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MINETY NEWS

Minety C of E Primary School's Newsletter
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Help,
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Excel”

Parent Information Drop-In Meeting Ref Liddington Residential 3.30 p.m. – Monday 19th March Class 4 (Mrs Rayner's Room)

Any Year 3, 4 or 5 parents who need any more information can pop in to the Drop-In on Monday after school. Any questions will be answered and another copy of the kit list, frequently asked questions along with the activity timetable will be available. If you cannot make the meeting copies of the information will be available in the office from Monday onwards.

Parent Assembly Dates for Spring Term 2018

Class 5 – Friday 23rd March – 9.00 a.m. start – **this has now been postponed – a new date will follow shortly. Apologies for any inconvenience.**

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

Class 3 Parent Learning Showcase – 9th February,

Class 3 produced a wonderful showcase of learning focussed on their amazing art work. It was enjoyed by all – everyone who attended and all the classes who took turns to enter the Class 6 learning workshop! Thank you Class 3 and Mrs Griffin who led this event.

Class 1 Parent Assembly – 16th March

Class 1 packed an amazing amount of learning into their assembly. There was wonderful painting, sensational songs with actions and a touching introduction when the children explained why we celebrate Mothering Sunday and why they love their mums – so much learning presented by our youngest children. Thank you Mrs Madeley and Mrs Holdway for leading this wonderful assembly.

TEACHER TRAINING DAYS FOR 2018

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

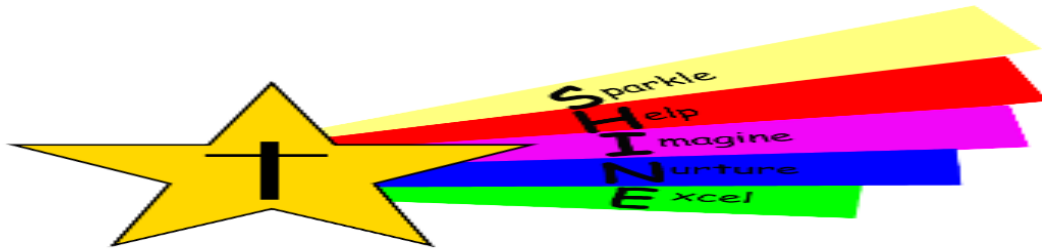
NATIONAL SATS TESTS 2018

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.

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 certainly experienced Snow, Glorious Snow with the rest of the U.K. The weather is warming but just in case a reminder is here 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:

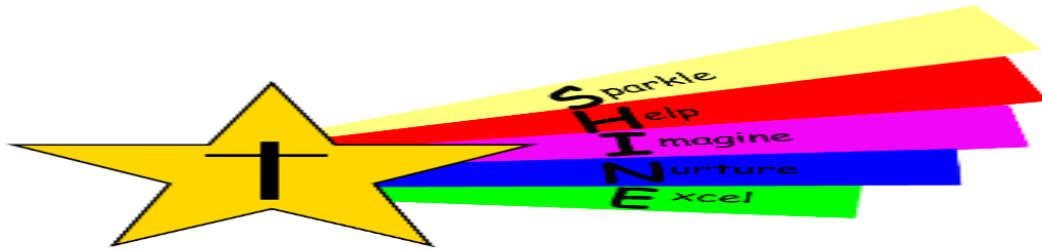
- **Listen to Radio Wiltshire on 103.5, 104.3 or 104.9FM for regular updates on school closures or look on their website www.bbc.co.uk/wiltshire**
- **Listen to GWR or HEART Radio in Wiltshire on 97.2 or 102.2 FM or look on their website www.heart.co.uk/wilthshire**
- **Look on our school website on 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



With just over one week to go, the Easter Fair will be held after school next Friday, 23rd March, but we need your help..

Thank you to all those who have kindly donated Easter Eggs so far for our infamous Easter Egg Tombola, however, we only have about half the amount we require to run this stall, so please any further donations would be gratefully received - please drop them off in the school office and the PTA will collect them from there.



We also need parents to help run stalls, so if you can spare some time, please let the office know.

Finally any donations of cakes, biscuits etc. for a cake stall / refreshments or any Easter themed raffle prizes would also be much appreciated.

On a positive note we are pleased to report that the Oscars Dinner Dance next month has fully sold out! Many thanks to all those who have purchased tickets.

We are also pleased to announce that with current funds we have been able to purchase a further Smart Board also.

Many thanks,
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 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

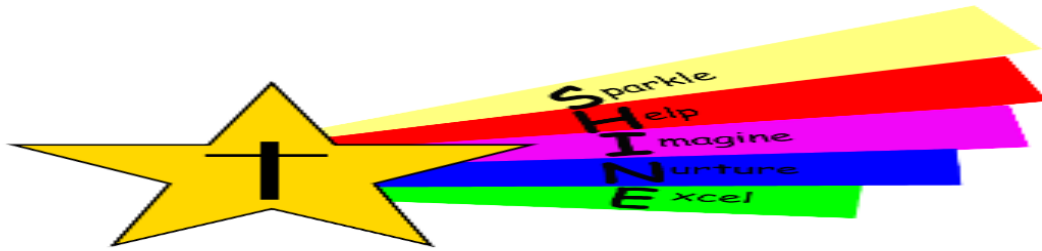
Spring Term 2 Finishes on Friday 5th April 2019

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



MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE 11TH MARCH

On Sunday 11th March a lovely Mothering Sunday Service took place at St Leonard's. So many volunteer juniors read poems and led prayers, whilst Infants and Juniors led the singing. Thank you to Ben John and Brian Senior for leading this lovely service. Thank you to Lorna Best for the delightful posies given to all mums and all at St Leonard's for such a warm welcome.

VOLUNTEERS TO SUPPORT THE MINETY MUSIC FESTIVAL FRIDAY 29TH JUNE TO SUNDAY 1ST 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 for further details.

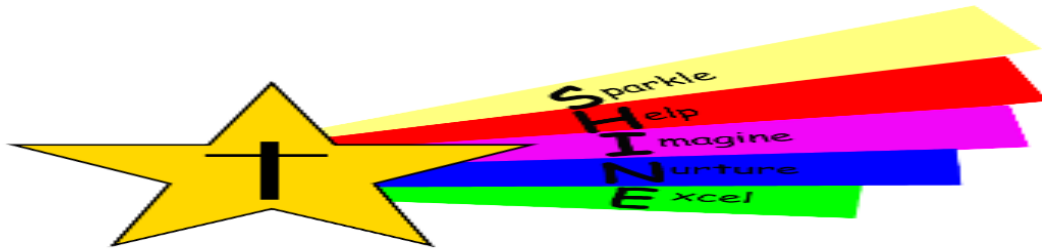


NON SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY AND CAKE SALE!



On the last day of term - **29th March 2018** we will be holding a **non-school uniform day** in aid of Rosie Holdway's fundraising for East African Playgrounds. A **cake sale** will also be taking place after school finishes that day.

“In July, I am volunteering in Jinja, Uganda for a month with East African Playgrounds. In this time, I will be helping to build playgrounds in hospitals and refugee settlements but predominantly in schools. In Primary and Secondary school having the space to play and explore is something taken for granted. Play carries significance in developing a child's fine motor, social, cognitive and problem-solving skills within a safe environment. Being a tool of development, play is essential in a rural impoverished setting; the implementation a playground provides a rich learning resource allowing teachers to teach colours, numbers, forces, angles and much more when there are little to no resources to do this in the classroom. Thank you in advance for your support!” Rosie Holdway



**Four weeks has flown by and less than two weeks are left of this Spring Term!
Remember we break up on Thursday 29th March and that it is the Good Friday Bank
Holiday on Friday 30th March. We return to school on Monday 16th April.
Sally Greaves**