



Minety

C of E Primary School

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NEWSLETTER

Issue 3 - October 2023

From the Head Teacher

Dear Families,

It may have been a relatively short term compared to some we have coming up even so we have squeezed a lot into it. Rugby festivals, Victorian School trips, playing with our new goals, building walls with the new bricks and visiting the new library.

This term, across the school, the children have been working hard in their new year groups with their new teachers. It's always aspirational to see how the children rise up to the new challenges and expectations that come around every September. The resilience shown by many children has been wonderful. What we take for granted some find more challenging.

I'm excited to let families know that next term we will be welcoming back the Travelling Book Fair, we will share more information in the next term, but in the meantime, I've popped a poster at the end of the newsletter with some details on.

I hope that each and every family manages to have a restful and relaxing half-term and that not too many of you are suffering from the Wiltshire/Gloucestershire half-term split! My children and I have a completely different half-term to my wife. Thankfully my children and I have some plans to keep us busy.

See you all bright and ready to learn at 8.45 on Monday 30th of October.

Warmest regard

Mr Howard

VALUE OF THE TERM

INTEGRITY

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Upcoming dates

13th October

Last day of term – 3.15pm finish

30th October

First Day of Term 2 8.45 am start

9th November

Individual School Photos

8th – 13th November

Book Fair

16th November

Flu Spray Day

17th November

Children in Need

20th December

Last day of term – 1.15pm finish

House Points



771



832



774



816

Harvest Festival

Every year it amazes me how quickly autumn is upon us, the trees start to turn, the days get shorter and the fields get ploughed. At this time of year we come together with the church to celebrate Harvest Festival. On the 8th of October, St. Leonard's church held their harvest service, which was supported by the school.



Well done to Station class for producing some wonderful artwork which was displayed across the church. Thank you to Mrs Madeley, Sylvie , Ellie, Isla, April, Evie and Jenny who represented the school. Also, thank you to the wider school community who donated a wonderful selection of goods which will now be donated to the local food bank, helping others who might be in need at this time.



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.

PE Days Term 2 2023 – NO CHANGES

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

Thank You! And RUGBY!!!

Thankfulness: rugby! Over the past two weeks, we have sent children all the way to the Minety Playing Fields to compete in two rugby tournaments. While we may not have won our children represented the school excellently, playing with aspiration and respect for all the other teams even if it wasn't always reciprocated and some of the



referees may have been quite fluid in their definitions (however, as we're told their decision is final, our children took all the decisions with the integrity I would expect from them). A thank you must be sent to Mrs Richards and Mrs Booker who gave the children some of their time to help train all the competitors.

Attendance

Attendance is always a contentious topic in schools. However, in recent years the responsibilities placed on schools surrounding attendance have changed. In the new term we will be sharing with families additional attendance information and guidance to help families, we may invite some families in to talk about their child's attendance and discuss ways we can work together to improve it. In the meantime, the information on this NHS page 'Is my child too ill for school?' is very useful when making a decision to keep your child off school.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

House Point Competition

Next term our focused value will be RESPECT. Over half term, I would invite any child to help me complete our RESPECT values board in the hall by making a poster all about RESPECT. It could simply be a poster with the word wonderfully illustrated on it, it could be a poster explaining what RESPECT is, let your imaginations run wild. Every child who submits something for our RESPECT board will receive a house point.

Mrs Ambrose

At the start of the term, I shared with you the wonderful news that Mrs. Ambrose was returning to our school. I can now share with you the exciting news of how we are going to use Mrs Ambrose's time. In the mornings, Mrs Ambrose will be teaching maths to the Year 2 and Year 5 children (not at the same time!). This will provide the opportunity for all the teachers to teach single-year group maths for the remainder of the year. I have made this decision as maths is the main area of the curriculum which is specifically tailored to year groups. Children will continue to go to their regular classes in the mornings and will be collected by Mrs Ambrose for their lessons.

Office Opening Times

Due to some rearrangement of staffing over our lunchtimes after half term, the office will be closed between 12 pm and 1 pm. If you phone the school at this time your call may not be answered, however, you will be able to leave a message and the administration team will get back to you. If you require to drop off or collect a child please do so at a time around this. Thank you for your understanding in this.

Nurture Garden

Nurture garden update: Mrs Parker and her team have made a great start to the development of our new nurture garden, which you can see taking shape on the corner of the school field. Thank you to everyone who has given tyres and pallets for both the nurture garden and Opal, we will need some more so if you do have any 'good' quality pallets please let the office know and they can explain where to put them. We are still looking for bulbs but also any good quality soil to add to the bags we have already had donated by a grandparent from Sawyers Class.

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 we continue to roll out and develop towards the main launch of OPAL at Minety, I will endeavour to keep families updated. Over the past two weeks, we have been busy in a number of ways. Mrs Ambrose has spoken with most of the classes, providing them with an introduction to OPAL while also getting feedback from the children on their playtime. Parents have been completing their questionnaire to feed into our development work and we have been working to develop our first OPAL Zone.

After half term, the children will be introduced to our 'Small World' Zone. This zone will provide children with a range of resources to play with during morning and lunch breaks. Presently, we have managed to collect a wide range of resources, however, if you find yourself with any good condition, small world toys, please contact the school office and they can arrange for Mrs Ockwell and Mrs Miller to discuss with you whether they are something we might need.

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 Violet, Harriet, Renezmae, Zachary, Thomas, Bobby, William and Jenny





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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	
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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						
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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key:	
	School Holiday
	Bank holiday
	Term Time

 Teacher Development Day - School Closed to Children

 School Closes Early - School will close at 1.15 P.M.

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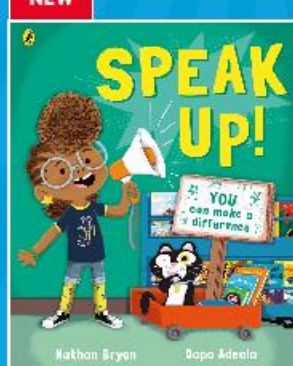
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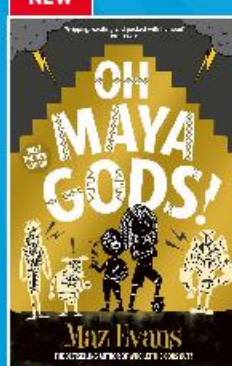
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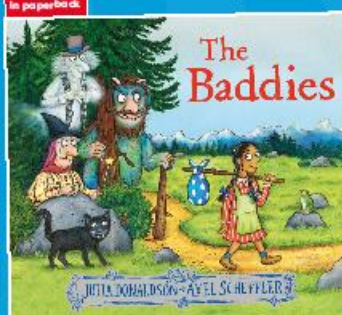
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