

MINETY NEWS



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

PHOTOGRAPHER – MONDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

On the first day back individual photographs will be taken – photographs of children with pre-school siblings starts at 8.30 a.m. – please turn up and gain a place to have a memorable photograph taken.

Remember to have children in school uniform so that they look their very best.

PARENT WORSHIP DATES

Thank you to R Owls Class 1 who shared their wonderful learning about Friends Who Help Us. Well done Class 1! They also celebrated the harvest with a whole school rendition of 'Big Red Combine Harvester' which all the children thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you Mrs Madeley and Mrs Holdway for leading. Please come and join us for our other Parent Worship. The dates are as follows:

Friday 9th November – Year 2 Otters Class 3

Friday 30th November – Years 4 and 5 Class 5

Friday 7th December – Year 3 Kingfisher Class 4

PARENT SHOWCASE YEAR 6 & 5, CLASS 6

Thank you to Class 6 for their wonderful presentation skills of their themed learning centred on World War 2. There were the most amazing displays relating to propaganda, air raid safety, rationing, make and mend toys, parachute and model plane displays. Wonderful renditions of vital and famous speeches took place along with the best singing of wartime songs that I have heard in a long time! Well done Year 6 and 5. **Thank you to Mr John, Mrs Griffin and Mrs Dudding for leading this.**

HARVEST HARVEST HARVEST

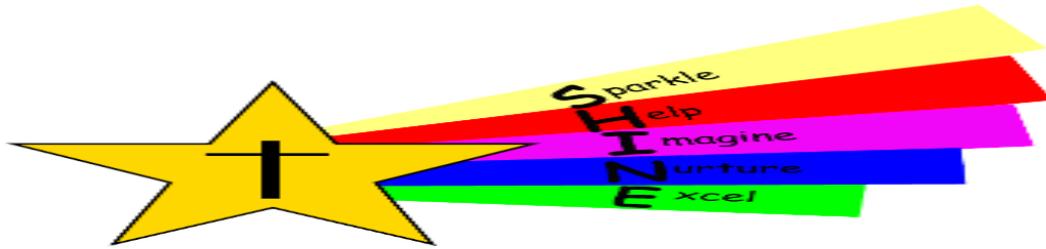


HARVEST FESTIVAL 10.00 A.M. – SUNDAY 14TH OCTOBER AT ST LEONARD'S CHURCH

This was a wonderful community service. Junior volunteers read harvest poems and prayers beautifully, sang and performed an entertaining dramatization of 'The Sower and the Seed.' Thank you to all at St Leonard's for such a warm welcome and to Brian Senior for leading the service. More thanks are due to Ben John and Miranda Shirnia for leading the children's amazingly clear and expressive participation. Many thanks for the donations of dried and tinned goods, which have been donated to the Malmesbury Food Bank and the Doorway Homeless Charity in Chippenham.

PARENT CONSULTATION EVENINGS – TUESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER AND THURSDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

If you have not yet booked an appointment for Parent Consultation Evenings – please find the list on the door of your child's classroom or in the Shared Area. Please pop a time on the listings as these days take place on the first week back.



PTA NEWS

Thank you to all those who were able to attend the PTA meeting last week. It was a great turnout and there was lots discussed in the meeting. If you would like to see for yourselves please feel free to come along to a meeting at any time.

Fundraising

Minety PTA is a registered charity. Our aim is to enhance the school's resources by raising funds for school equipment and activities. This is achieved by organising various social and fund-raising events throughout the school year. The events are varied and provide an opportunity for families to meet and have fun, whilst helping to support the school. With this in mind over the next year we have the aim of raising sufficient funds to replace the 15 Netbooks with Chromebooks in the school. The cost for this is in the region of £3000.

Volunteers

The PTA is made up of parents volunteering their time and it is also during events that we require the support of parents. For the events that we have coming up we will be asking for parents to volunteer their time on the night. Please see the forms and add your name if you are able to offer help on the events that are planned.

Second hand school uniform sale

The school has lots of second hand school uniform items. If you need another dress, jumper, cardigan, t-shirt etc then please visit us in the shared area the first week back after half term from Tuesday 6th November to Friday 9th November. There are lots of different sizes and all very good quality. We will be having a table of items for sale during this week before and after school in the school hall or the shared area (depending on after school activities that use the hall).

School Ball

There have been lots of people asking whether there will be another Ball next year and it's understandable after the success of the one from this year. Given the sheer amount of planning and work involved for the event we thought it would be best to set up separate meetings and to see what input and support people have for continuing this event. There will be a meeting on Tuesday 20th November at the Vale of the White Horse at 8pm to discuss all of the different elements involved and throw ideas around. If you would like to join us please come along.

Stargazing Evening

The school has organised this fantastic evening for children and parents on 13th November. The PTA will be selling hot dogs and hot drinks on the night. Letters will be in book bags tonight.

Lucky Numbers

The lucky numbers draw for October will be after the half term on Friday 9th November. Please return forms to the school office by Wednesday 7th November. You can join the lucky numbers draw at any point during the school year whether you are a parent, grandparent, child, brother, sister etc. The cost is £1 per month per number. Forms are attached.

School Disco

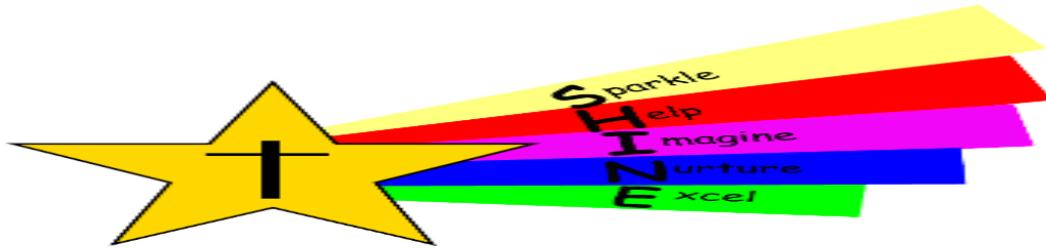
This is always a popular evening for the children. There will be a Christmas themed disco on Friday 30th November from 6-7.30pm. As a new addition we have added a section where the children can request a song for on the night. Feel free to add your requests and we will endeavour to get them on the playlist.

Please return your registration forms by Wednesday 28th November. After the closing date if you wish your child(ren) to attend then you will need to stay with your child(ren) and pay an extra £1. Please see the form attached. If you are able to help out in the night then please could you note this on the registration form and the PTA will be in touch.

The Giving Machine

<https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/>

Please take a look and sign up to the Giving Machine. You join for free and choose up to four causes to support. Hopefully we



will be one of them. You then generate commissions by shopping online (the Giving Machine work with over 1,500 retailers including Amazon, Play.com, John Lewis, eBay, Sainsbury's and Next). They then convert your commissions into donations for your chosen causes. Which means you're raising funds for free! Just think of all the Christmas shopping that will be happening over the coming months. It's quick and easy so please take the time to sign up and start raising funds for us.

PTA Facebook Page

If you didn't know or haven't joined yet there is a PTA Facebook page where dates, reminders and information will be posted to keep you up to date as well. Please join to keep in touch and up to date with everything that is planned or currently going on.

PTA Meeting

From the new PTA Committee we look forward to welcoming anyone who may have an interest in joining, have any ideas or time to give at our next meeting on the Wednesday 7th November. Whatever you have to offer we would love to hear from you and have a drink with you at the Vale of the White Horse on 7th November at 8pm. The PTA really needs your support to be successful so any help you can give, no matter how small, would be most appreciated.

Dates for your diaries

Second hand school uniform sale 6th - 9th November

Next PTA meeting 7th November

October Lucky numbers draw 9th November

Stargazing evening 13th November

Ball meeting 20th November

School Disco 30th November

Many thanks

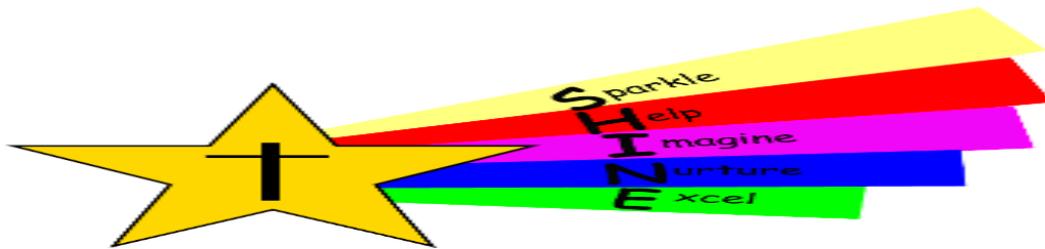
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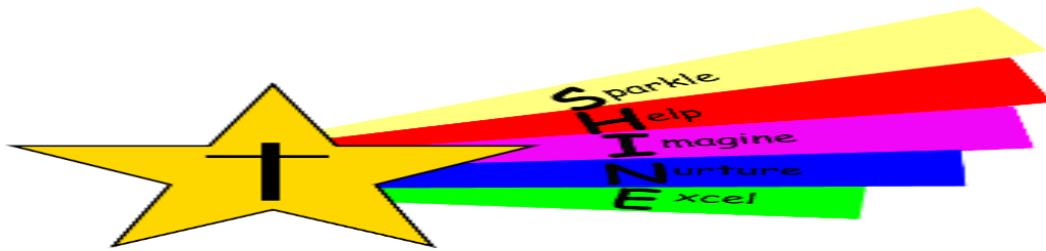
HUGE THANKS

Thank you to Mr and Mrs Crompton for their incredibly generous donation to all of the classes. Every class has received a batch of pencils, crayons, glue sticks, felt tips, post its, paint brushes, biro's to name just a few of the amazing items. Mrs Crompton is aiming to set up a donation page on the PTA section of the Website so that parents will be able to donate to class wish lists.

We are so very grateful as funding has never been so tight and teachers have really felt the lack of basic resources – this generous personal gift along with a very generous sum donated by the PTA for everyday items has been a huge blessing for our hard pressed classroom teachers who are trying to manage on ever decreasing funding within the classroom.



<p><u>THEME WEEK – “SHINE LIKE THE STARS” –Daniel 12.3</u> For the week of 12th November we will all be “SHINING LIKE THE STARS” Daniel 12.3 – this will be a week focussed on Science and RE. There is a host of activities including the Space Dome, a Stargazing Evening and so much more – a separate letter will be winging its way to you.</p>
<p><u>TEACHER TRAINING DAYS FOR 2018-19</u> <u>Please note we break up at normal time today Friday 19th October.</u></p> <p>On these days children are not in school: Monday 22nd October 2018, Tuesday 23rd October 2018 and Wednesday 24th October 2018</p> <p>The children finish the academic year on Wednesday 24th July 2018 It is a day earlier than previously noted – please note this date change.</p>
<p><u>NATIONAL SATS TESTS 2018</u> 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 2018.</p>
<p><u>SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 6 CHILDREN 2019-20</u> 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.</p>
<p><u>RECEPTION APPLICATIONS FOR PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN JOINING MINETY SCHOOL IN 2019 - 20</u> This needs to be done directly to Wiltshire Council by Tuesday 15th January – there is an opportunity to do this online or via the forms that are available at Pre-school. The County are keen to encourage online applications</p>
<p><u>TERRIFIC TRIP – MONDAY OCTOBER 8TH OCTOBER</u> Class 3 enjoyed a wonderful trip to the SS Great Britain. They were really enthused by this stimulating visit which brought life on the seas and the great innovations of Brunel. Behaviour was applauded by the teaching teams at the venue and a huge thank you to parent volunteers who made this trip possible. Thank you to Mrs Grayson, Mrs Byrne and all the parents who helped – without you these events would not be possible.</p>
<p><u>MORFA BAY PARENT INFORMATION EVENING 7.00 P.M. MONDAY 15TH OCTOBER</u> Thank you to all parents who came in to school to find out about this exciting residential trip that takes place in May 2019. Packs of information were given out and most have now been collected from the office. If you are a Year 6 parent and haven't managed to do this – a pack is being sent home with your child today.</p>
<p><u>SPLENDID SPORTING EVENT!</u> What a wonderful fortnight of sport! On Wednesday 3rd October the Lower Junior rugby tournament was so impressively organised by Minety Rugby Club - our Year 4s played with such great team spirit and enthusiasm gaining a strong fifth placement. Thank you to all parents who supported the teams and a particular thank you to Mrs Rayner and Mrs Byrne who led the teams.</p>
<p><u>INFORMATION AND ADVICE SESSION ON SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD WITH THEIR WORRIES – FRIDAY 16TH OF NOVEMBER AT 9.30 A.M. AT LEA AND GARDSON SCHOOL, SN16 9PG</u> All parents are invited to a Wiltshire Early Help Service and CAMHS Information and Advice Session on “Supporting your child with their worries.”</p> <p>Is your child overly anxious or suffering any form of anxiety, fears or phobias? Then come along to this session to find out how you can best support your child – there will be lots of ideas and strategies to help you.</p> <p>If you would like to attend contact the office by Wednesday 14th November who will book you in.</p>



FIVE TOP TIPS TO MANAGE CHILDREN'S SCREEN TIME

We are alerting you to some excellent advice from internetmatters.org. – the full info is attached. But 5 key headings are

1. Set a good example with your own device use.
2. Talk together about the time children spend on line.
3. Agree an amount of time that they can use their device.
4. Get the whole family to unplug and create “screen free” zones at home.
5. Use technology and apps to help manage screen time.

From a safeguarding perspective please have devices in a communal space so you can find out who your child is talking or playing online games with. Most importantly keep talking to your children and take any changes in behaviour particularly with regard to messaging others very seriously – talk with them and find out what they are doing.

The term has been a long but very satisfying one with generally good mild weather - an impressive effort has been put in by the children in their learning and all that they have engaged in. We finish school today on Friday 19th October – normal time – 3.15 p.m. We are back to school on Monday 5th November. Have a wonderfully restful half-term and let's hope the sun keeps shining