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# MINETY NEWS

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

## SUMMER TERM 2 DATES

The dates for this term will be sent out separately on Monday.

## DIVINE DIVINITY WEEK

We had a fantastic week of very varied activities. Children focussed on inspirational figures such as Ghandi and Nelson Mandela as well as learning so much about wonderful world religions including Judaism, Hinduism and Sikhism. Junior children focussed on how Sikhs show their devotion to God. Whilst many of the Infant children focussed on kindness and respect being main tenets of Hinduism along with learning about festivals such as Diwali. Activities and knowledge inspired superb artwork and writing including poetry. Children in Year 2 found out about Shabbat and learnt some Hebrew songs and language. This was supplemented by a fantastic day of Indian Dance for all our children and the most wonderful trip for the juniors to the Sikh Temple in Leamington Spa. At the temple the children learnt so much and were very attentive as they were so fully absorbed by everything they found out. There was such a warm welcome for our children and a taster of scrumptious food was on offer for them to try if they wanted to. Thank you to all our parents and relatives who contributed to this week in so many ways with food, artefacts, knowledge and network links. In some cases children also learnt from volunteers who came into school about experiences of unkindness due to difference when adults were growing up. This was particularly pertinent to our current Worship theme of Respect and it is touching that so many of our children were appalled that people can be very unkind due to differences in appearance, customs or belief.

## MIXED KWIK CRICKET TOURNAMENT

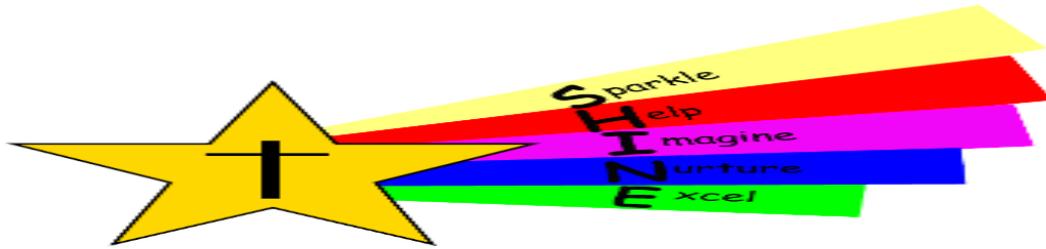
Year 6 enjoyed a sunny Friday of cricket on Friday and played with great enthusiasm and energy. The precise placements will be circulated to all schools – we were proud of the efforts that all the children put into this festival. Thank you to Mr John and Mr Ainsworth for accompanying the children.

## GIRLS' KWIK CRICKET TOURNAMENT

The girls' team enjoyed another sunny cricket tournament on Wednesday – they achieved a third placement and played with great spirit – ending on a high against a very strong team. Thank you to Mrs Dudding and Mr Ainsworth for accompanying the children.

## GUITAR ASSEMBLY

There was a wonderful assembly on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June with all our guitarists entertaining the school with very tuneful playing – all of the volunteers had practised conscientiously and performed with great flair. If you are interested in booking your child into guitar please contact the office for further details.



### TEACHER TRAINING DAYS FOR 2018-2019

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  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2019

### MOVING ON DAY

Year 6 travelled to Bristol Cathedral and enjoyed a most wonderful day – there were so many activities that made the children think about transition to their new schools. These were creative and great fun. Thank you to Mr John, Mrs Dudding and Mrs Woodhouse for leading this day.



### PARENT COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to everyone who attended. We had a lengthy chat about our progress to date on our School Improvement Plan and our first thoughts on our plans for our school next year. We continued our discussions on the possibilities for after school care as well as school funding.

### MALMESBURY SCIENCE TASTER- FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

Year 6 have experienced another great transition activity – finding out about the science behind lemonade. This was a great hands-on science day. Thank you to Mr John for accompanying the children.



### SPORTS DAY – TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

We are all looking forward to Sports Day next Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June – let's hope the sun keeps shining!

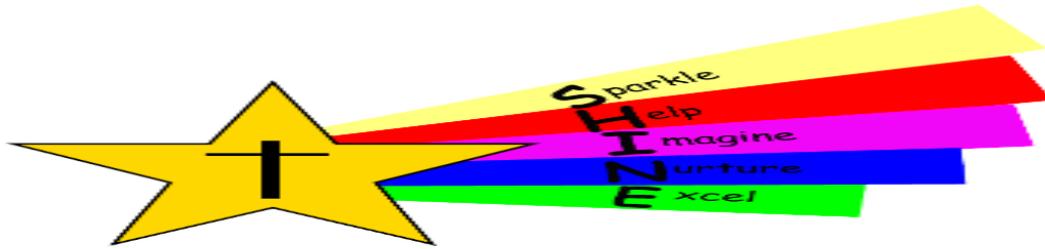
Children should arrive at school wearing their usual PE kit (blue or black shorts and trainers) but with a house colour tee shirt:

Willow - Blue    **Oak – Yellow**    Ash – Red    **Birch - Orange**

Please ask your class teacher if you do not know which house your child is in.

The weather is forecast today as being warm and cloudy on Tuesday. Please remember sun hats and to apply sun cream for the children at home before they arrive.

All parents, family and friends are welcome to stay for a picnic lunch (to be brought with you) – this is particularly enjoyable if it is dry weather! The PTA have kindly offered to run a refreshment stall for light refreshments of tea, coffee, cake and cold drinks.



**YEAR 6 ATHLETICS – THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE**

Year 6 are off to Malmesbury Secondary for a fantastic athletics cluster event. This is always popular and gives Year 6 another chance to find their way around Malmesbury as well as enjoying yet more sport. Let's hope the sun shines and the children have a wonderful afternoon.

**SMALL SCHOOLS SPORTS DAY – FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE**

The junior year group representatives are off to Lea and Garsdon on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Good luck juniors and let's hope the sun shines.

**GREEN FINGERS SUNDAY DISPLAY OF FLOWERS AT ST LEONARD'S CHURCH SATURDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> AND 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

Reception and Year 5 are making small flower arrangements that will be on display at the Open Day at St Leonard's on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June – all are welcome to drop in and see these. There is also a Preview Evening on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June with cheese and wine on offer. All money raised will go to the very good cause of Macmillan Cancer Trust. Event enquiries to Kate on 07876 316529.

**CRUDWELL BIKE RIDE WEEKEND SATURDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE AND SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

There will be a children's and an adult's team representing Minety at this wonderful event. The teams are raring to go – if you can support them please go on to the [team@fundraising.virginmoneygiving.com](mailto:team@fundraising.virginmoneygiving.com) – the school has always benefitted hugely from a very generous donation from the monies raised. Good luck to all the children and adults involved in this event. Thank you to Lilia Woodhouse for all the liaison and organisation with the event organisers reference this great weekend of sponsored cycling - a 24 hour experience!

**PHOTOGRAPHER FOR CLASS PHOTOS ON MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

Remember that the photographer is in – please check that children are looking smart in their Minety uniform so that they can look their very best.

**MINETY MUSIC FESTIVAL FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE – SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY**

There are two brilliant events for the children to attend:

Class 5 are singing on the very first day of the festival Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you Mrs Walton for leading us in this first ever appearance at Minety Festival.

On Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July Junior volunteers will also be a part of the 9.30 a.m. Service on the Community Stage – again another first! Let's hope the sun continues to shine for this great outdoor Festival.

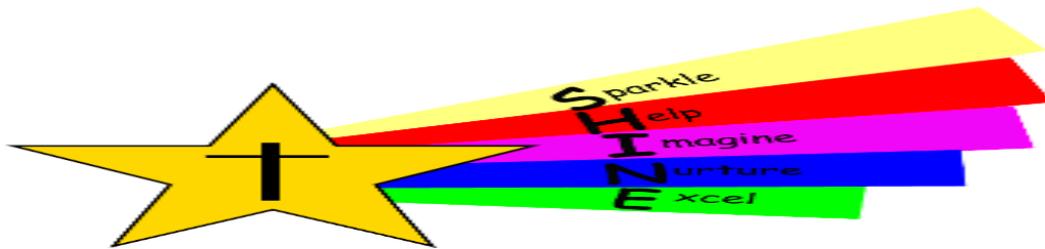
**PTA NEWS**



The summer season is certainly up and running, with that we are asking for donations of cakes and biscuits for the forthcoming Sports Day. Hopefully Tuesday (19<sup>th</sup>) will be clear, dry and slightly cooler than last year's event. As usual, the PTA shall offer refreshments and would be grateful for any help manning the stall so that all parents get a chance to watch their children participate.

This year we are going to try and be a little more environmentally friendly and ask supporters to bring their own thermo cups or reusable water bottles and enjoy a complimentary coffee, tea or squash. As always, all cake and biscuit donations must be nut free. Donations can be left in the kitchen on Monday.

We will also ask families to collect a jam jar for each of their school children and return them to school,



filled with either sweets or treats on the 6<sup>th</sup> July as payment for the non-school uniform day. This will help us stock the jam jar tombola at the Summer Fair on the 20<sup>th</sup> July. Please feel free to recycle your own jars should you have spares.

Forthcoming Dates;

23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> June Crudwell Bike Ride – good luck to all our competitors

5<sup>th</sup> July PTA Meeting VWH 8pm – Thank you to all who attended the last meeting.

6<sup>th</sup> July Non-School Uniform & jam jar returns

13<sup>th</sup> July School Disco

18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> July Junior Summer Production

20<sup>th</sup> July Summer Fair

19<sup>th</sup> September PTA AGM 8pm School Hall

For those parties interested in heading up the key roles in the PTA for the 2018/19 academic year please forward your interest to [charlotte@charlottewilliams.org.uk](mailto:charlotte@charlottewilliams.org.uk) stating which role you intend to stand for: Chairperson, Treasurer or Secretary by the 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

Have a great weekend everyone and an early Happy Father's Day to all our Dads.

Charlotte and PTA Team

#### 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

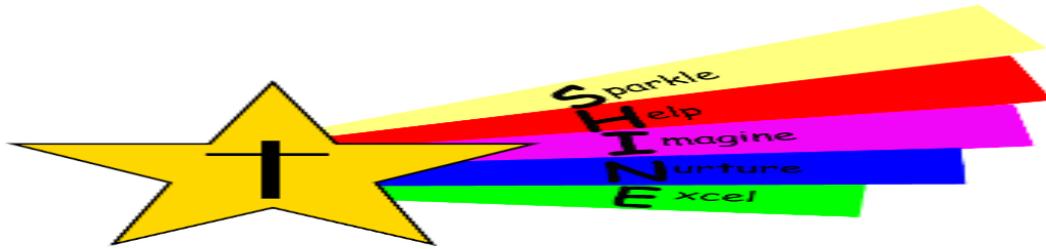
Spring Term 1 Finishes on Friday 15th February 2019

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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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

T.D. Training Day for Staff – holiday date for children Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Summer Term 2 Finishes on Wednesday 24th July 2019

Please remember:

- A light raincoat is essential for every child – each day is so variable.
- PE kit – a fresh T shirt along with black or navy blue shorts or PE skirts are essential in hot weather. Joggers are permissible but can be a little warm!
- No nuts in school please as there are children in school who have life-threatening allergies.

#### A BIG THANK YOU FROM ROSIE HOLDWAY

As I am shortly about to embark on my trip I wished to say a big thank you to all parents, children and teachers for contributing to the end of term non-school uniform day, cake sale and raffle.

With your donations, an amazing **£400.64** was raised for East African Playgrounds!

I look forward to sharing the experience of my trip with you all after the summer break. Your donations can be viewed on my fundraising page here: <https://www.eastafricanplaygrounds.org/fundraisers/rosie-volunteers-in-uganda> if you want to keep up with my progress on reaching my total amount!

Thanks again,  
Rosie Holdway

**We have enjoyed a great start to the term with lots of sunshine! There have already been so many events and so many more planned for the remainder of the summer term. How exciting!**

**Sally Greaves**