

MINETY NEWS



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



Thank you to everyone who donated money to the poppy appeal and thank you to all of our older children who collected on behalf of the British Legion. A particular thanks to our oldest school councillors Enzo Mussell and Eirllys Jones who have been responsible for this.

Remember that the two minute silence will take place at the War Memorial at 11.00 a.m. on Saturday 11th November - all families are welcome and when the silence falls on a Friday children have been used to attending – so please attend if you can.

PARENT WORSHIP DATES

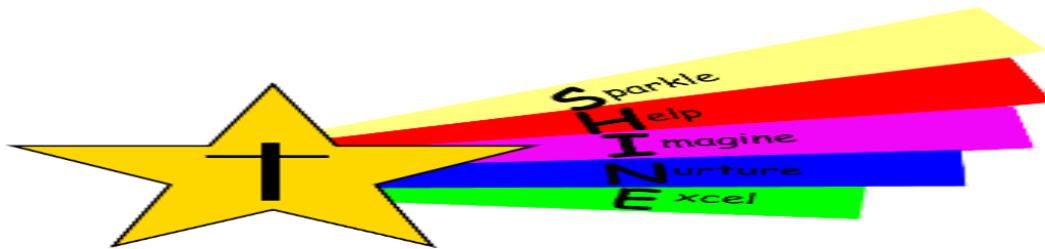
Thank you to Year R Owls Class 1 who last Friday shared their wonderful learning about Autumn, and People Who Help Them. The wonderful Owl pictures, the singing and clear speaking was very impressive for such young children. Well done Class 1! Thank you Mrs Madeley and Mrs Holdway for leading this.

The Space Lab Showcase was also an amazing event on the last Friday of term. All parents and all of the children in school thoroughly enjoyed such an amazing range of activities giving us all so much information about Space. Well done Years 6 and 5 Newts Class 6. Thank you to Mr John, Mrs Griffin and Mrs Dudding for facilitating this.

Today Year 2 wowed us with their worship – a write up will follow in the next newsletter.

Please come and join us for our other Parent Worship. The following dates are booked:

Friday 24th November – Years 4 and 5 Class 5
Friday 8th December – Years 3 Kingfisher Class 4



Please note the change of date for the Christmas Pageant for years 2 – 6 at St Leonard’s Church which will now take place on Tuesday 19th December at 2.00 pm. Apologies for this but it is due to a clash of dates at St Leonards.

HARVEST HARVEST HARVEST



HARVEST FESTIVAL 10.00 A.M. – SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER AT ST LEONARD’S CHURCH

This was a wonderful community service. Junior volunteers read poems and prayers – they also sang beautifully. The quality of the readings, drama and singing was exceptional. Brian Senior led us all in a thought provoking service. There were also many donations of dried and tinned goods that were donated to the Malmesbury Food Bank and the Doorway Homeless Charity based in Chippenham. Thank you everyone who kindly donated so many contributions. Thank you also to Miranda Shirnia who led the children in their drama and to Ben John and Brian Senior who helped the children with their singing. Heartfelt thanks to all at St Leonard’s for our warm welcome and especially to Brian Senior who led this lovely service.

CHILDREN IN NEED DAY – FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

A letter will be flying your way from School Council as our children have decided on some fun activities to raise money for this very worthy cause.

Children need to dress like Pudsey or Blush Bear for the day – brown or yellow clothes with bear accessories will be very eye-catching. There are small prizes for the best costumes. For the shyer children a “home clothes” version in brown, yellow or a combination of colours will be most welcome. A small voluntary donation is requested for the privilege.

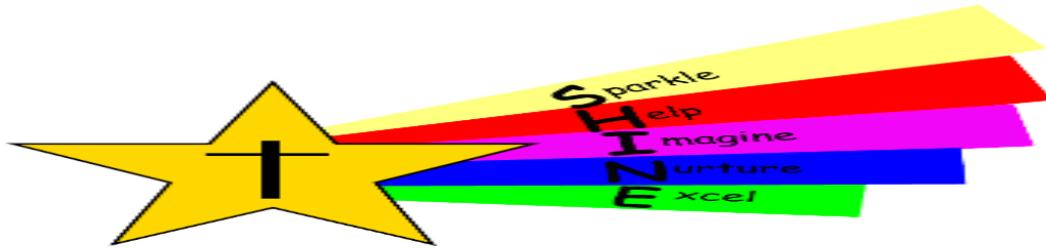
Cakes will be on sale and face painting (for those who have no skin allergies) and would like to be a part of this will take place during break times. Further details of suggested costs will follow soon from School Council. Any donations of cakes – home-made or shop-bought (**that do not contain nuts**) will be most gratefully received.



PTA NEWS



Please remember to register for Popcorn Club by next Wednesday 22nd November. We are showing “SING” and “Despicable Me 3” next Friday 24th November.



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.



PARENT CONSULTATION MEETINGS

Thank you to all parents who attended – it was an excellent turn out. If you did not manage to attend a meeting get in touch with the relevant teacher either by talking with them or via the office to book an alternative meeting time.

INTERESTING VISITS

The Blue Cross Dogs' Trust volunteer Maureen Wheeler will be leading a Remembrance Worship on Monday 13th November – this will focus on the role of dogs in times of war. If you feel you can support the charity by sparing a few pennies or by donating dried or tinned dog food. (A penny collecting “Bone” was sent home earlier this week.) The Blue Cross Dogs' Trust will be very grateful for any donations.

Thank you to also to Mr Palframan for coming last term to the Reception Owls Class 1 to talk about, introduce and demonstrate how police dogs help us – the children really appreciated this wonderful opportunity.

NO WAKE AND SHAKE ON WEDNESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER

Due to a special introduction to the Lord's Prayer with activities for the juniors there will be no Wake and Shake on Wednesday 15th November for one week only.

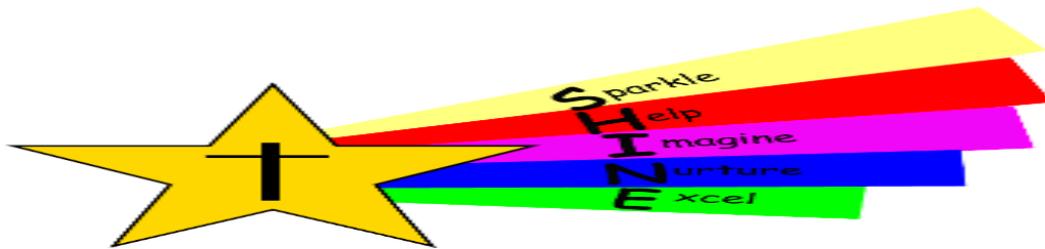
REMAINING TEACHER TRAINING DAYS FOR 2017-18

The children are not in school on:

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.

YEAR 6 MORFA BAY PARENT INFORMATION EVENING 9TH OCTOBER AND YEARS 5, 4 AND 3 LIDDINGTON PARENT INFORMATION EVENING 1ST NOVEMBER

Thank you to the many parents who attended these meetings – packs have been sent out if you did not manage to attend and collect your pack. Please contact Mrs Brown in the office if you need any more information or did not receive your pack. Confirmation of commitment for your child to attend needs to be made by the following deadline:

Friday 10th November – Year 6 Morfa Bay

Thursday 16th November Years 3, 4 and 5 PGL Liddington

TERRIFIC TOPS FESTIVAL

Year 3 children represented Minety at the TOPs Festival at Malmesbury Secondary on Wednesday. They were great ambassadors for us showing enthusiasm and great team spirit. Well done Year 3. Thank you to Mrs Dudding and Mrs Williams who helped lead the children and provided lifts.

AMAZING ARCHERY FOR YEARS 5 & 6

A free session of archery took place for Years 5 and 6 on Thursday 2nd November. This will also take place for lower juniors very soon at a date to be confirmed. Cotswold Range are hoping to run an after school archery club on Wednesdays after school. More details will follow very soon if they have not been already sent out.

FOOD ALLERGY

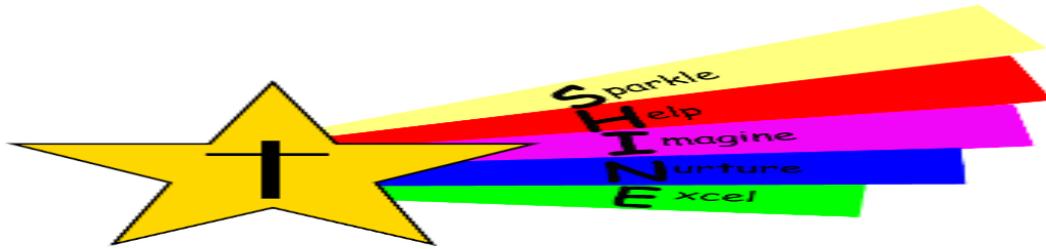
We have children who have a severe nut allergy in the school. Please remember to double check all products – you will be amazed what has nuts in it. This needs to be done for all packed lunch products and snacks.

REMINDER

Please remember that your child needs to have a coat in school every day this term as the weather has become so cold.

DECORATING

A big thank you to Gavin Filkins and his team for making the school look so smart over the half term holiday. They have done a very good make over and have given most areas a new lease of life.



ON A FINAL SERIOUS NOTE – CHARLES COOK, CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL AND VOLUNTEER FOR THE MINETY COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH TEAM HAS SUBMITTED THIS VERY IMPORTANT ARTICLE FOR EVERYONE TO NOTE AND ACTION

Whose Child is going to get Killed?

The bus stop outside school is there to provide a safe stopping area to allow the children to alight safely. When the bus stop is full of cars it has to wait on the road. The danger is then increased when the parked cars won't wait and pull out round the bus and into traffic coming round the blind bend.

Please park with consideration for other parents and their children and for other road users. There is plenty of parking in the Playing Fields car park, only a short walk to School. The road may be crossed quite safely opposite Sawyers Hill.

It has been a lovely first fortnight – the children are positive, enthusiastic and keen to learn. We are looking forward to a wonderful Autumn Term 2.

Sally Greaves