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MINETY NEWS

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SCIENCE WEEK - EXPLORATION AND DISCOVERY

An amazing week of science took place this week with so many exciting curriculum opportunities for the children. This has been a great opportunity for classes to supplement their science curriculum. Different classes focussed on light, bugs, and the night sky as well as focussing on a very current topic The Use or Overuse of Plastic in our Modern World. The children had a great time and year 5 worked with Dr Beggs, one of the Science Teachers from Malmesbury Secondary school who was very impressed with their knowledge and use of scientific language.



WOMAD FOR THE WHOLE SCHOOL

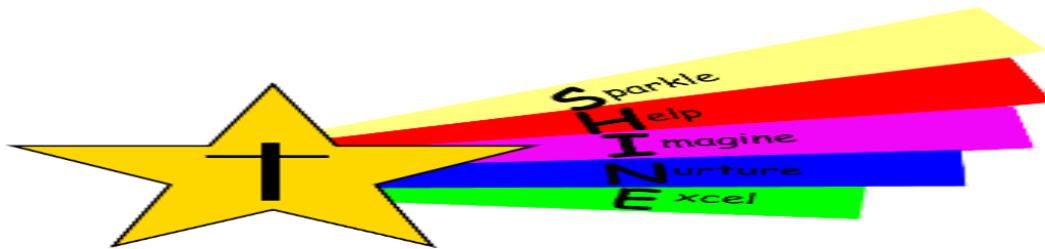
The whole school benefitted from a wonderful performance and workshops which took place on the morning of Thursday 12th July from the most wonderful Senegalese group of musicians and a most amazing dancer from West Africa. They are leading our Junior volunteers preparing them for the Abbey and Opening Night Performance. We were truly amazed by their amazing energy and joyousness – it really was a great pleasure to watch and anyone attending the Abbey Performance on Tuesday 17th July or the performance on the opening night of the WOMAD festival on Thursday 26th July are in for a real treat.

CINDERELLA ROCKERFELLA

The juniors will perform in this great production on Wednesday 18th July and Thursday 19th July at 6.00 p.m. A few tickets are still available and are on sale from the Office. Year 6 and any children who need face paint need to be in school by 5.00 p.m. on performance days with all other juniors arriving at 5.20 p.m.

DRUMMING ASSEMBLY

There was a wonderful assembly held with our more experienced drummers entertaining the school with very rhythmic playing – all of the children had practised conscientiously and performed with great flair. Well done! If you are interested in booking your child (Y1 onwards) into drumming please contact the office for further details.



TEACHER TRAINING DAYS FOR 2018-2019

Monday 3rd September 2018

Monday 22nd October 2018

Tuesday 23rd October 2018

Wednesday 24th October 2018

Thursday 25th July 2019 – **please note this is a change from previously advertised dates.** (School will finish for all children on Wednesday 24th July 2019.)

MALMESBURY MASTER CHEF

Two teams who won our Minety Heats won through to the Malmesbury Master Chef. Both teams performed extremely well. I believe one of our teams was pipped to the post but all did very well. Well done Archie Crompton, Spencer Gill, Peterson Hurley and Jack Andrews – we are so proud of you.

MALMESBURY MATHS CHALLENGE – Friday 6th July

This was a first for us as we have in previous years had other commitments so could not attend. It was a roaring success with a second placement and it was felt if we had had previous knowledge of the type of games we could have won that one as well! I am so very proud of the team – Jack Andrews, Ben Ashley, Joshua Byrne, Archie Crompton and Jessica Miller. Thank you to Lillia Woodhouse for leading the children in this and to Jo Byrne for helping with the lifts.

NEW BLUE SPORT T SHIRT

An order form can now be collected for the Minety logo version from the office but remember a plain blue T shirt will be perfectly acceptable alongside of this from September.

CRUDWELL BIKE RIDE WEEKEND SATURDAY 23RD JUNE AND SUNDAY 24TH JUNE

The children's and adult's teams represented Minety at this wonderful event. The teams were amazing. Children and adults kept going despite small mishaps and injuries. The children who had less experience of racing were truly impressive and had so much fun. We will keep you posted on how much money has been raised. But you can still sponsor this amazing effort until the end of July; if you can donate even a small sum then please follow the link team@fundraising.virginmoneygiving.com. **There will also be a chance to personally give some money at the Summer Fair on Friday 20th July as there will be a collection – look out for Lilia Woodhouse and she can help you with this!**

SUNDAY 1ST JULY – 9.30 A.M. SERVICE AT MINETY MUSIC FESTIVAL

On Sunday 1st July Junior volunteers were a part of the 9.30 a.m. Service on the Community Stage – again another first! The weather was amazing and so were our junior volunteers. The service was joyful and thought provoking. Thank you to Ben John for leading the children, Brian Senior for leading us all and all at St Leonard's who helped with this event.

PTA NEWS



PTA News will follow separately on Monday.

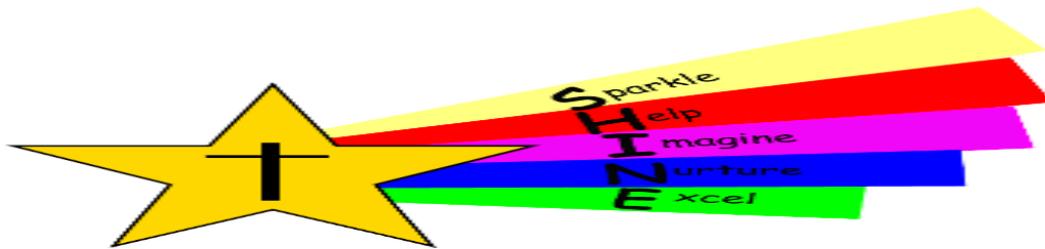
HOLIDAY DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2018-19

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

DATE CHANGE

Apologies for any inconvenience, but as communicated in our last newsletter, reports will now be published on Monday 16th July (giving staff an extra weekend to complete this time consuming but vital task.) This is due to the deadlines being so tight with an even busier month of community activity than usual that has required extra time from all members of staff.

LEAVERS' WORSHIP – YEAR 6

This will take place on Wednesday 25th July at 9.00 a.m. – all are welcome and all friends and family of Year 6 are welcome to tea and cake after the service.

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.

What another wonderful month of weather – it great to be bathed in Mediterranean Minety sunshine! Our children are a little more tired than normal but are rising to the challenge of keeping calm even when feeling a little frazzled by the heat. In terms of wonderful activities there have been so many with all putting everything into it and so many more still to happen.

Sally Greaves