**Newsletter 5: 2019 20**

Dear Parents/ Carers

**Vision**

**Vision Quote-3**

*‘Whatever an education is, it should make you a unique individual, not a conformist; it should furnish you with an original spirit with which to tackle the big challenges. It should allow you to find values which will be your road map through life; it should make you spiritually rich, a person who loves whatever you are doing, wherever you are, whomever you are with; it should teach you what is important, how to live and how to die.’* *-John Taylor Gatto*

**Vision Quote-4**

*If you put fleas in a shallow container they jump out. But if you put a lid on the container for just a short time, they hit the lid trying to escape and learn quickly not to jump so high. They give up their quest for freedom. After the lid is removed, the fleas remain imprisond by their own self policing. So it is with life. Most of us let our own fears or the impositions of others imprison us in a world of low expectations.’*

 *-John Taylor Gatto*

**Viney Hill** with our Year 6’s was an outstanding experience. The children were amazing- kind, brave and full of laughter. Please see [report 1,](https://www.minchacademy.net/blog/2019/09/30/pupil-news-from-viney-hill/) [report 2](https://www.minchacademy.net/blog/2019/10/02/viney-hill-day-2/) and [report 3](https://www.minchacademy.net/blog/2019/10/04/viney-hill-blog-post-3/) here and a [poem](https://www.minchacademy.net/blog/2019/10/11/viney-poem/) from the experience here…

**The Minchinhampton Country Fayre** took place on Saturday 14th September 2019. The Fayre commemorated the 750th anniversary of Minchinhampton. One of our pupils wrote a [brilliant report](https://www.minchacademy.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/The-Minchinhampton-Country-Fayre.pdf) for the school.

**KS1 cross country—** 20 pupils took part in the KS1 Cross Country event at Painswick last Friday. They braved the weather and the sight of a big intimidating event and all ran with determination and spirit. They all did very well indeed.

**Sportability**- 8 pupils attended a Sportability Event at Archway last week. The children got fully involved and really enjoyed themselves.

**Bikeability:** Over the course of the last two weeks, the Year five children have gone and done [Bikeability.](https://www.minchacademy.net/blog/2019/10/10/bikeability/)

[**Cheltenham Literature Festival**](https://www.minchacademy.net/blog/2019/10/11/cheltenham-literature-festival/)**:** On Monday 7th October part of KS2 went to a book festival in Cheltenham.

**Harvest Experience:** On Wednesday and Thursday, Years 5/6 visited the church to celebrate [Harvest](https://www.minchacademy.net/blog/2019/10/10/harvest-experience/).

**Harvest Produce**

Our Harvest Assembly is on 18th October- please keep the produce rolling in – preferably as soon as possible. Remember please no perishables.

**Community Dig**: thank you to everyone who came along a couple of Saturdays ago and helped us move the vegetable patches from in front of the school. We will be reconstructing them near the wild area. It was a great way to get a job done and enjoyed by all- to the extent that we may well plan another similar ‘event’ later in the year.

**Signing up for Parents Evenings:** Just to remind parents, you can book a parents evening appointment from 9.00 on Monday 14th October online at https://minchinhampton.parentseveningsystem.co.uk If you experience any problems with the system do contact the school office and they will be able to make the appointment for you. Nursery parents evening will be held later in the year.

**School Photographs-**If you would like to order your child's school photograph please could you return the proof envelope and payment to the school office by Monday 14th October.

**Book People donate to Minch Academy**

Could you please be aware of this if you use The Book People. A parent has told me that when you spend money on The Book People website, they will donate money to the school to use. Message from our parent: "I've just bought some books from @TheBookPeople and they have donated £1 to @MinchAcademy to buy books. Can we let more parents know about this."

**Any recent changes to dates on the Parent Calendar**

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| Parent Forum 16th October now at 5 pm:  |
| Parent Forum on 23rd October at 3.30pm |
| to continue the conversation we have started about holidaysto discuss further the issue of affording pastoral supportto continue feeding back / receiving feedback re the vision |