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# MINETY NEWS

Minety C of E Primary School's Newsletter  
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## MAGNIFICENT MINETY NETBALL DISTRICT RESULTS – FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH

Another win in a highly competitive District competition – the Minety team won the whole tournament against very fierce competition! This is such a high quality result against a very tough competition. Our magnificent Minety netballers are now through to the Wiltshire County finals. Good luck to all our netballers. Thank you to Jane Garland for coaching the netball team as well as Mrs Cooke who so regularly supports the team and to Mrs Rayner along with all our parent supporters who were there on the day.

## YET MORE MARVELLOUS MINETY SPORTING PERFORMANCES

On the most bitter of days with biting winds and snow flurries both our football and netball teams performed so very well at the Lea and Garsdon Small Schools Netball and Football Competition on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Both teams won their tournaments and the footballers for the first time in recent history! The football team played such skilful and entertaining football – this was especially impressive as we played as a new team with many new members. Meanwhile our netballers also won the netball tournament – another new team who played so wonderfully. We were so very proud of every team member. Thank you to Jane Garland for coaching the netball team and to Mr Ainsworth for leading our footballers. Thank you to Mrs Rayner for organising the teams and to all our parents who supported us in the most bitter of weather conditions to witness the most memorable of double wins!

## PARENT ASSEMBLY DATES FOR SPRING TERM 2018

Class 5 – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – 9.00 a.m. start – **this was postponed – a new date will follow shortly.**

**Apologies for any inconvenience.**

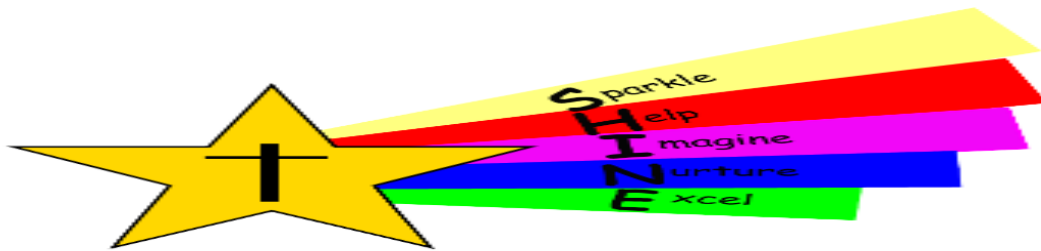
Class 4 – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May – 9.00 a.m. start All parents, friends and family are welcome to this assembly.

## TERRIFIC TRIPS!

The Residential trip to the Liddington PGL Adventure site was extremely successful with enthusiastic children, excellent food and a great range of outdoor activities. The Liddington staff members were very impressed by the excellent behavior of our children along with their qualities of perseverance and resilience. Our Group Leaders said our group had set the bar very high for the Summer season and were so impressed with the politeness and excellent behavior of our group. Well done to all of the Year 3, 4 and 5 children.

## PINOCCHIO PERFORMANCE

The whole school watched a fantastic performance of Pinocchio – the children were absorbed, entertained and impressed by a brilliant performance. Please pay your voluntary contribution if you have not already done so – without your support we will not in the future be able to host such brilliant drama.



BRISTOL ZOO AND AQUARIUM TRIP

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March Classes 4 and 5 visited Bristol Zoo and Aquarium – this was a postponed trip due to the snow day back in early March. It was a great success with superb workshops and informative talks along with fascinating close up viewings of a great number of wildlife and sea-life creatures. The children were brilliantly behaved and all of the workshop leaders were impressed by their knowledge. Thank you to Mrs Freer and Mrs Rayner for organising these trips and for all parents who volunteered their time to support this trip.

TEACHER TRAINING DAYS FOR 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.

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 :

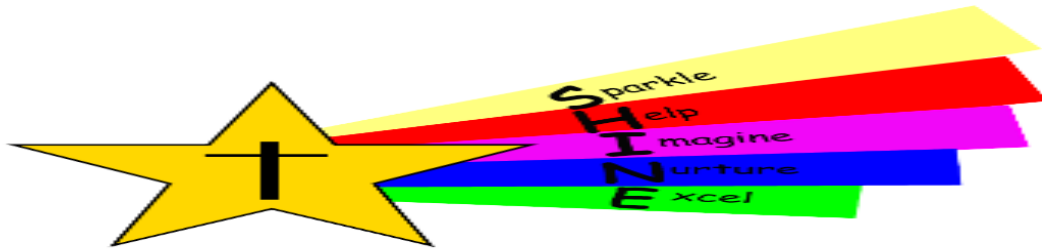
Monday 8.30 a.m. Wake and Shake  
 Tuesday 8.30 a.m. Fun Run  
 Wednesday 8.30 a.m. Wake and Shake  
 Thursday 8.30 a.m. Hit Fit Club  
 Friday 8.30 a.m. Fun Yoga

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!**

**We are all hoping the Beast from the East Part 3 will not arrive this Easter or even after Easter – just in case the weather does not warm up, here is a reminder of the process should it snow. The snow does cause 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/wiltshire](http://www.heart.co.uk/wiltshire)
- 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



Well it's the Easter Newsletter and I cannot believe we are already at this point of the year as it was only a moment since we wished everyone a happy Christmas!

The Easter Fair was a whirlwind event last Friday. We had a wonderful fair this year, brilliantly supported on the day and in the run up with fantastic donations, in total we raised £456. I think there were a lot of happy children leaving with arms full of goodies. Special thanks to everyone who helped set up and run stalls, your help is very much appreciated, along with all the beautiful cakes that were baked for the refreshments, they disappeared as fast as the eggs. So, thank you very much everyone.

Lucky Numbers were drawn today:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – 42 Saffron Wells
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – 86 Rohan Williams
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 76 Adele Caswell

Congratulations to all our winners and it is still never too late to join, just ask at the office for a registration form or contact Jane Cox.

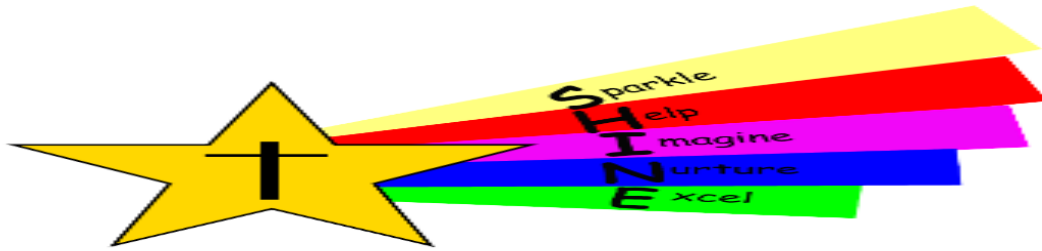
When we return after the holiday its Minety's big night out, 'The Oscars' will be held on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April doors will be open at 7pm and were looking forward to seeing you all. If you haven't already requested a special dietary meal, please email [charlotte@charlottewilliams.org.uk](mailto:charlotte@charlottewilliams.org.uk) and I can forward the request on. We are having our last planning meeting for the event on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 8pm at the Vale, for those that are on the committee or anyone who would like to help with the setting up on Friday and would like to attend you are very welcome to join us. More the merrier!! Thank you to everyone who has purchased tickets, we hope to bring you a wonderful evening and help us raise a great amount for the school's enrichment programme.

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter and see you all soon.

Your PTA.

### 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

**VOLUNTEERS TO SUPPORT THE MINETY MUSIC FESTIVAL FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE TO SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY**

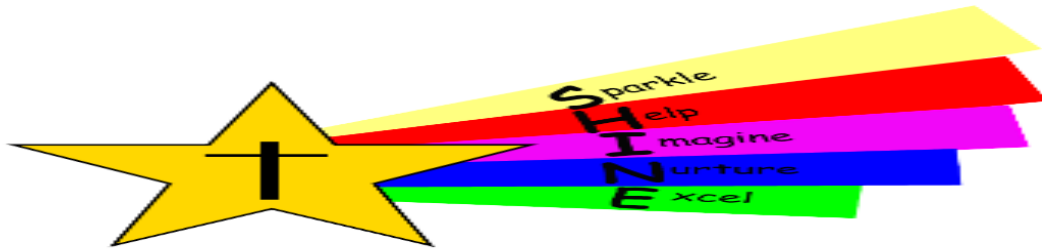
Phil Leverick has contacted the school to ask for adult volunteers to help out in the Kid Zone of the Minety Music Festival over the 3 days of the festivities. There are some volunteers for the role but more are needed, and the organisers wondered if parents of children at the school may be interested in helping – there is no DBS required for the length of volunteering that is entailed. However full safeguarding policies and procedures are in place to support any volunteer.

There is a superb incentive :

- a complimentary free weekend ticket for all 3 days of the festival, for those who volunteer for at least two 3-hour shifts over the 3 days of the festival
- a complimentary free day ticket for any one of the days (Fri, Sat or Sun) for those who volunteer just for one 3-hour shift during the festival.

Contact Phil or his wife Shari on the following [leverick@btinternet.com](mailto:leverick@btinternet.com) for further details.

**PARENT CONSULTATION EVENINGS WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> – THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL YEAR R TO**



YEAR 5

Please sign up for a Parent Evening slot if you haven't already done so on the second week back after Easter.

**Have a wonderful and peaceful Easter Holiday. We will look forward to seeing you on our return to school on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April.  
Sally Greaves**