



Minety

C of E Primary School

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NEWSLETTER

Issue 1 - September 2023

From the Head Teacher

Dear Families,

Welcome back! I do hope that everyone managed to get some quality family time over the holiday, even if the weather wasn't as kind to us as we would have liked.

My family and I embarked on the adventure of family camping for the first time over the holiday. I was always the one who was against it but I have to say that my family and I had a great time and have already booked some sites for next year.

There has been a wonderful buzz over the past two weeks as the school has once again been filled with the sound of children learning. Working in the school over the summer holidays or any holiday when the classrooms are empty is always a little strange so I am very grateful that the children have returned excited and buzzing for this year.

I want to share my admiration for the children, last week was not nice – although it's the type of weather we long for during the holidays temperatures close to and beyond 30°C when you're in school are not nice. However, the children carried on working and playing without incident. It's just a shame we didn't have this weather in the last week of August!

Our value in focus this term is **Integrity**, we have been looking at this value in our collective worship assemblies focusing on the idea that we can show integrity by making the right choices, even when no one is looking. If you get a moment around the family dinner table, ask your children about integrity and what it means to them.

Mr Howard

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Bikeability (Year 6)

20th September

Year 5/6 Football

PTA AGM

4th October

Year 3/4 Rugby

8th October

Harvest Festival – St. Leonard's Church

11th October

Year 5/6 Rugby

13th October

Last day of term – 3.15pm finish

House Points



195



230



212



256

Thank You!

I must pass on a big thank you to Boundary Scaffolding, who helped the school out over the summer and provided us with some scaffolding which has enabled the school to take the first steps towards a reorientation of the school hall. Once again, thank you.

Hello!

It is that time of year when we get to say a big warm Minety hello to some new faces. Joining us in station class we have, Thomas, Archie, Rupert, Bobbie, Bellavieve, Henry, Archie, Oscar, Lola, Jack, Archie, Lydia, Hazel, Eli, Emily, Renesmee, Katie and Zachary. We also welcome Hugo and Basil into other classes across the school.

School Uniform

Thank you for your patience over the summer holiday while we worked with our uniform supplier to get the new school logo on. I must say, the new uniforms do look very posh and while I know that there was an issue with the backing on the t-shirts, this seems to have been resolved. Please do not be worried we will always welcome children in both older and new logoed uniforms.

PE Uniform

I will apologise now, however, in this section I have to have a little bit of a moan! Since early last year, we welcomed children into school in their PE uniform on PE days. This was to help ensure that children got the maximum time during their PE lessons to be active and learn the skills taught through Physical Education. Towards the end of last year and over the past two weeks I have seen a number of children on these days not wearing the correct PE uniform. For me, having the right PE uniform is the same as having the correct regular uniform. Please can you ensure that your children attend school in the correct PE uniform on PE days as outlined below. There should be no football kits and where you have purchased branded garments they should be as small as possible. We will start sending out reminders to families of children who do not wear the correct PE uniform – Thank you for your cooperation.

Black shorts, tracksuit bottoms or gym skirt (where possible please ensure these are non-branded, or where they are the branding is kept small)

Royal blue t-shirt (with or without logo)

Navy sweatshirts/cardigan/fleece (can just be the school jumper - with or without logo)

Plimsolls or lightweight dark trainers for outside use

Please for safety reasons – hoodies should not be worn

PE Days Term 1 2023

Station Class	Monday	Wednesday
Sawyers Class	Wednesday	Thursday
Hornbury Class	Wednesday	Friday
Oakleaze Class	Tuesday	Friday
Silver Class	Monday	Tuesday

PTA

A strong PTA can help a school achieve even more during an academic year. I would urge everyone who is available to attend their AGM on the 20th of September. Attending the AGM does not mean you will be signed up to run the summer fayre, but it can lend your voice to what the PTA do and also provide you with information about coming events which you might be able to help out at as this help is as important as leading an event.



Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is based at the Pre-school building in a specially designated area. The club will run from 8 – 9am per day and will include breakfast, £3 per morning. Pre booking essential. It is very important that if you do want a place for your child that they are booked – children cannot be accommodated if there is no booking. Contact Pre-school for more information on info@minetypreschool.org.uk

Oakwell Afterschool Club @ Minety

We are very lucky at Minety to have the wonderful Oakwell Afterschool Club run by Donna and Sarah. I frequently pop down after school to see what the children are doing and I am always amazed to see the number of activities which are available to the children. I also often find myself in the hall during their snack time and am astonished by the variety they offer the children from fresh fruit to warm toast and sometimes even a croissant or two.

Oakwell After School Club is registered with Ofsted to run an After School Club at Minety and is currently running for 3 evenings a week Tuesday to Thursday but if parents signed enough children up it would run from Monday to Friday. The club is welcoming and positive with a good Ofsted rating. It has a lovely atmosphere with an excellent child to adult ratio. If you need to contact or talk with the leaders just drop in to the hall at 3.15 p.m. or e-mail Donna Waldron at oakwell.minety@gmail.com

I would also like to thank Oakwell Childcare for sponsoring our new house wristbands. If your child has already misplaced theirs, tell them to come and see me and I will get them a new one, equally, if as parent you would like to join in with our House fun with your own wrist band just catch me on the playground.



Golden Book

For this academic year, we have changed the name of our celebration assembly. Every Friday we come together as a school to celebrate achievements from every class. Congratulations to: James, Bellavieve, Barnaby, Freddie, Redvers, Lexi, Jack, Harry, Neave and Grace

Mrs Ambrose

I am delighted to let families know that Mrs Ambrose has returned to school following her treatment. She is returning on a phased return to ensure that she is back with us fighting fit. She will be back in school full time after the October half term at which point I will share further information about her ongoing role at Minety.

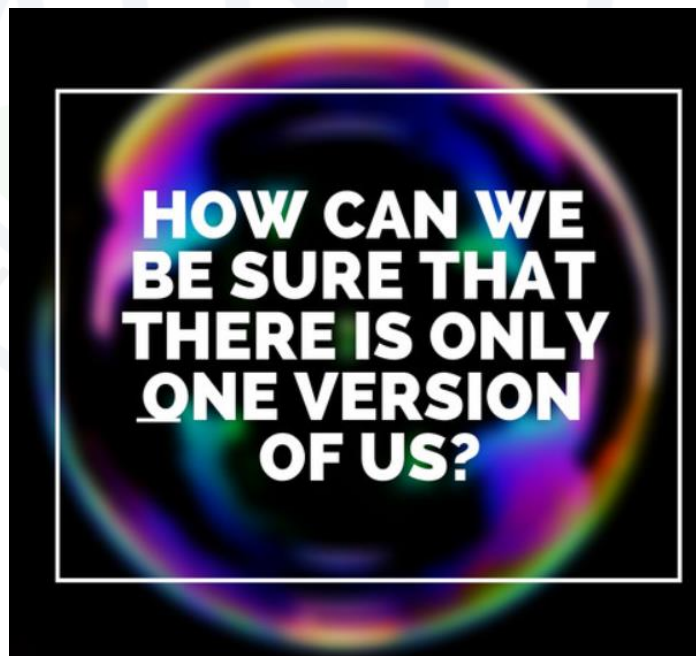
NEW BUILDING!

During the summer term, I had the opportunity to share with Wiltshire Council our Mobile Classroom – currently home to Silver Class and Oakleaze Class. The Mobile Classroom, which was ‘temporarily’ installed back in 2001 has seen many children pass through their doors on their way to learning success. It is with great joy that I can let the families of Minety know that we have been selected to have a replacement building for the Mobile Classroom. It will be a couple of years before we see construction starting, however, this news was too exciting not to share.

OPAL – Outdoor Play and Learning

I am extremely excited to share with families the news that we will be starting our journey towards becoming an OPAL school this academic year. OPAL's vision is: **that every child in every school has an amazing hour of high-quality play every day – with no exceptions.**

Through the work we will undertake we intend to redefine how our playtimes look and feel to provide the children of Minety the best experience during their time outside of the classroom. OPAL comes highly recommended from a number of schools I have worked with and I can't wait to see how it is embraced by our children. In the interim if you would like further information please visit: <https://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk/>





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Term Dates 2023/2024
Wiltshire Council

September 2023							October 2023							November 2023						
M		4	11	18	25		M		2	9	16	23	30	M		6	13	20	27	
Tu		5	12	19	26		Tu		3	10	17	24	31	Tu		7	14	21	28	
W		6	13	20	27		W		4	11	18	25		W	1	8	15	22	29	
Th		7	14	21	28		Th		5	12	19	26		Th	2	9	16	23	30	
F	1	8	15	22	29		F		6	13	20	27		F	3	10	17	24		
Sa	2	9	16	23	30		Sa		7	14	21	28		Sa	4	11	18	25		
Su	3	10	17	24			Su	1	8	15	22	29		Su	5	12	19	26		

December 2023							January 2024							February 2024						
M		4	11	18	25		M	1	8	15	22	29		M		5	12	19	26	
Tu		5	12	19	26		Tu	2	9	16	23	30		Tu		6	13	20	27	
W		6	13	20	27		W	3	10	17	24	31		W		7	14	21	28	
Th		7	14	21	28		Th	4	11	18	25			Th	1	8	15	22	29	
F	1	8	15	22	29		F	5	12	19	26			F	2	9	16	23		
Sa	2	9	16	23	30		Sa	6	13	20	27			Sa	3	10	17	24		
Su	3	10	17	24	31		Su	7	14	21	28			Su	4	11	18	25		

March 2024							April 2024							May 2024						
M		4	11	18	25		M	1	8	15	22	29		M		6	13	20	27	
Tu		5	12	19	26		Tu	2	9	16	23	30		Tu		7	14	21	28	
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June 2024							July 2024							August 2024						
M		3	10	17	24		M	1	8	15	22	29		M		5	12	19	26	
Tu		4	11	18	25		Tu	2	9	16	23	30		Tu		6	13	20	27	
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Sa	1	8	15	22	29		Sa	6	13	20	27			Sa	3	10	17	24	31	
Su	2	9	16	23	30		Su	7	14	21	28			Su	4	11	18	25		

key:	
	School Holiday
	Bank holiday
	Term Time

- 16 Teacher Development Day - School Closed to Children
- 24 School Closes Early - School will close at 1.15 P.M.