



# Welton Primary School

Part of the Midsomer Norton Schools' Partnership

**"Working together, achieving our best"**

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## Head's start...

Welcome back! It has been so good to see your children returning to school looking refreshed and ready to learn! They all seem to have settled well into their new classrooms and I have been hugely impressed with their positive attitudes to their learning. I have no doubt that they will once again make great progress over the year. I hope that you have found the information from teachers useful too. Please regularly listen to your child read and talk to them about their learning. I know that there are some brilliant topics being studied this term and as always, your interest really helps our young people to get the most out of them.

There have been a number of improvements and additions to the school over the summer break, funded by the Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership. The biggest project has been the resurfacing of the Early Years/Year 1 outdoor space. The large tree has now gone - it was becoming a real safety hazard with branches dropping off, large seeds falling onto anyone standing underneath, the roots were raising up the playground surface and the dampness caused by the continuous shade was making the area very slippery. The area has also been resurfaced and we are now working closely with an Early Years design team to begin installing new equipment. You may have also noticed that we have removed some of the old blue fence and gates in this area and replaced these with a smarter wooden fence. This will allow the children in YR and Y1 to have extra outdoor space to play and learn. It is all very exciting!

You may also have noticed our brand new Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) shed on the top playground. With thanks to the PTFA and the money you have raised through school events that has enabled us to purchase this. It has been specifically designed to allow easy access and storage of OPAL kit. I'm sure your children have been talking enthusiastically about playtimes - it has been brilliant to see the creativity and excitement OPAL has brought to the school. Of course, to enable the children to truly benefit from creative play, we do regularly need lots of 'loose parts' to put in the shed! A list can be found on the school website homepage and attached to this newsletter. Do feel free to bring items to school when convenient. We will always sort any donations carefully to ensure they are safe to use!

Here's to a successful and happy new school year! With best wishes and thanks for your continued support, Mr Snell.

Newsletter 1 September 21st 2018

## Harvest

To let you know that once again we will be taking donations of tins and packets for the local Foodbank as part of our Harvest learning. To keep things simple this year we are not presenting an assembly for parents, however if any donations could be sent to school by 5th October, that would be really useful. Many thanks.

## Y1 Phonics Screener

Advance notice to all Year 1 parents that the statutory Year 1 national phonics screening check will begin w/b 10th June 2019. All children must be in school at this time. Further details will follow in due course!

## Coats

Children will be requiring a coat as the weather gets colder. Don't forget to name all clothes!

## Parking

Please be reminded to use the safer route to school parking area in Welton Vale. Residential streets either side and opposite the school are not advisable for school drop offs and collection. Please certainly ensure that you park considerately as local residents have been in touch as some vehicles have blocked driveways etc. This will be regularly monitored.

## Twitter and blogs

We hope you enjoy following the class Twitter pages. If you are unsure how to do this, please contact your child's class teacher. We would kindly request that Twitter is not used to direct message unless absolutely urgent. You will also notice the class blogs will soon be 'live'. Further details to follow shortly....

## Judo

We are delighted that we are able to host a Judo club at Welton, Mondays 3.15-4.15pm. If interested, please contact coach Finn Gleeson 07810790039 for further details and costs.

## Wanted!

Spare socks, pants, trousers and skirts are needed for Wren Class. Can you help please?



DIRECTOR of PUBLIC HEALTH AWARD



## Dates for your diary:

Mon 1st Oct	Y2 Trip to Bristol Zoo
Weds 3rd Oct	Funding Crisis meeting for parents 7pm Norton Hill School - flier attached
Thurs 4th Oct	School photos - individual and siblings
Mon 15th Oct	Open Day for prospective parents 9.30-11am and 1.30-2.30pm.
Mon 15th Oct	Parents evening for pupils with Special Educational Needs.
Fri 19th Oct	Awards assembly and Head Teacher's tea party. Details/invitations to follow.
Fri 19th Oct	PTFA Annual General Meeting 2.30pm school hall + refreshments. All welcome!
Mon 22nd Oct	Y6 Camp at Heatree Activity Centre until Friday 26th October.
Fri 26th Oct	LAST DAY TERM 1
Weds 31st Oct	DEADLINE FOR Y6 SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS - BANES
Mon 5th Nov	FIRST DAY TERM 2
Weds 7th Nov	PTFA meeting in the school hall, 7.30pm. All welcome to help plan events.
Mon 12th Nov	UK Parliament Week - details to follow of activities in school
Mon 12th Nov	Midsomer Norton Carnival
Fri 16th Nov	PTFA Quiz Night 7.30pm –details to follow
Mon 19th Nov	Parents Evening Week. Details to follow including online booking system details.
Fri 30th Nov	PTFA Cake Sale from 2.30pm.
Weds 4th Dec	Flu vaccinations today–details regarding which classes to follow shortly
Fri 14th Dec	Proposed date for school Christmas Fayre - times to be confirmed.
Weds 19th Dec	School Christmas performances at Somervale School (eve) - details to follow!
Fri 21st Dec	Awards assembly and Head Teacher's tea party. Details/invitations to follow.
Fri 21st Dec	LAST DAY TERM 2
Mon 7th Jan	INSET DAY 3 - SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Tues 8th Jan	FIRST DAY TERM 3

### Judo Taster Session Report by Jack, Y3

On Friday, 7th of September at Welton, Kingfisher (yr3) did a taster Judo session in the hall. First we sat around the mat. Eventually, we started with roly-polies forwards. After that we did backward roly-polies. That was just a warm up! Then we had an invisible box between us and we walked around within arm's reach with a partner. After that, we sat back to back with a partner and then had to get the other player's back on the floor for twenty seconds. Then we had to put our toes over the other player's feet to earn a point. But we were moving. My favourite bit was doing the roly-polies because it was funny! I think that everyone should join judo club so come on down on Mondays after school. You will get a belt, top and trousers. The teacher, called Finn, is really funny. He's the best. Jack P Y3

### Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) in action!





# Parents' Meeting to highlight the impact of School Funding Cuts

Wednesday 3 October, 7pm-9pm

Norton Hill School, BA3 4AD

Come and discuss school funding cuts with:

- > **Rob Kelsall - NAHT National Secretary**
- > **Andrew Baisley - National Education Union**
- > **Local headteachers**

This is a FREE event, open to all parents in MSN Partnership Trust Schools.

To register your place, please email [organising@naht.org.uk](mailto:organising@naht.org.uk).



## OPAL Loose Parts List

- Astro turf off cuts
- Boards, old cabinet doors, panels
- Plastic crates i.e. bread, milk, bottle & grocery crates
- Brief cases
- Buggies, push chairs
- Cable drums
- Cardboard boxes
- Carpet samples
- Cuddly toys
- Fabrics – all shapes & sizes
- Foam pipe covers & swimming noodles
- Guttering
- Hoses
- Keyboards
- Metal pots, pans, trays etc. especially catering sizes
- Nets i.e. fishing, cargo, football nets
- Office removal crates
- Old clothes, jackets, overalls, hats, bags
- Old household appliances: hoovers, fax machines, etc.
- Pallets
- Phones
- Piping i.e. gas, water, drainage pipes
- Planks i.e. decking, scaffolding (need sanding) 1m-2m
- Plastic chairs with no legs
- Plastic road barriers
- Plastic trugs & bins
- Ropes
- Small children's bike wheels, wheels
- Small wheely bins
- Sofa & chair cushions
- Steering wheels
- Suitcases – all sizes
- Tarps
- Toys – small world toys, cars, dinosaurs, animals, etc.
- Traffic cones
- Tubes of all kinds
- Tyres i.e. car, go-kart, motorbike, bicycle
- Waterproof cot mattresses
- Wooden blocks & off cuts
- Branches & sticks
- Feathers
- Logs
- Pines cones
- Sea pebbles & shells



## Expert advice when your child is ill



### Download the free HANDi App

Expert advice on how best to manage the most common childhood illnesses:

- diarrhoea and vomiting
- high temperature
- chestiness
- newborn problems
- stomach pain

*"I was advised by doctors to refer to this app"*

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**For life-threatening emergencies, always call 999**

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# OWLS HOOT FAREWELL

Auction Preview Weekend 29 & 30 September  
Bath Recreation Ground

**See all 82 Owls of Bath displayed together for the first and last time for a weekend of owl fun and activities!**

**Saturday 10.00am - 6.00pm** (*last entry 5.00pm*)  
**Sunday 11.00am - 5.00pm** (*last entry 4.00pm*)

Free for under 6s, £3 for 6-17s and £6 for adults  
(*including souvenir programme*)

**Free activities for owl fans of all ages.**

Meet real owls, decorate owl masks, make owl badges, beat the G'owlie football challenge, owl pellet dissection, decorate owl biscuits, Owls of Bath artists' exhibition, food and drink stalls and more!

Meet Martin Brown, illustrator of the *Horrible Histories* series, Olympic gold medallist Amy Williams MBE and two new owlets decorated specially for the event.

**Owls Hoot Farewell**  
29 & 30 September  
Bath Recreation Ground  
Tickets on the gate (cash / card)  
and via [minervasowls.org/auction](http://minervasowls.org/auction)

**Owl Auction**  
17 October  
Apex Hotel, Bath  
6.30pm - 10.30pm  
Tickets via  
[minervasowls.org/auction](http://minervasowls.org/auction)

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