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# MINETY NEWS

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

## TERM DATES FOR 2017-18

The new term dates for the Academic Year 2018-19 are noted later in the newsletter and were in the last newsletter.

As in the previous two 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.

The Spring Term dates 2018 are also attached.

## Parent Assembly Dates for Spring Term 2018

Class 6 – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – 9.00 a.m. start  
Class 2 – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – 9.00 a.m. start  
Class 3 – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March – 9.00 a.m. start  
Class 1 – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March – 9.00 a.m. start  
Class 5 – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – 9.00 a.m. start  
Class 4 – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May – 9.00 a.m. start

All parents, friends and family are welcome to these assemblies.

## TEACHER TRAINING DAYS FOR 2018

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018

## 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). The deadline for applications is **Noon this Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January.**

FUN FIT CLUB

Fun Fit Club has started with strong participation – there are still places for the early slots at 8.00 a.m. but a contribution of £2.00 per child per day for the healthy breakfast element of this club is required.

The 8.30 a.m. fitness activity slots are popular too – there is no payment for this and everyone is welcome to come and join in :

- Monday 8.30 a.m. Wake and Shake
- Tuesday 8.30 a.m. Fun Run
- Wednesday 8.30 a.m. Wake and Shake
- Thursday 8.30 a.m. Hit Fit Club
- Friday 8.30 a.m. Fun Yoga

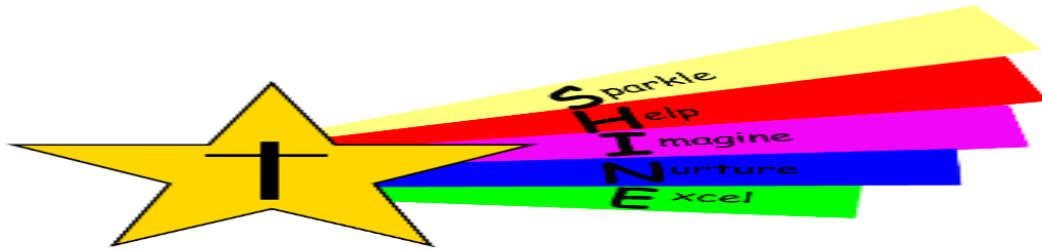
A reminder that children should only come into the hall (or the playground) at 8.30 a.m. for the Fun Fit fitness activity. Children can join in at any time between 8.30 a.m. and 8.45 a.m. Class rooms are not open to children – coats, etc. can be hung up at 8.40 a.m. and then entry into class is at 8.45 a.m. Please do not expect your children to be welcomed into the class room until 8.45 a.m. Thank you for helping the teachers with this as they are busy preparing for the day.

**Snow, Glorious Snow!**

**The children were of course very excited to see snow in December but it causes a lot of problems, particularly for staff to travel to school as none of our teachers now live within walking distance of school. However, we would always endeavour to open if we can safely get here.**

**At 6.00 a.m. in the morning (or on the previous evening if there is a substantial amount of snow and a large quantity of snow forecast) the decision is made about the quantity of snow and whether it is practical to open. The head informs all radio stations:**

- Listen to Radio Wiltshire on 103.5, 104.3 or 104.9FM for regular updates on school closures or look on their website [www.bbc.co.uk/wiltshire](http://www.bbc.co.uk/wiltshire)
- Listen to GWR or HEART Radio in Wiltshire on 97.2 or 102.2 FM or look on their website [www.heart.co.uk/wilthsire](http://www.heart.co.uk/wilthsire)
- Look on our school website on [www.minety.wilts.sch.uk](http://www.minety.wilts.sch.uk) and your texts as Parent Contact will keep you informed by text. This is often received more quickly than the other methods of contact.



## PTA NEWS



Happy New Year from the PTA Team.

A PTA update will follow on Monday – look out for the e mail.

Best wishes for a Happy 2018.

### 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 4th September 2018

Autumn Term 1 Finishes on Friday 19th 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 7th January 2019

Spring Term 1 Finishes on Friday 15th February 2019

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

Spring Term 2 Begins on Monday 25th February 2019

Spring Term 2 Finishes on Friday 5th April 2019

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

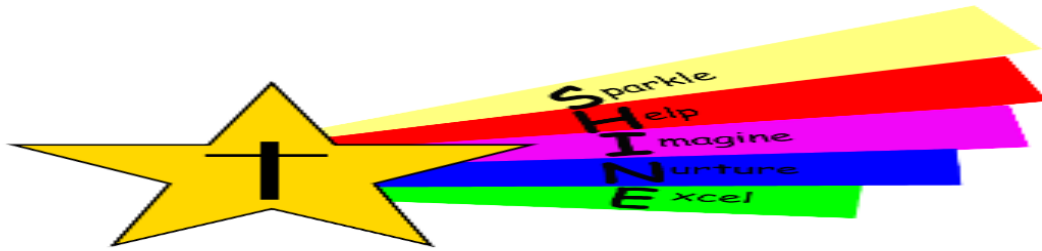
Summer Term 1 Begins on Tuesday 23rd April 2019

Summer Term 1 Finishes on Friday 24th May 2019

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

Summer Term 2 Begins on Monday 3rd June 2019

Summer Term 2 Finishes on Wednesday 24th July 2019



NUT PRODUCTS

Please remember no nut products in school as we have children who have life-threatening allergies should they be exposed to them. Please help us to help them. Thank you.

SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2018 - CHRISTINGLE – NOT JUST FOR CHRISTMAS!



This special and sweet service will take place at 4.00 p.m. on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January in Minety School Hall. It will make us think about what the symbols of the Christingle really mean. All are warmly welcomed.

GOOD LUCK TO OUR UPPER JUNIOR BOYS FOOTBALL TEAM

We are very proud that our Minety team is through to the Wiltshire Finals which take place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January. Good luck to all of the boys. Thank you to Steve Tucker and Helen Dudding for leading them on this special day.

**It has been a great start to the term and the children are positive, focussed and so happy to see their friends again. Wishing you all a positive and fruitful 2018!**

**Sally Greaves**