



Minety

C of E Primary School

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NEWSLETTER

Issue 2 - September 2023

From the Head Teacher

Dear Families,

They say time flies when you're having fun and this term is absolutely living up to this. It's hard to believe that we're over half way through the term already. It has been an absolute delight to go into classes and see what the children have been working on and learning about.

I have seen the children of Station class exploring construction with their new foam bricks and had a great conversation about making a wall strong enough so the big bad wolf wouldn't be able to blow it down.

The children across the Lower Phase have done some wonderful literacy based work on their book 'The Lonely Beast', writing wonderful descriptions of the main character.

While over in the Upper Phase, the children have started their programming journey to make their own quiz game.

Last week, I sat in with the PTA during their AGM. It was wonderful to hear the outcomes and achievements of their numerous events over the year. It was also great to see the new members who joined the meeting. I would urge any parents who might have some time to contribute to supporting any of the events they have coming up this year to do so.

I also want to thank the teachers for helping bring back after-school clubs. I believe providing these opportunities for our young people is really important, it helps us get to know the children in a different light through a different lens and build a stronger Minety Community.

Warmest regard

Mr Howard

VALUE OF THE TERM

INTEGRITY

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Upcoming dates

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

30th October

Back to school -8.45am

7th-14th November

Book Fair – info to follow

House Points



503



620



556



626

Thank You!

This week's thank you has to go to the Minety Village Shop. Towards the end of last academic year, they offered the school a donation from the profits they made during the year. We were extremely grateful to receive this offer and have spent the money on Barrington Stoke books to help fill our new library. On Monday a representative from the Village Shop presented the books to the librarians in assembly.



Barrington Stoke Books



Barrington Stoke Books are books written and designed for children and young people who find reading hard or difficult. They are low-challenge but high-reward reading texts which have been written to support the development of a love for reading. Having dyslexia myself, reading didn't come easy to me and I never found reading a pleasurable experience as a child. A major factor in this was the lack of texts which looked like books my peers were reading or were more interesting than the Biff and Chip

Books or Fuzzy Friends Books it always felt I was on. I wish I had access to books like these, books written for children with a low reading age but written with exciting stories and pictures. The librarians will be adding them into our library collection over the coming week so children from across the school can access and read them. If you would like further information on the book collection please visit: <https://www.barringtonstoke.co.uk/>

PE Uniform

PE Uniforms should be worn on days when children have PE. If a child has an after-school sports club, which they would wear their PE Uniform, they may also wear their PE Uniform on that day.

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

No football kits should be worn.

Nurture Garden

Following the success of Mrs Dudding's allotment last year we have decided to extend the provision and develop a larger area of the school grounds, this will enable more children to grow and nurture their own crops. To help us start to develop this area we are looking for some donations. If you have any used (clean-ish) car tyres, pallets in good condition, daffodil, tulip or crocus bulbs, or vegetable or salad seeds. Please do let the office know so we can arrange for you to drop them off.

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

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

OPAL – Outdoor Play and Learning

As I sit and write this, my head is spinning for all the right reasons. On Thursday and Friday, Mrs Ambrose, Mrs Miller, Mrs Ockwell and I had our first two-day meeting with the team from OPAL. We are extremely excited to share with the whole Minety Community what we will be doing to develop and improve play over the coming academic year. Playtime is a large part of a child's time in school. Over a week a child will be out at play for over 6 hours, this is even more time than they spend learning English or Maths. For far too long we've overlooked the development of children's play skills and play opportunities in school. Over the next 18 months, with the help of OPAL we will be working on this to provide the best play experience for our children.

We will write to you soon to share with you some key dates and further information.

If you haven't already take a look at the OPAL website <https://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk/> or visit their YouTube Channel to see what other schools have done with OPAL <https://www.youtube.com/@OPALPlaytime>

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 Sadie, Christopher, Lola, Mason, Alfie, Darcy, Carlos, Katie, Iris & Olive.





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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	
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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						
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Tu		4	11	18	25		Tu	2	9	16	23	30		Tu		6	13	20	27	
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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.