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# MINETY NEWS

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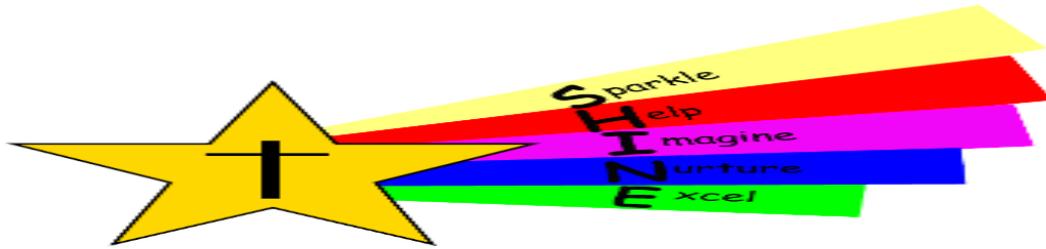
## NATIVITY SERVICE ON TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER AT ST LEONARD'S CHURCH

Yesterday we enjoyed a very special Nativity Service. Year 6 narrated the Christmas story whilst the Year 2 children enacted the story – the service was a joy to behold. Thank you to family and friends for attending and a very special thank you to the St Leonard's Church community for giving us such a warm welcome. Particular thanks to Brian Senior, Ben John & Gaynor Grayson for leading this very special event.

## YEARS 1 AND 2 NATIVITY PERFORMANCE TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> and WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER



The Nativity performances were a total treat – our youngest children performed a very touching nativity in which every single child shone. Everyone sparkled – the angels danced delightfully. The shepherds, lambs and sheep were full of character. The inn keepers were wonderful really getting across the chaos of a very busy Bethlehem under a very imperious Caesar! The Kings and camels regally processed to find their king following a “super” star, whilst Mary and Joseph and their loyal donkey took such care with baby Jesus. All the children sang beautifully and acted so very well whilst the narrators told the Nativity story with such clarity and meaning. So much to say for such very young children. A special well done to our narrators who also acted the parts of family members so very well. The best way to start Christmas – thank you Infants. Thank you to Mrs Madeley and Mrs Roberts who led us in this lovely production – thanks also to Mrs Landon, Mrs Ockwell, Mrs Holdway, Miss Garrett, Mrs Shephard and Mrs Horlick who ably supported the children.



TEACHER TRAINING DAY FOR 2018

**2018 Inset Days:**

**No School on these days for the children**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

HOLIDAY DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2018-19

The dates are, as far as we can be, in line with Malmesbury Secondary School to assist the parents who have children in our feeder Secondary School.

For Children:

Autumn Term 1 Begins on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Autumn Term 1 Finishes on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018

October Half Term for Children 2 weeks - Week of 22<sup>nd</sup> October, Week of 29<sup>th</sup> October and returning on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November

Autumn Term 2 Begins on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Autumn Term 2 Finishes on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018

Christmas Holidays for children 2 weeks beginning on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December and returning on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January

Spring Term 1 Begins on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Spring Term 1 Finishes on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Spring Half-Term for children 1 week - Week of 18<sup>th</sup> February and returning on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February

Spring Term 2 Begins on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Spring Term 2 Finishes on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Easter Holidays for Children 2 weeks beginning on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019 and returning on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Summer Term 1 Begins on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019

Summer Term 1 Finishes on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019

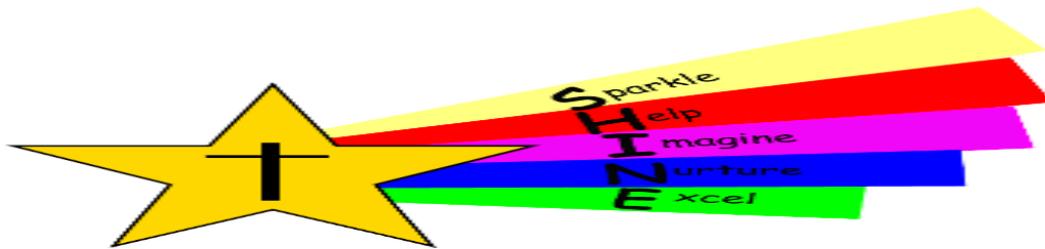
Summer Half-Term for children 1 week - Week of 27<sup>th</sup> May and returning on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Summer Term 2 Begins on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019

Summer Term 2 Finishes on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2019

NATIONAL SATS TESTS 2018

The tests for **Year 6** will take place during the week of **14<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.



**IMPORTANT INFORMATION for 2018 ADMISSIONS**

Do you have younger children who will be four years old before September 2017? If so you must apply for a primary school place. Apply online at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://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 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

**PARTY, PARTY, PARTY!**

Classes 1, 2 and 3 enjoyed a great party on Monday. Thank you for all of your kind donations of food. The children had such fun. Thank you to Mrs Madeley, Mrs Landon and Mrs Griffin for organising this party.

**SKATING TRIP – MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

The juniors enjoyed their Christmas treat with a trip to the Swindon Ice Ring. They had lots of fun and returned a little tired! The more experienced skaters helped the children who were not so confident on the ice and great fun was had by all. Thank you to Mr John, Mrs Rayner who led the classes and all our parents who helped on this trip with particular thanks to Mrs Russell for her support in organising the transport to this and all our school events over the year. It is worth noting that the supervisor of the Ice Ring told Mr John that “Minety were the best primary school that has attended this year” and that our children were very polite. The supervisor always makes sure he is leader for our school when Minety visit as our children are so courteous & full of fun.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Dara’s family who have been blessed with a baby girl born yesterday just in time for Christmas! How very special. Very best wishes to you all.

**OUTSTANDING EXIT RESULTS – MINETY IN THE TOP 1% OF WILTSHIRE SCHOOLS AND IN THE TOP 2% NATIONALLY**

We have received many congratulations as the school gained very good results in the League Tables that were published last Friday – we were **overall second in terms of progress and third in terms of achievement** in Wiltshire out of 224 schools – with 90% of our children gaining the expected age related level in all of the three areas of reading, writing and maths. We also came in the **top 400** of schools nationally at position **375** – this is out of **24,000+** primary schools. What a very strong effort! Plus in reading and writing 100% of our children gained the expected grade – we also gained great results at the higher level – well above average with 70% gaining the higher level in the SPAG test, 60% in the reading and 40% in maths and writing. We are very proud of **all** of our children as the bar really has risen with particularly difficult spelling, problem solving and reading tests – children also have to work at very high speed which is very demanding in test conditions. Thank you to the children who gained these great results, Mr John, their class teacher and to every teacher in the school who contributed to the results over the years and to every parent who gave support to their children.



Thank you to you all for your wonderful support in a very successful year in which we gained a “glowing” Ofsted report and verification of very successful Year 6 exit results. Additional thanks for all the wonderful cards and gifts that you have so generously given me. I will try and say a personal thank you to everyone who has been so kind and given me a gift, but apologies should I not manage this. Can I take this opportunity to wish a very merry Christmas – may you enjoy this very special holiday. I look forward to seeing you all again on Thursday 4<sup>rd</sup> January. Sally Greaves

