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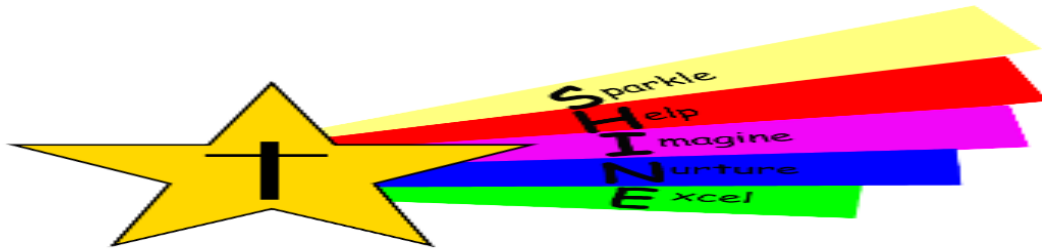






Minety C of E Primary School's Newsletter
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DIARY DATES FOR CHRISTMAS

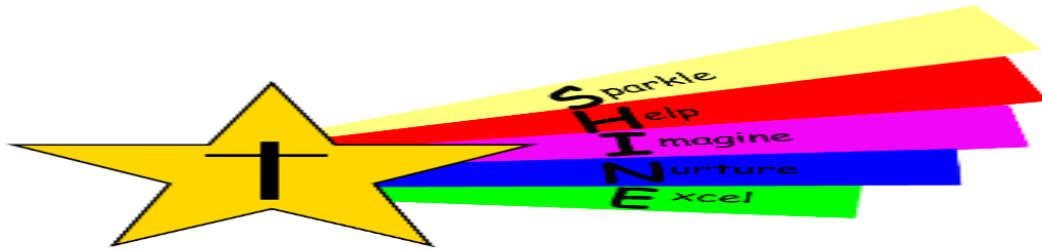
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| <p>Monday 17th December</p>  | <p>9.30 a.m. with snack food at 10.15 a.m. and party lunch food for Infants at 11.30 a.m.</p> | <p>Christmas party for Owls Class 1 & Cygnets Class 2 plus Otters Class 3. Please contribute some food for our party – lists of suggestions will be on the outside of classroom doors.</p> |
| <p>Tuesday 18th December</p> | <p>1.15 -1.30 pm</p> | <p>Children from Classes 3 to 6 will watch the <u>final dress rehearsal</u> of our Year R and Year 1 Christmas Nativity Play. Pre-school children are also invited to attend.</p> |
| <p>Wednesday 19th December</p>  | <p>Departure 12.30 – packed lunch needed for all junior children who will have an early packed lunch in school. Gloves and long sleeved top are also required.</p> | <p>Juniors (Junior Children Years 3 to 6 from Class 4, Class 5 and Class 6) Ice Skating Trip Returning at 3.15 pm</p> |
| <p>Wednesday 19th December</p>  | <p>1.30 p.m.</p> | <p>Christmas Nativity Play (Classes 1 and 2) - tickets required. Refreshments of tea and cakes will be available.</p> |
| <p>Thursday 20th December</p> | <p>11.45 a.m.</p> | <p>Christmas Lunch – Only sandwich alternatives (rather than hot take away food) are permitted if you are not ordering lunch for your child(ren.)</p> |



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| <p>Thursday 20th December</p>   | <p>6.00 p.m.</p> | <p>Christmas Nativity Play (Classes 1 and 2) - tickets required. We would like all the children taking part in the play to be at school by 5.15 p.m. to give us time to get into costumes. The play will last approximately 40 minutes. Refreshments of wine & mince pies will be available.</p> | |
| <p>Friday 21st December</p>  | <p>1.45 p.m. (If any parent is very keen for their Year 1 or Reception child (ren) to watch their sibling in the service, or be at the service with you, you are welcome to pick them up from school and keep them with you in the audience).</p> | <p>NATIVITY SERVICE FOR YEARS 2 TO 6— at St Leonard’s Church. Family and friends are very welcome to join us at the church for a special Christmas Nativity Service. Year 6 will narrate the Christmas Story and Year 2 will take part in the pageant.</p> | |

PARENT WORSHIP DATES

Thank you to Class 4 who shared their wonderful learning from our Theme Week on Recycling and their topic Mighty Metals. There was so much interesting information on offer from the children – Class 4 presented a very mature assembly speaking with great confidence and clarity. So much interesting information was on offer combining science learning with topic work and their work on Recycling. This also included an excellent quiz ensuring all had paid attention in the worship! In addition there were also wonderful pictures of the Iron Man. This was combined with a very impressive rendition of well-known favourites such as Twinkle, Twinkle with hand-bells. The Worship was then completed with a thought-provoking prayer composed and read by Jemma Cox. Thank you to the whole Class 4 team and Mrs Rayner and Mrs Byrne for leading this lovely event.



PTA NEWS



School Disco

The children certainly had a fantastic time and thank you to all those who were able to help out on the night. The disco managed to raise £277 which equates to a new Chromebook for the school.

Preschool Bazaar

Lovely to see so many familiar faces out to support the Preschool event. The sweet wheel managed to raise £12.70.

PTA & Ball meeting

Thank you to all who were able to make the meeting on Monday. The PTA really couldn't do all the wonderful events for the school without your support. Big news is that the date for the Annual Fundraising Ball has been set for Saturday 27th April 2019. Please make a note in your diaries and further details will follow in the New Year

The next PTA meeting will be on Monday 14th January and the next Ball meeting will be on Thursday 24th January. Please do come along as we need as many volunteers as possible to make this a successful event.

PTA Email Addresses

Our email addresses are up and running so if you wish to contact us with any ideas, suggestions or offers of help etc please feel free to do so. They are as follows:

Natalie Marchant minetyptachair@gmail.com
Georgina Pilley minetyptasecretary@gmail.com
Gemma Van Eady minetyptatreasurer@gmail.com

Infant Nativity

Please don't forget the Infant Nativity performances are on the 19th at 1.30pm and 20th December at 6pm. The PTA will be offering refreshments at both performances so any donations of festive cakes, biscuits or treats would be greatly appreciated. Please remember **No Nut** items or related products thank you. Wines will be offered at the evening (Thursday) performance and hot and cold drinks for the matinee. Thank you in advance for your offerings.

Thank you to Aldi who have donated two hampers as raffle prizes for each of the performances. So please bring a lucky £1 - £5 to the showings, you never know who might be lucky!

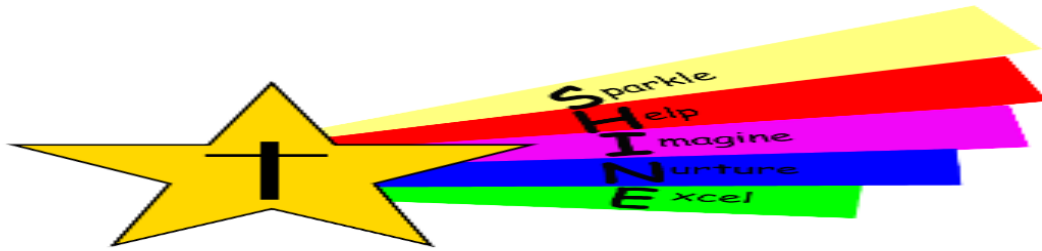
Popcorn Club

We will be aiming to run a Popcorn Club on Friday 1st February 2019 from 5.30pm-7pm. Registration forms and details on the showings to follow in the New Year.

Lucky Numbers

The lucky numbers draw for December will be on Friday 21st December. Please return forms to the school office by Wednesday 19th December.

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.



Dates for your diaries

Infant Nativity Matinee Performance on 19th December at 1.30pm
Infant Nativity Evening Performance on 20th December at 6pm
December lucky numbers draw 21st December
PTA meeting 14th January
Ball Meeting 24th January
Popcorn Club 1st February

From the PTA we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for all of your continued support.

NATIONAL SATS TESTS 2018

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.

ANOTHER VERY POSITIVE YEAR OF RESULTS!

We are delighted that Minety is yet again in the top slice of Wiltshire schools in terms of results. Depending on what measure is focussed on we have achieved a top 40 ranking out of 240 schools in every aspect. In terms of attainment we are in equal 20th position. This is a very strong result as our cohort of Year 6 children were generally a really active sporty group with a majority of summer born boys. Traditionally such a group is not one that is classically academic, so for our pupils to still achieve top results is a fantastic achievement. Thank you to all children and parents for their efforts, throughout the years, plus of course, Mr John and Mrs Griffin who work with this cohort – however, we should not forget all of our teachers as the journey throughout school is what secures such very good results.

We are almost at the end of a very busy term, which finishes on Friday 21st of December with our wonderful Nativity service at St Leonard's. Classes 1 and 2 can remain in school until 3.15 p.m. with their class teachers but as soon as the nativity service finishes all parents are welcome to collect children either from the church or from the school. Information around lunch boxes and book bags has been sent via email so please check for the detail.

Sally Greaves