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MINETY NEWS

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HOCKEY COMPETITION

Well done to our hockey teams who were unlucky not to get into the play offs in the Malmesbury Hockey Festival. We are very proud that the teams gave their all! There were a large number of teams so our children performed well. Thank you to Sian Freer who led the teams and all parents who supported the teams.

NATIONAL SATS TESTS 2019

The tests for **Year 6** will take place during the week of **13th May**.

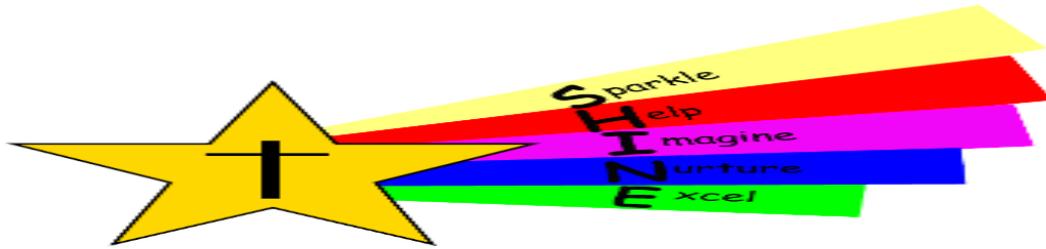
Year 2 tests this year will take place **during the month of May** – please ensure your children are in school during this period and do not have medical appointments or dental appointments or are out of school for any reason.

TERRIFIC TRIP TO NOAH'S ARK FARM

The trip to the Farm took place on a wonderfully warm day and the children saw the most amazing range of animals – they were able to stroke a snake (only if they wanted to!) along with a tortoise. They also saw a huge range of animals and had the most amazing time. Thank you to Mrs Madeley and Mrs Roberts for organising this trip and to all parents and staff who helped on this trip.

INFORMATIVE ASSEMBLY INPUT

We have enjoyed two very interesting assemblies. One assembly was all about Thomas Hobbes – “man of Malmesbury” (1588-1679) – the Athelstan Museum Team introduced this famous local philosopher to the children and told them about the art competition that they are organising about his life. Class 1 and 2 will produce some pictures and a group of older children who particularly expressed an interest in this topic will work with Mrs Griffin on some of their ideas. Entries need to be in on Friday 15th March – if your child was inspired to complete a picture at home and wants to enter please contact the office for information on the rules for entry.



We also enjoyed a Water Aid Assembly from Tony Clutton who is a volunteer with Water Aid. The children, Mrs Freer, Mrs Rayner and me were all amazed at the depth of knowledge Mr Clutton had in terms of water facts and the lack of clean water in so many countries. The school council and our Worship Workers will develop this into another assembly on how we can help and school council will keep us updated on how we can help others in our world to access a precious resource that we often take for granted.

PTA NEWS

Popcorn Club

It's been a busy couple of weeks from the PTA. We hope everyone enjoyed last week's Popcorn Club. We had a good uptake of children so thank you for coming along and of course to those parents who stayed to help supervise.

Pancake Day

Many thanks for supporting our pancake sale on Tuesday. It was great to receive so many donations and so many children and adults enjoying a pancake after school. A big thank you to those who helped to organise and set up the sale.

Midnight Masquerade Ball

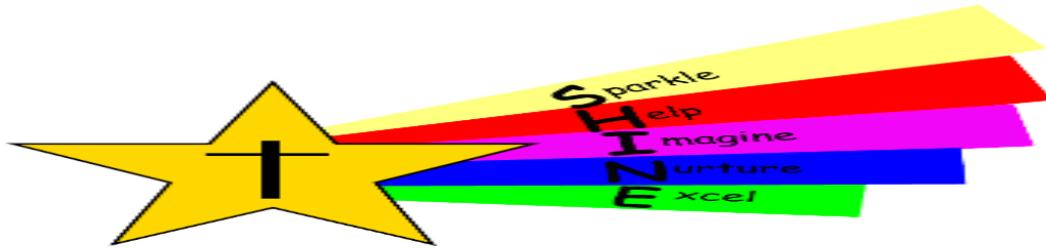
Our PTA ball tickets went on sale at school this week and sales are going really well. If you would like a ticket, please do let one of the PTA know or the office. We have purchased a card machine so paying has never been easier! You can also pay by cash or make an online payment to the PTA account if you would prefer. The ball is being held on Saturday 27th April and tickets cost £30.00 each. It will be a brilliant event whilst raising money for our school so please do come along. If you would like to help with the planning of the event, please let Natalie Marchant know or come along to our next ball committee meeting which is to be held on March 21st. Venue TBC

Next PTA Meeting

And finally, our next PTA meeting is on Wednesday 13th March at 8.00pm at the Vale of the White Horse. Please do drop in for a drink and to share your ideas or find out what we're up to!

MOTOR-NEURONE ASSOCIATION VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION NON-UNIFORM DAY

On the last Friday of term we raised £165.47 for the Motor Neurone Association in memory of Veronica Finnie who worked at Minety School 8 years ago as a class teacher and returned in various posts of peripatetic and support teacher on a part-time support basis working with individuals and groups of children. This is a great tribute to Veronica – thank you to everyone who was kind enough to donate money.



TEACHER TRAINING DAYS FOR 2019-20

Monday 2nd September 2019
 Monday 21st October 2019
 Tuesday 22nd October 2019
 Wednesday 23rd October 2019
 Friday 26th June 2020

PARENT ASSEMBLY DATES SPRING AND SUMMER TERMS 2019

Class 1 – Friday 29th March – 9.00 a.m. start
 Class 4 – Friday 26th April – 9.00 a.m. start - **Please note this date has changed –sorry for any inconvenience**
 Class 5 – Friday 24th May – 9.00 a.m. start – Parent Show Case in Class 5

All parents, friends and family are welcome to these assemblies.

PARENT ASSEMBLIES - Class 3

Class 3 presented an amazing assembly last Friday 1st March. Class 3 presented 'Messy Mixtures', exploring materials in science, a range of writing including instructions, wonderful descriptions of George's marvellous medicines and poetry along with showing the most stunning pieces of artwork based on the style of Quentin Blake. The children gave a wonderful display of what could be put in a pungent potion and performed the most brilliant rendition of "Reach for the Stars" based on their PSHE learning. The children performed brilliantly, speaking with confidence and displaying an excellent understanding of what they have learnt this term. The quality of writing was truly impressive and their expression and clarity in all that they displayed was excellent. Thank you to Mrs Griffin, Mrs Grayson, Mrs Byrne and Mrs Woodhouse for an exceptional assembly.

TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2019-20

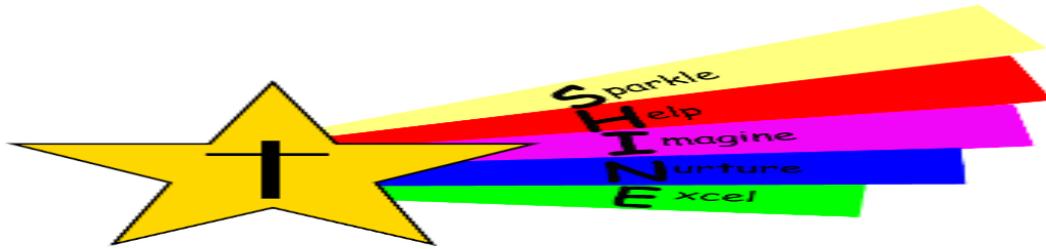
The new term dates for the Academic Year 2019-20 are as follows:

In the previous three years our dates have been linked as closely as possible to the holiday dates of Malmesbury Secondary as the majority of our families have siblings there. This is to assist with the booking of holidays and to assist in child care costs. There are copies outside of the office should you want a hard copy.

For Children:

Autumn Term 1 Begins on Tuesday 3rd September 2019
 Autumn Term 1 Finishes on Friday 18th October 2019
 October Half Term for Children 2 weeks - Week of 21st October, Week of 28th October and returning on Monday 4th November

Autumn Term 2 Begins on Monday 4th November 2019
 Autumn Term 2 Finishes on Friday 20th December 2019
 Christmas Holidays for children 2 weeks beginning on Saturday 21st December and returning on Monday 6th January



Spring Term 1 Begins on Monday 6th January 2020
Spring Term 1 Finishes on Friday 14th February 2020

Spring Half-Term for children 1 week - Week of 17th February and returning on Monday 24th February

Spring Term 2 Begins on Monday 24th February 2020
Spring Term 2 Finishes on Friday 3rd April 2020

Easter Holidays for Children 2 weeks beginning on Monday 6th April 2020 and returning on Monday 20th April

Summer Term 1 Begins on Monday 20th April 2020
Summer Term 1 Finishes on Friday 22nd May 2020

Summer Half-Term for children 1 week - Week of 25th May and returning on Monday 1st June

Summer Term 2 Begins on Monday 1st June 2020
Summer Term 2 Finishes on Wednesday 22nd July 2020

Training Day Friday 26th June 2020

REMINDERS

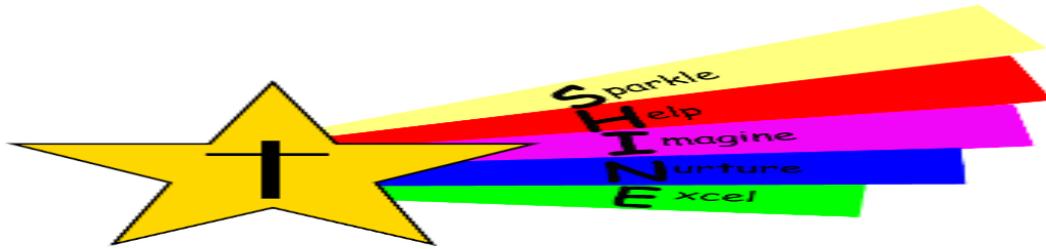
Thank you to everyone who have reminded children of the following- if you have not managed to speak to your child – could you remind them so that they can keep themselves safe and think of others.

- Children should not use scooters or bikes on the playground; this is due to the fact that when children are moving at speed accidents can happen, particularly to pre-school children and toddlers who may be waiting for older children.
- Children need to be supervised at all points on the playground and on the all-weather pitch. Accidents happen when an adult is not supervising children. When children leave their class or class teacher to be with their parents or adult carer – it is the responsibility of the adults collecting the children to supervise the children.

WORLD BOOK DAY- THURSDAY 7TH MARCH



Yesterday we participated in World Book Day by celebrating Roald Dahl's books – we dressed up as Roald Dahl characters and had lots of fun. Thank you to everyone for supporting the children in the most amazing array of costumes. We all enjoyed a "Big Bookie Breakfast" in our classes combining a delicious breakfast with story sharing. Thank you to the parents who read stories to our children – Mrs Richardson and Mr Woodhouse as well as Mrs Kinch who read her stories from her own book. Another huge thank you to Mr Shipper who so kindly gave his time exhibiting his amazing talent as an illustrator and giving the children lots of tips on how to achieve amazing images. It was also particularly generous of him to give each child a



mini-print of his Marvel characters. The children had such fun making book bunting, undertaking paired reading with younger children and a book scavenger hunt as well as entering a “design a national book token competition.” Along with this our Reception children enjoyed stories as they had a teddy bears’ picnic organised by a group of Year 5 children. Thank you to Noah King for this good idea and to his classmates Henry Harman, Benjy Douglas, Isla Murray and Amy Richardson who helped him organise this for our youngest children. Thanks to all teachers who made this inspiring day possible. Another great vote of thanks to Mrs Griffin who assisted with World Book Day but especially to Mrs Grayson who led this great day plus worked so hard to ensure everything went smoothly even giving up a great deal of time on her day off.

What a great start to the term – we have enjoyed a Hockey Festival, a terrific trip and a wonderful World Book Day. What an assortment of fun and lots of wonderful learning!

Sally Greaves