

# Minchinhampton CofE Academy

# Newsletter

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## **NEWS:**

### **Minchinhampton's Best Book Ever?**

Roll up, roll up! Are you bored of reading the same old books? Do you want a new utterly brilliant book? Well guess what! There are amazing authors forming in the village of Minchinhampton! The Minchinhampton Primary Academy students are writing an awe inspiring book by the name "A Portal Through Time" with the best selling author, John Dougherty.

This book is brimming with mystery and adventure as 3 children and a heroic pig travel through time in a quest to rescue their friend Smithy who has been captured by the evil villain, Winterheart. Each class has written a chapter on a different period of time in Minchinhampton!'

The History Press in Brimscombe are having the book published for us and we will be selling it for £5.99. The whole process has been funded by NADFAS and Coralie and her friends in the village have fundraised for us.

The book launch will take place in the Market House on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2017. You will have fun enjoying the cake, tea, music and book signing that will be present! You will even have a chance to meet John Dougherty. Come quick and buy the book, a great gift for all.

### **THE BEST BOOK EVER.**

Next excitement is a workshop with Tom Percival, illustrator of 'Skullduggery Pleasant' to illustrate the story characters. Congratulations to Ruby McEwan whose picture was chosen as the front cover for the book.

*Written as a team effort by the Reporters' Committee.  
Final edit by Tess Gardiner, Martha Danks and Cooper Smith.*

### **Local childminders offering before and after school care**

Do you need before and after school care for your child? Both Helen and Dawn are child minders who work independently of one another and within short walking distance of the school. At the beginning of the day they are available to work from 7.30am in the morning and can provide breakfast if necessary, they will then walk your children to school. At the end of the day they can collect your children and offer them the comforts of a home environment and a home cooked hot meal. You will be required to collect your children by 6pm although they can offer some flexibility. For further details please contact:

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## **COMMUNICATION**

**Please check the school calendar for upcoming events and put them in your diaries.**

Please see dates for next year attached. These will go up on the website also under 'How We Operate'

Please note on the website we have provided you with our latest information about the Relationships Policy (behaviour), again under 'How We Operate.'

Please note on the website school performance data under 'Information- Reports'

**TEXTS:**

*'I found an inspiring way of presenting my knowledge of Greece- I made a play.'*

**LEARNING**

At the Parent Forum this last Wednesday I talked about some of the priorities on our School Development Plan, including :-

- Promoting a love of reading
- Promoting pupil autonomy in their learning
- Increasing our knowledge and understanding of SEN.

We discussed the new and developing Relationships Policy; the school reports due out this term; the importance of thorough handover from one teacher to the next; Ofsted and possible future directions for the school.

**SCHOOL PRACTICE**

**We want to encourage children to describe their learning** using open ended questions:

*How did you do that?....'*

*What will you do next?'*

*What can you tell me about...?'*

*Tell me more*

**POETS CORNER**

Deep Dreaming

I am going no further  
than the blue bright river  
I can't hold  
it up any longer  
it's too hard  
I can feel the cool blue  
sea

In my hands

I can't take it up  
It is too hard  
You don't remember  
my cool self  
as the river can  
I am your person  
For, for, for, for  
The worlds.

**REQUESTS****Sponsors required**

The Minchinhampton Moochanics are looking for sponsors this year. They are a group of year six pupils who are building an electric car from scratch, which they will learn to drive and go on to race against other local schools. They are learning principals of engineering, green energy and teamwork, but they need to pay for parts, uniforms and race entry and need your help.

They have put together a video begging for your support which you can see here: <https://vimeo.com/202185153>

If you work at a company who may be willing to sponsor the team, they will race with your logo on the side of the car and give you copious thanks on their blog: <http://www.minchacademy.net/ecar/>

Please contact the office if you would like to support them