

MINETY NEWS



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

REMARKABLE RESULTS

Well done Year 6 and Year 2 for another set of excellent results:

Pupils Reaching The Expected Standard at Year 2

Subject	National % 2017	Minety School % 2018
Reading	76%	91%
Writing	68%	78%
Maths	75%	91%

Pupils Reaching The Expected Standard at Year 6

Subject	National % 2017	Minety School % 2018
Reading	71%	92%
Grammar, punctuation and spelling	77%	88%
Writing	76%	96%
Maths	75%	92%
Reading, Writing & Maths Combined Score	61%	80%

This year the DFE have asked us to let parents know the expected national 2017 validated comparators versus Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 School results for this year. The 2018 comparators when they are validated are likely to rise by 1-3%.

Thank you to Year 2 and Year 6 and the whole teaching team who were a part of the learning journey and most importantly Mr John, Mrs Griffin and Mrs Grayson.

CINDERELLA ROCKERFELLA JUNIOR PERFORMANCE

This was a fabulous production with all juniors performing so very well. Year 6 children took key parts and were amazing actors. The acting was excellent and the singing was of such a high standard this year – the remarkable standard of the duets and solos was a joy to listen to. Well done also to Years 5, 4 and 3 who also took support roles, singing their hearts out. What fun it was! Thank you Mrs Rayner, Mrs Freer and Mrs Griffin for supporting the children with the singing. A special thank you to Mrs Griffin and Mrs Dudding for preparing so many of the props and scenery. Thank you to supportive parents who helped with



costumes and make-up – especially Rachel Swatton plus ex-Minety students – Emelia Mason, Ellie Kinch, Amelia Dudding, Megan Swatton and Elfie Tucker for making up all our actors along with Lucy John and Rosie Rayner. Thank you to the PTA led by Jane Cox for refreshments and, of course, Ben John who led this event.

WELCOME TO MINETY

We have 22 Reception children joining us in September. A warm welcome to Harry, Tobin, Annabelle, Harry, Toby, Leighton, Winston, Sadie, Jack, Florence, Isla, Eli, Esmae, Edward, Wilfred, Curtis, Iris, Isabella, William, James, Archie and Jacob.

BACK TO SCHOOL!

What already! A simple reminder that staff are back in school on Monday 3rd of September and **children** are back in school on **Tuesday 4th September.**

FREE FUN IN THE SUN SESSIONS

Fun in the Sun starts here in Minety School on the field or in our school hall if the weather is wet on Wednesday 1st August at 2.30 p.m. until 4.00 p.m. You will need to fill in a registration form on arrival if you have not done this already – but there is no charge and this is a superb free of charge chance for primary aged children to enjoy all sorts of sports. The coaches are CRB checked and very skilled. Please come along on any of the following weekly sessions – there is no commitment to go to every session – just attend when you can:

- Wednesday 1st August – 2.30 p.m. until 4.00 p.m.
- Wednesday 8th August – 2.30 p.m. until 4.00 p.m.
- Wednesday 15th August – 2.30 p.m. until 4.00 p.m.
- Wednesday 22nd August – 2.30 p.m. until 4.00 p.m.



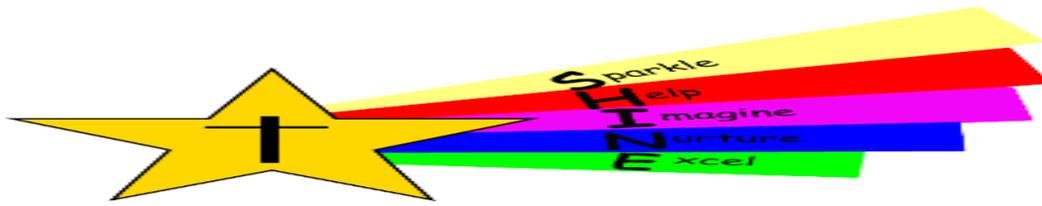
WOMAD JULY 2018

A number of lucky Year 4 & 5 children have rehearsed their performances in preparation for the WOMAD festival at Malmesbury School. The children performed last Tuesday with a Senegalese band. The band also came to our school on Thursday 12th July and performed brilliantly. They then led workshops for our children in school. As ever this was a wonderful and unique opportunity for our children! Our children also performed amazingly well on Tuesday 17th July at the Abbey performance. All of us, staff, family and friends thoroughly enjoyed watching the children perform such stunningly different athletic dances and singing with such wonderful tone and harmony. Good luck to all the children tomorrow, Thursday the 26th July in their performance on the opening night at WOMAD and thank you to Ben John and Jo Byrne for giving up their time in the holiday to accompany them.

PTA NEWS

The PTA's busiest week to date, and we survived. With the Disco, the Summer Production two nights and the Fair but it all paid off with the disco raising £365, the Summer Production £400 and the Summer Fair another £1200.

These events are so worthwhile as they are such good fundraisers. I'm always staggered by just how generous our parents are. The funds raised from the Summer Fair alone are going to be distributed equally between the 6 Classes and I know most of the teachers have already earmarked exactly where their £200 is going. Thanks to everyone who helped at these events, you all played an important part and I'm very aware we could not do it without all your support.



Congratulations to our Lucky Numbers winners, 1st Prize to Jenny Cox, 2nd prize Nina Marchant and 3rd prize to Will White. Always handy to get some spending money before the holidays.

As a parting gift to the end of the 2017/18 school year all students are taking home a school portrait tea towel, happy drying kids.

Thank you again, and see you all back in September, have a wonderful summer.

Charlotte, Jane and the PTA Committee.



CLASS STRUCTURE 2018-19

In a yet another very tight budgetary year the Governors have agreed a class structure which stretches our finances but is entirely to the benefit of the children. The majority of our spending is always on staffing and this year it is no different. Due to the fact that we do spend the majority of our money on a staffing structure of 6 classes the increased on-costs which are now the responsibility of the school e.g. an increased national insurance and pensions contribution have caused us to have no money to spare. However the good news is that our structure is identical to last year with no class, just as last year, being bigger than 33 children and the same excellent staffing in all of our classes:

Class 1 Owls- Mrs Madeley – Reception Class

Class 2 Cygnets – Mrs Roberts and Mrs Landon – Year 1 class

Class 3 Otters – Mrs Griffin and Mrs Grayson – Year 2 Class

Class 4 Kingfishers - Mrs Rayner – Year 3 Class

Class 5 Mrs Freer Dragonflies– Years 5 & 4 Class

Class 6 Newts - Mr John and Mrs Griffin Years 6 & 5 Class

AU REVOIR

We wish good luck for the future to Caroline Russell – one of our brilliant administrators:

Caroline is changing location – this is good for her family life but we will miss her. She has been with us for 8 years as an Administrator and a lot longer as a parent and key PTA member.

Caroline always efficient, welcoming and cheerful – you will be sorely missed.

MARVELLOUS MINETY YEAR 6 – FAREWELL

We have gained excellent results this year, but most importantly we will truly miss the children with their many talents of sport, drama and music – thank you Year 6 - it is time to say farewell and enjoy all your new challenges – Jack Andrews, Ben Ashley, Joshua Byrne, Izzy Cooke, Archie Crompton, Sebastian Douglas, Spencer Gill, Peterson Hurley, Eirlys Jones, Henry Mason, Rebekkah Mawer, Antony McCormick, Jessica Miller, Enzo Mussell, Amria Nijhar, Lydia Ockwell, Josey Olley, Amber-Lily Payne, Lily Ramirez-Hobbes, Melissa Simpkins, Aaron Skuse, Eve Swatton, Finn Tucker, Scarlett Wells and Will White.

We are taking this opportunity to wish you all well for the future!

Children are continuing their journeys to Malmesbury Secondary School, Stroud High School, Pates Grammar, Deer Park, Kingshill, Tanbridge House School and Royal Wootton Bassett Secondary.



We also wish a fond farewell and say a final thank you to several families who will no longer have children with us:- the Masons, the Mawers, the McCormicks, the Paynes, the Ramirez-Hobbs, the Simpkins, the Skuses, the Swattons, the Tuckers, the Whites and the Jones' families

What an amazing year – we have enjoyed so many wonderful events. Enjoy a restful and well-deserved break.

Thank you everybody for the most amazing support.

Sally Greaves