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MINETY NEWS

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Help,
Imagine
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Excel”

Parent Assembly Dates for Spring Term 2018

Class 6 – Friday 9th February – 9.00 a.m. start
Class 2 – Friday 23rd February – 9.00 a.m. start
Class 3 – Friday 9th March – 9.00 a.m. start
Class 1 – Friday 16th March – 9.00 a.m. start
Class 5 – Friday 23rd March – 9.00 a.m. start
Class 4 – Friday 18th May – 9.00 a.m. start
All parents, friends and family are welcome to these assemblies.

TEACHER TRAINING DAYS FOR 2018

Monday 19th February 2018
Monday 3rd September 2018
Monday 22nd October 2018
Tuesday 23rd October 2018
Wednesday 24th October 2018

NATIONAL SATS TESTS 2018

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



PARENT COFFEE MORNING – MONDAY 5TH FEBRUARY – 9.00 a.m. IN THE HALL

Come along and find out about the School Improvement Plan as well as discussing our positive Ofsted report. School foci this year will be discussed including the enriched curriculum, spelling, punctuation, grammar and the presentation of learning along with the problem solving elements of maths. We also have an update on how we are supporting the children to keep fit. All welcome for coffee and pastries.



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

Thank you for helping us with children only coming 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.

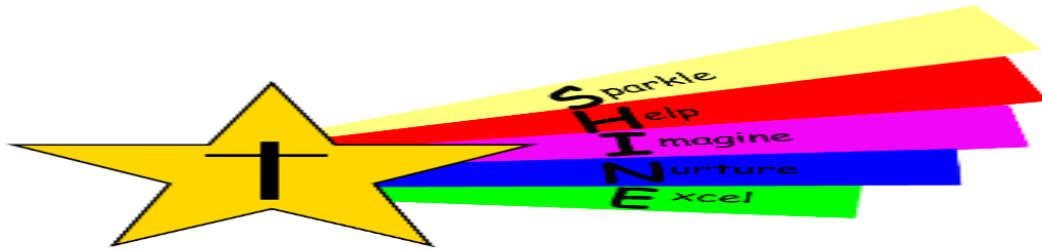
At 6.00 a.m. in the morning (or on the previous evening if there is a substantial amount of snow and a large quantity of snow forecast) the decision is made about the quantity of snow and whether it is practical to open. The head informs all radio stations:

- 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
- 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
- Look on our school website on 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



Hi everyone, just a short update, plus dates for your diaries. Thank you to everyone who came to the Dinner Dance Planning meeting last week and cheers to you Jules for being such a star for providing the venue. We managed to sort out lots of things and get all the creative juices flowing. Its also fabulous to have new faces on board and more the merrier. Just to say the next meeting will be on the 22nd Feb and venue TBC nearer the date. Should any of you have contacts that you feel might be able to donate something to the raffle/auction please let myself or Helen Dudding know.



We will have our pancake stall happening at pick up on Thursday 8th Feb, so on the lead up if you could pop an extra packet of crepes in the shopping to donate before the day, that would be great.
 We are aiming to run a Popcorn Club in February and hopefully the 23rd will suit everyone. Registration forms will be out at least two weeks before given we have half-term to consider.
 We are trying to get a PTA meeting sorted before half term, just a lot of busy diaries at the moment but I will be in touch.
 Take care everyone and have a lovely weekend.

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 22nd October, Week of 29th October and returning on Monday 5th November

Autumn Term 2 Begins on Monday 5th November 2018

Autumn Term 2 Finishes on Friday 21st December 2018

Christmas Holidays for children 2 weeks beginning on Saturday 22nd December and returning on Monday 7th 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

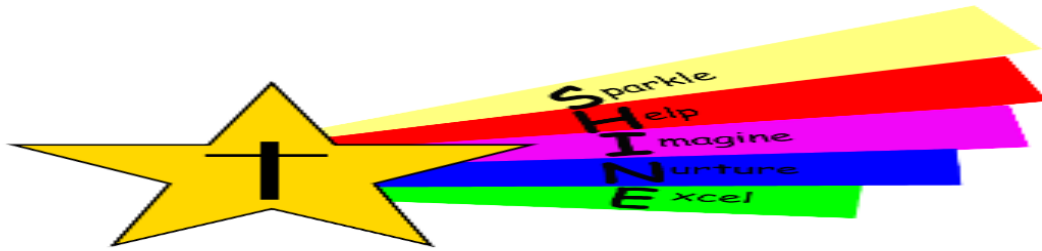
Summer Term 1 Begins on Tuesday 23rd April 2019

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



SUNDAY 21ST JANUARY 2018 - CHRISTINGLE – NOT JUST FOR CHRISTMAS!



There was a great turn out for this special and sweet service which took place on Sunday especially as the weather was appalling. The service made us think about what the symbols of the Christingle really mean and warmed us on a wintery day. Thank you to Brian Senior who stood in to lead the service at short notice and made us smile as well as helping us reflect about what giving really means. Thank you to Lorna Best, Karen Senior and their team for helping us with the Christingles that the children took home. Thank you to the PTA for funding the oranges. Thank you to Ben John who helped with the music and with supporting the junior children who volunteered and did such a great job or reading prayers and responses. Well done to those children – Elliot Tam, Jake Cox, Eve Swatton and Lydia Ockwell.

FOOTBALL HALF-TERM ACTIVITY LED BY ESSENTIAL SKILLS – INFORMATION FROM MATT LAWRENCE

Football Development Week – February 2018 Venue: Malmesbury Primary School, Tetbury Hill, SN16 9JR

Times: 9am – 3pm (children can be dropped off from 8:30am)

Cost: 4 day course - £80 per child (£60 per additional sibling), £25 per child for individual days.

Courses and Dates: February 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th 2018

Lead Coaches: Jordan Mathews, Toby Ellis, ‘T’ Tendayi, and Jack Sahahrs.

Skills – Games – Competitions - Prizes – Trophies -Presentation of trophies will be at 3pm on the final day of the course.

Open to school years Reception – 8.

Both Boys and Girls welcome. All experience levels catered for.

All coaches hold DBS disclosures, are FA/UEFA qualified with Emergency Aid, Child Protection certification and are fully insured.

Kit Requirements: Please bring BOOTS AND TRAINERS, shin pads, waterproof jacket, towel, packed lunch/drink.

Please note that places are allocated on a first come first served basis.



To reserve your place on either course please reply to this email with the following information:

Course/Days Attending, Child Name(s), School Year(s)

NOTE: If you do not receive confirmation of your child's place via return email within 24 hours please contact Matt on 07859 794621 (text or call).

Please note:

- Session numbers may be limited for best practice reasons.
- Places are available on a first come first served basis.
- Payment and a complete registration form must be handed into Malmesbury Primary school reception in a sealed envelope or sent to the above address before your child's first day.
- Cancellations within 7 days of the 1st booked day will incur the full charge (including illness).
- All cheques made payable to ESC UK Ltd
- Participants will be accepted for entry unless you hear from us to the contrary.

All monies must be received prior to the commencement of your child(ren's) first session and can be sent to **ESC UK Ltd, 3 Kent End, Ashton Keynes, Wiltshire, SN6 6FB** or to Malmesbury Primary School reception in a sealed envelope marked with your child(ren's) name(s).

YEAR 6 GYM FESTIVAL

Our gym team performed so very well with Eirllys Jones, Scarlett Wells, Henry Mason and Antony McCormick picking up individual awards in a variety of events. Well done children and thank you to Ben John for leading this event. Thank you to all parents who helped with lifts.

MARVELLOUS MINETY UPPER JUNIOR BOYS FOOTBALL TEAM

We were so incredibly proud that our Minety team came second in Wiltshire and came back adorned with medals after a close fought final in which a very large Wiltshire primary school with only Year 6 players from a population of 650 pupils snatched the final win. Thank you to Steve Tucker and Helen Dudding for leading our wonderful team on this special day. Thank you to all parents who helped with lifts and splendid support.

The weather has been very changeable but all in school are focussed and working hard. Let's hope the sun shines a little more and the stormy winds vanish.

Sally Greaves