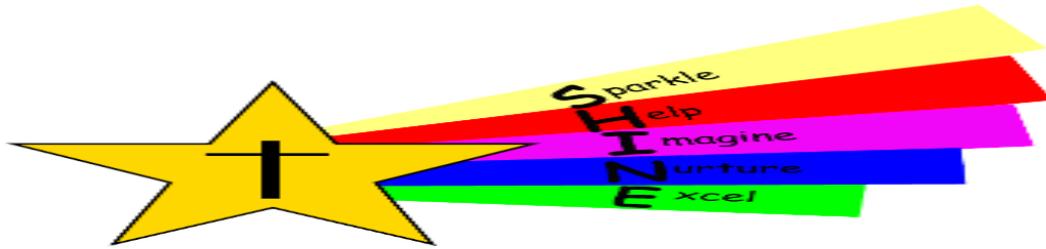


Generous End of Year Thank You Gifts

Many thanks to all of you who so generously gave me gifts last year. I so appreciate your generosity and kindness. I cannot write to let you all personally know how much I appreciate your thoughtfulness, as there were so many gifts but thank you, thank you, thank you. – Sally Greaves

Reminder about Holidays

Revised procedures have just been issued by County around taking holidays in term time. Our Governing Body's decision not to allow any type of holiday (including those parents whose work place does not permit a holiday in the School Holiday period) remains the advice issued by Wiltshire. It remains very clear:



NO HOLIDAY CAN BE PERMITTED DURING THE SCHOOL TERM

There is only one differing circumstance – exceptional compassionate grounds.

However, there are a number of forms that have now been issued along with further advice on the way that fines are administered. This comprehensive information will be sent out to you on Tuesday 12th September and it will then be posted on the website.

NUT ALLERGY

A reminder that children in Minety School have nut allergies including one child who has a severe nut allergy. Please make sure no nut products are sent into school – please check foods, sandwiches and snacks sent in for lunch time and break time.

MEET AND GREET PARENT DROP-IN THURSDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 3.30 – 5.00 p.m.

All parents are welcome to drop in and have an informal chat with class teachers on Thursday 14th September at 3.30 p.m. until 5.00 p.m. – this is a chance to see how children have settled into their new classes. Formal Parent Consultation Evenings will take place on Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th November.



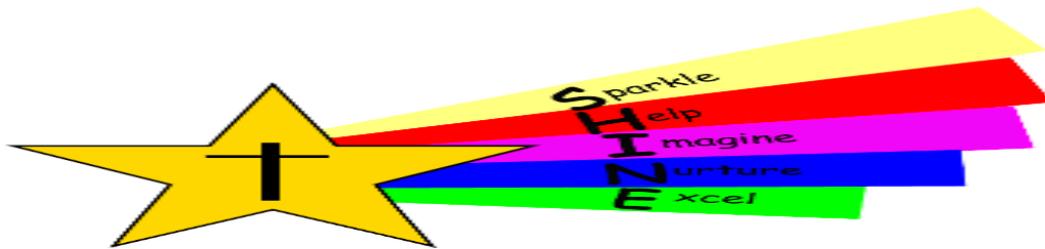
PTA NEWS



Welcome back – we will be updating you with latest events very soon.

Please remember to register with The Giving Machine, it is a totally free way to give to the PTA, shop online and those shops will donate a % of what you spend to us.





TEACHER TRAINING DAYS FOR 2017-18

On these days children are not in school: **Monday 16th October 2017**, Tuesday 17th October 2017, and **Wednesday 18th October 2017**

Monday 19th February 2018

We finish the academic year on Wednesday 25th July 2018

It is a day earlier than previously noted – please note this date change.

NATIONAL SATS TESTS 2018

The tests for Years 6 take place during the week of 14th May – please ensure your children are in school during this week and do not have medical appointments or dental appointments or are out of school for any reason.

At present it is proposed but not yet confirmed that Year 2 will undertake their tests and be assessed during the month of May 2018.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 6 CHILDREN

This now needs to be done directly to Wiltshire Council by 31st October – there is opportunity to do this on-line or via the forms (four of which are available in the office). The County are keen to encourage on-line applications.

RECEPTION APPLICATIONS FOR PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN JOINING MINETY SCHOOL IN 2018 - 19

This needs to be done directly to Wiltshire Council by Monday 15th January – there is opportunity to do this on-line or via the forms (a number of which are available in the office). The County are keen to encourage on-line applications

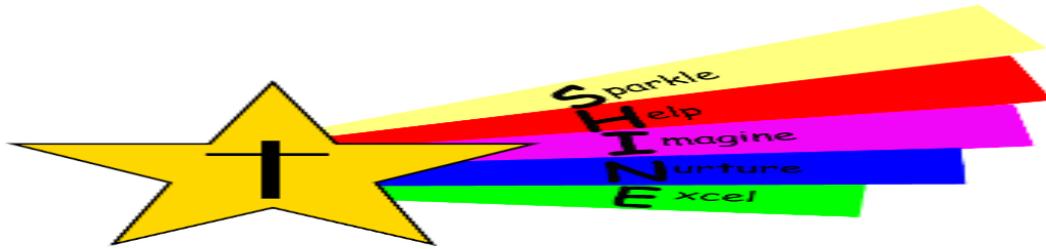
REMINDERS

Please send your child in with at least a light weight coat (preferably waterproof) as the weather remains very changeable.

P.E. kit needs to be in school every day for children to take full advantage of games/ P.E. sessions. Plimsolls are required for indoor P.E. and trainers for outdoor games. **Trainers** are essential for lessons on the new all-weather pitch. All uniform, coats and P.E. kit need to be clearly named.

Children should not be on the Trim Trail or in this area when they leave their classes to join you at the end of the school day as it is not safe.

Please ensure children think of others as they depart and arrive at school. Children should push scooters and bikes into the playground as it is such a busy place. Please can you also supervise your children on the pathways and roadways around the school.



Many thanks for your support last year – all of us at Minety Primary C of E School were delighted with the commitment, enthusiasm for learning and high results that the children achieved. Our children are a pleasure to teach and it was wonderful to observe their excitement on their return to school on Monday and the joy of greeting all of us in school. We are looking forward to an exciting and stimulating 2017 – 2018.

Sally Greaves