

MINETY NEWS

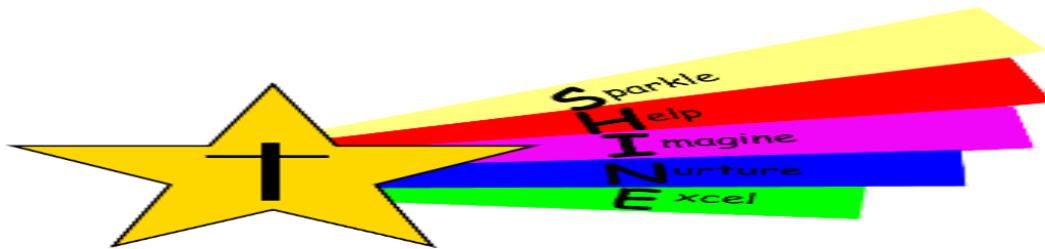


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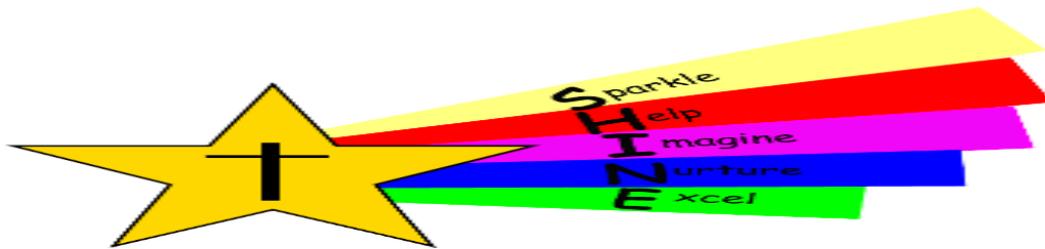
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DIARY DATES FOR CHRISTMAS

<p>Monday 11th December</p>	<p>1.30 pm</p>	<p>Children from Classes 3 to 5 will watch the <u>final dress rehearsal</u> of our Year R and Year 1 Christmas Nativity Play. Pre-school children are also invited to attend.</p>
<p>Tuesday 12th December</p> 	<p>1.30 p.m.</p>	<p>Christmas Nativity Play (Classes 1 and 2) - tickets required. Refreshments of tea and cakes will be available.</p>
<p>Wednesday 13th December</p> 	<p>11.55 a.m.</p>	<p>Christmas Lunch – please note the information on ordering lunch (later in newsletter.) Only sandwich alternatives (rather than hot take away food) are permitted if you are not ordering lunch for your child(ren.)</p>
<p>Wednesday 13th December</p> 	<p>6.00 p.m.</p>	<p>Christmas Nativity Play (Classes 1 and 2) - tickets required. We would like all the children taking part in the play to be at school by <u>5.15 p.m.</u> to give us time to get into costumes. The play will</p>



		<p>last approximately 40 minutes. Refreshments of wine & mince pies will be available</p>	
<p>Monday 18th December</p> 	<p>9.30 a.m. with snack food at 10.15 a.m. and party lunch food for Infants at 11.30 a.m.</p>	<p>Christmas party for Owls Class 1 & Cygnets Class 2 plus Otters Class 3. Please contribute some food for our party – lists of suggestions will be on the outside of classroom doors.</p>	
<p>Monday 18th December</p> 	<p>Departure 12.30 (tbc) – packed lunch needed for all junior children who will have an early packed lunch in school. Gloves and long sleeved top are also required.</p>	<p>Juniors (Junior Children Years 3 to 6 from Class 4, Class 5 and Class 6) Ice Skating Trip Returning at 3.30 pm</p>	
<p>Tuesday 19th December</p> 	<p>1.45 p.m. (tbc) (If any parent is very keen for their Year 1 or Reception child(ren) to watch their sibling in the service, or be at the service with you, you are welcome to pick them up from school and keep them with you in the audience).</p>	<p>NATIVITY SERVICE FOR YEARS 2 TO 6– at St Leonard’s Church. Family and friends are very welcome to join us at the church for a special Christmas Nativity Service. Year 6 will narrate the Christmas Story and Year 2 will take part in the pageant. Junior volunteers from other classes will also be a part of this special service.</p>	



NATIVITY SERVICE FOR YEARS 2 TO 6, 1.45 P.M. (TBC) AT ST LEONARD'S CHURCH

The Nativity Service - St Leonard's Church will take place on the penultimate day of term – **please note the service starts at 1.45 p.m.** Year 6 will narrate the Christmas Story and Year 2 will take part in the pageant. Classes 3 and 4 as well as Year 5 will get the chance to enjoy Years 2 and 6 children retelling this important story. Everyone will have a special chance to reflect upon and celebrate the Christmas story. All children can be picked up directly from the church as soon as the service is finished and a letter with all the finer details will be sent out.

TICKETS FOR YEARS R AND 1 NATIVITY PERFORMANCE WILL BE ON SALE TUESDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

Tickets will be on sale from Tuesday 28th November and will be sold in the central shared area. The cost is £2.00 a ticket and the proceeds go directly back into costumes and staging. Owls Class 1 and Cygnets Class 2 are really looking forward to their performance.

CHRISTMAS POSTBOX

The Christmas post box will be in operation from Friday 1st December with our older children acting as posties each day. If you want to use this great service please ensure a full name and class number is clearly marked on each envelope. It will help our "post monitors" and ensure that the cards reach the right child.

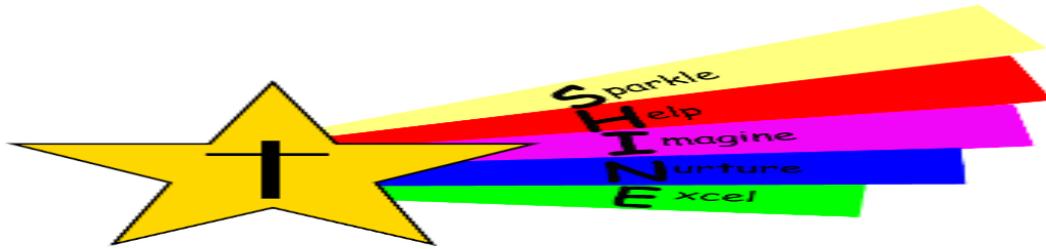
CHRISTMAS LUNCH BOOKING

Please note that if your child does not want a Christmas lunch or you miss being able to book in for a Christmas lunch you will need to provide a festive sandwich lunch alternative that suits your child. Due to our healthy eating policy governors have stated that hot take-away alternatives are not suitable for children to eat within the school setting.

Please note Edwards and Ward have stated that you need to book the Christmas meal on-line in the normal way by **Tuesday 5th December** specifying that your child wants a main and a dessert. If the dessert is **not booked** then a dessert **will not** be provided.

OFSTED VISIT

On a happy note, you will probably be aware that we had a visit from Ofsted on Tuesday 14th November. We are not allowed to comment on this until the final report is published. This takes the form of a shorter letter (due to it being a one day inspection.) We will, of course, keep you posted reference this once we receive notification that we can.



PARENT WORSHIP DATES

Thank you to Class 5 for their wonderful worship today. It was stunning – the Romans showed us their battle formations brilliantly – the Celts demonstrated how they depended on appearance and courage rather than technique and were not able to match the Roman investment in weaponry. We were so absorbed by the worship with excellent learning points on all the brilliant innovations that the Romans brought along with excellent creative and factual writing, marvellous mosaics and wonderful drawings of Roman glass. The children spoke so clearly and understood their learning so brilliantly that it was a real pleasure to see just how much they had learnt in their topic to date. Thank you to so many parents for attending and for the wonderful costumes that were provided. Thank you Mrs Freer and Mrs Smith for leading this so well.

Please come and join us for our last Parent Worship of 2017.

Friday 8th December – Years 3 Kingfisher Class 4

BLUE CROSS REMEMBRANCE DAY VISIT

Maureen Wheeler from Blue Cross attended an assembly with her dog Pebbles. She told the whole school of the many brave acts of dogs, pigeons and horses in war time and how some of these creatures were awarded war medals for their bravery. She has thanked the school for the pennies collection which raised an impressive £52.23 for the Blue Cross Animal Charity. Thank you to everyone for your kind donations.

CLASSES 5 AND 4 VISIT TO THE CORINIUM MUSEUM

A very successful visit to the Corinium Museum took place on Monday 13th November. The workshops were excellent and the children learnt so much about their topics Tribal Tales and I am a Warrior. The children behaved impressively and were praised for their interest and knowledge. Thank you to Mrs Freer and Mrs Rayner for organising this interesting trip and to all of the parent volunteers who accompanied the children.

LORD'S PRAYER STATIONS

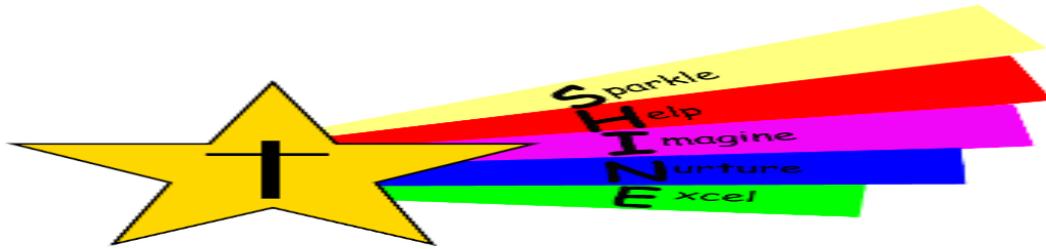
A lovely selection of activities that helped the junior children understand the words of the Lord's Prayer took place on Wednesday 15th November. The children gained so much from the activities which were thought provoking and interactive. Thank you to all from St. Leonard's who led this wonderful event.

CHILDREN IN NEED DAY – FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

Well done to School Council for leading this day and raising so much money for Children In Need.

Children dressed up as all sorts of bears! What a wonderful sight!

Many delicious cakes were sold and great face-painting took place. The amount raised will be confirmed as soon as School Council manages to verify the final count.



PTA NEWS



Doors open tonight at 5.30 pm to ensure a prompt start. A full update of forthcoming PTA events will follow separately next week.

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.

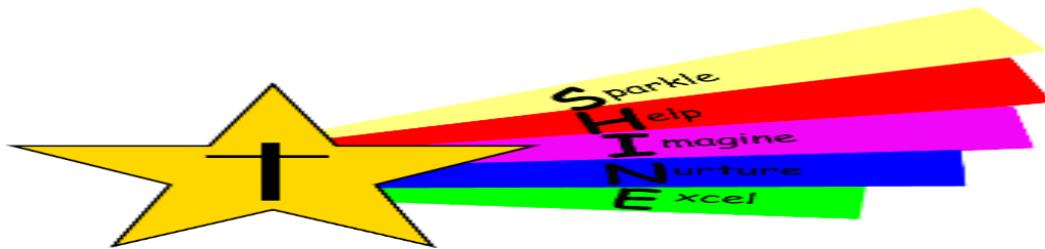


THE LITTLE MATCH GIRL – PERFORMANCE THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER AT 6.30 P.M. – MINETY VILLAGE HALL

The Year 3 children have been very fortunate and will receive a heavily subsidised drama workshop – at no cost to the children (through the Rural Arts Project) linked to the classic Hans Christian Anderson story run by the Last Baguette. This will take place on Thursday 7th of December at 6.30 p.m. in Minety Village Hall. It is a fantastic chance for the children to see a live play at a cost which is less than a cinema ticket and right on the Minety doorstep! The information from the company is that it is suitable for children ages 5 years and above; so it may be an alternative interpretation of the original classic. The cost of the performance is £5 for children and £8 for adults. Tickets can be booked by ringing 01666 860369 or 01249 701628 or by contacting the poundsarts.org.uk.

Before and After School Care

Thank you to everyone who completed the survey recently regarding the above. Unfortunately no before



or after school care at any time on Monday to Friday had more than 5 people who could commit to attend a club at Minety, therefore, an out of hours club could not be currently viable. Could any parent who is interested in sharing transport to a highly recommended local club get in touch with Mrs Greaves by Friday 8th December. Many thanks.

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION for 2018 ADMISSIONS

Do you have younger children who will be four years old before September 2018? If so you must apply for a primary school place. Apply online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk or collect a form from either the school office or Sue Tinson at Pre-School. The deadline for applications is Noon on 15th January 2018.

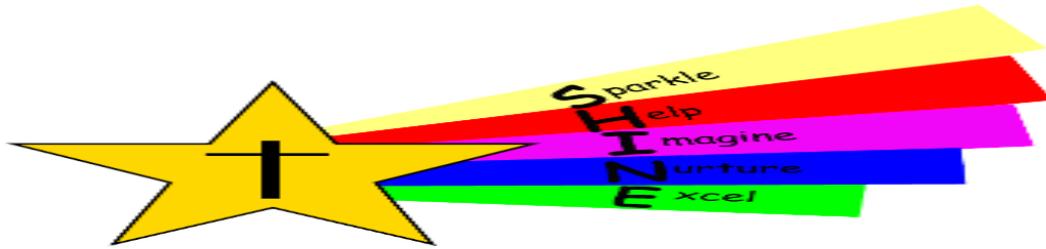
PARENT COFFEE MORNING – MONDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

Thank you to everyone who attended and to our Chair (Sally Maynard-Smith) and Vice Chair of Governors (Ellie Malloch) who were also able to be at the meeting. There was an update on our strengths and the areas of school improvement that we continue to work on – refining our curriculum, developing our middle leadership skills as well as applying our maths skills and using our developing grammar and spelling skills in independent writing. There was an update on how Michele Roberts (KS1 Maths Leader) has won a bid to be a part of the national Maths Mastery initiative which is very exciting for us all as well as Maria Madeley (Science leader) leading us in the Malmesbury “Enthuse” Science project. Questions were answered at the end of the session and lots of positive comments were made about the School’s approach to learning.

REMINDER

Please remember that your child needs to have a coat in school every day this term as well as warm outside PE kit. The weather is due to become cold again – so please help the children to keep warm.

MISSING GAZEBO FROM THE PTA SUMMER FAIR



The Harman family who kindly lent a gazebo at the Fair no longer have it.

It was a white gazebo that was used back in June for the PTA Summer Fair. It may have been put away but it appears to have gone missing. Please double check sheds and garages to see if anyone has inadvertently kept it safe?

If so, can you let the office staff members know?



NETBALL SUCCESS

On Wednesday the Upper Junior Netball Teams achieved an amazing double first result at Malmesbury Secondary School – the first and second teams won their respective groups! The first team did not concede a net and will go forward into the District Play Offs. Marvellous Minety! Thank you to Jane Garland for leading the teams and for the many parents who supported the children. Thanks to Helen Dudding who accompanied the children as the staff member.

It seems odd to publicise the special Christmas events in November, but the end of term is only three and a half weeks away! There are so many special events on offer which means we can all look forward to a lovely build up to Christmas. The last day of school is Wednesday 20th December and we finish at the normal time of 3.15 p.m.

Sally Greaves