

MINETY NEWS



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



PHONICS INFORMATION EVENING

All Infant parents are welcome to the Phonics Information Evening at 7.00 p.m. on Monday 1st October. This session will hold particular interest for our new Reception Parents and Year 1 parents.

PARENT WORSHIP DATES

Please come and join us for our Parent Worship. The dates are as follows:

Friday 5th October – Year 1 Cygnets Class 2

Friday 12th October – Year R Owls Class 1

Friday 19th October – Year 6 and 5 Newts Class 6

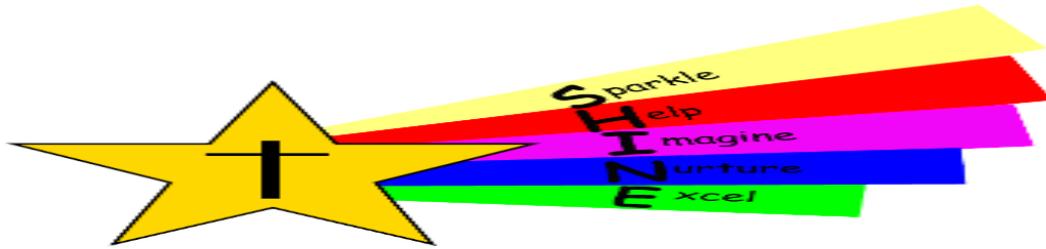
Friday 9th November – Year 2 Parent Otters Worship Class 3

Friday 30th November Years 4 and 5 Class 5

Friday 7th December – Years 3 Kingfisher Class 4

MEET AND GREET PARENT DROP-IN THURSDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

Thank you to everyone who dropped into school last Thursday – the teachers were delighted that so many of you could come into school to find out how your children are settling.



HARVEST HARVEST HARVEST



HARVEST FESTIVAL 10.00 A.M. – SUNDAY 14TH OCTOBER AT ST LEONARD'S CHURCH

All are welcome to this community service. Junior volunteers will read poems and say prayers and help us all with the singing. Please bring any donations of dried and tinned goods that will be donated to the Malmesbury Food Bank and the Doorway Homeless Charity based in Chippenham to school during the week of 8th October.



PTA NEWS



Thank you to everyone who attended last Wednesday's AGM, and those who sent apologies. It was a very successful evening and I'm delighted to report that the PTA shall continue to operate here at Minety. Three enthusiastic parents nominated themselves for the roles available. Going forward your new Chairperson is Natalie Marchant, Treasurer is Gemma Van Eady and Secretary is Georgina Pilley. I'm sure all our parents and teachers will all continue to support this new team as generously as you have all previous committees. Gemma has already taken over the running of the Lucky Numbers and our first draw is set for next Friday 28th September so please renew asap, the more taking part the bigger the prize. Forms are attached on this newsletter.

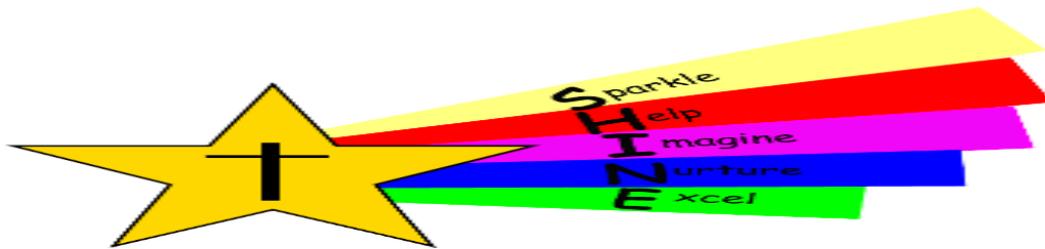
The next PTA meeting will be on Thursday October 11th 8pm Vale of the White Horse. If you are interested in helping Natalie, Gemma and Georgina by becoming a member of the Committee or Trustee, please attend. So, from myself and all who have been on the committee for the past 3 years, thank you for all your support. You've helped us raise a small fortune for the school and long may it continue. We have all enjoyed being part of the PTA and I hope the new team find it equally rewarding.

Many Thanks

Charlotte Williams, Jane Cox, Rachael Richardson

Please remember to register with The Giving Machine, it is a totally free way to give to the PTA, shop online and those shops will donate a % of what you spend to us.





TEACHER TRAINING DAYS FOR 2018-19

On these days children are not in school: **Monday 22nd October 2018, Tuesday 23rd October 2018, and Wednesday 24th October 2018**

We finish the academic year on Wednesday 24th July 2019

TERRIFIC TRIP – TUESDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

Classes 4 and 5 visited The Ashmolean Museum on Tuesday 11th September. The children were really enthused by these stimulating visits which tied into their learning topics of Pharaohs and Gods and Mortals. Behaviour was applauded by the teaching teams at the venues and a huge thank you to parent volunteers who made these trips possible. Thank you to Mrs Rayner and Mrs Freer for organising these events.

NATIONAL SATS TESTS 2019

The tests for Years 6 take place during the week of 13th May – please ensure your children are in school during this week and do not have medical appointments or dental appointments or are out of school for any reason.

At present it is proposed but not yet confirmed that Year 2 will undertake their tests and be assessed during the month of May 2019.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 6 CHILDREN

This now needs to be done directly to Wiltshire Council by midnight on Wednesday 31st October on-line. If you have problems with this please contact the office.

A LICK OF PAINT!

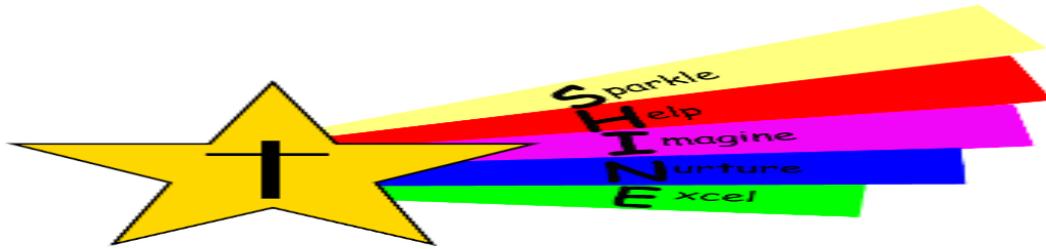
Well done to all those observant parents and children who spotted our Summer Holiday Refresh painting of Classes 1, 2, 4 and 5. Thank you to Gavin Filkins who completed the task so efficiently and so reasonably.

RECEPTION APPLICATIONS FOR PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN JOINING MINETY SCHOOL IN 2019 - 20

This needs to be done directly to Wiltshire Council by Tuesday 15th January – there is opportunity to do this on-line or via the forms that are available at Pre-school. The County are keen to encourage on-line applications.

HIGHWAYS DAY – TUESDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

Thank you to Mrs Madeley for organising a wonderful day when three members of the Highways Team came in and worked with the Class 6 children. They talked about rock cycles



and made rocks, built bridges and examined soil types. They also explored the maths behind “smart motorways.” This was such a wonderful day with so much hands-on experience of engineering activities. Thank you to the team for giving their time so generously and free of charge to the school.

REMINDERS

Please send your child in with at least a light weight coat (preferably waterproof) as the weather remains very changeable.

Please drive so very carefully in the village at all times – this is so very important when young children and families may be crossing the road. Please take extra care – an accident could happen at this extremely busy period.

P.E. kit needs to be in school every day for children to take full advantage of games/ P.E. sessions. Plimsolls are required for indoor P.E. and trainers for outdoor games. **Trainers** are essential for lessons on the all-weather pitch. All uniform, coats and P.E. kit need to be clearly named.

Children should not be on the Trim Trail or in this area when they leave their classes to join you at the end of the school day as it is not safe.

Please ensure children think of others as they depart and arrive at school. Children should push scooters and bikes into the playground as it is such a busy place. Please can you also supervise your children on the pathways and roadways around the school.

In so many ways it has been a great start to the academic year and the children have made an excellent beginning. They have been focussed and so very engaged with their learning. Thank you for your support.

Sally Greaves