



## NEWSLETTER No.13

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020

[OUR VISION: 'Life in all its fullness'](#)

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please note the Parent Calendar on the school website is kept up to date. It includes information about key events in the description.

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### SCHOOL VISION

**QUOTE 12:** 'I define connection as the energy that exists between people when they feel seen, heard, and valued; when they can give and receive without judgement; and when they derive sustenance and strength from the relationship.' Brené Brown

The subject of this week's INSET training was restorative practice, with a focus on building, maintaining and restoring relationships and giving people agency in their own lives. There were many things that came out of the day that are already formative in our school culture; how we get along with each other, our differences as an asset, the importance of curiosity rather than judgement and collaboration rather than competition, being responsible for what's yours and allowing others to be responsible for what's theirs, listening to understand, asking more than telling and, through a belief in people and relationships, kindness. With its roots in the practices of indigenous peoples, we have much to learn from and be inspired by this creative, fair and humanistic approach.

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### NEWS

***Inset day:*** On Monday the 13th of January the teachers came and had a discussion about restorative practice. This is all about a way of working with children when they were struggling with their feelings before and being there to understand everybody, perceive their feelings and listening to each other without judgement. By Lydia

***Living Rainforest Trip:*** Year 5/6 went to the Living Rainforest on Thursday 16th January. On the trip the children saw rainforest animals such as sloths, birds eating, tarantulas, chinchillas and glow in the dark frogs! By Cerys and Martha

***Walk to School Week winners:*** Congratulations to the winners for the Walk to School week! Millie H and Ruby P will both be presented with an ID115 Plus Waterproof Smart Bracelet Bluetooth 4.0 Fitness Tracker.

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## [ADMIN](#)

***Free School Meals Information:*** Please see [here](#) for information on any support you may be eligible to apply for.

Please note the **E-safety Parent Meeting** on Tue 21st Jan has been cancelled. Details to follow when this event is rescheduled.

***Girls Netball at Wycliffe (Year 6):*** Please note this has been rescheduled and will now be held on Wednesday 29th Jan.

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## [REMINDERS](#)

***Disabled Parking in the Staff Car Park:*** Please could we ask all parents to avoid using the disabled bays in the staff car park unless you have a registered disabled badge. There are members of our community who need access to these spaces on a regular basis.

***Schoolcomms:*** We are now using [Schoolcomms](#) as a way of paying for trips online. When a trip is set up on the system you will receive a text alert to let you know you can pay via schoolcomms. You can download the app, which is called School Gateway, within your app store. We would encourage parents to do this as all correspondence will then be seen in your app, rather than an individual text or email notification. This is also a very cost effective way for the school to contact you. The app is free to download and also works with Secondary Schools who use School Comms. If you cannot access the app, please let us know and we can look into this for you.

### **COMING UP:**

***Year 2 Azure Class Swimming:*** this will be starting on Tuesday 25th February until Tuesday 31st March.

**Sports Events:** There are lots of new fixtures over the next few weeks in the diary, including the following: Riddiford Shield Football at Inside Football, Year 6 (Thurs 23rd Jan), FGR Football Event at Rednock, Year 3-6 (Mon 27th Jan), Indoor Netball at Stratford Park Leisure Centre, Year 3/4 (Mon 27th Jan), Girls Netball at Wycliffe, Year 6 (Weds 29th Jan) and Indoor Netball at Stratford Park Leisure Centre, Year 5/6 (Fri 7th Feb).

**Year 6 ICT Trip to Sir William Romney:** This is happening on Monday 27th January. Please see [here](#) for the letter.

**Height and Weights Measuring:** This will be happening on Tuesday 28th January for Year 6 children and Wednesday 29th January for Reception children.

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## INFO

**Number of people reading the newsletter:** 55.0% of Minchinhampton Academy Parents/Carers opened Newsletter No.12 on the first week of term, which is 244 people. The average Open Rate for the education and training industry is 23.42% (Source: <https://mailchimp.com/resources/email-marketing-benchmarks/>).

**Holidays:** In total, since the start of the new term, there have been 44 sessions missed due to holidays in a 2 week period.

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## PTA

### ***Dates for your Diary:***

**Quiz Night (Friday 31st January):** Places are now very limited so hurry to get your team (of up to 8 people) together and registered. Email [minchpta@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:minchpta@hotmail.co.uk) to register your team.

Charlotte Lodge is looking for someone to help with the bar.

**Valentines Disco (Friday 14th February):** KS1 will be from 4.30 to 5.30pm and KS2 from 5.45 to 6.45pm.

**Comedy Night (Friday 6th March):** This event is now sold out and tickets are ready for collection.

**Christmas Term Fundraising Events:** Due to everyone's generosity the lovely Christmas events that happened last term succeeded in raising the amazing sum of just over £4,000. Thank you to the teams that helped organise the events, everyone who volunteered, all of those who attended the events, those that provided donations, purchased a raffle ticket or bought a Christmas tree; you have helped to raise a lot of money for the school.

**Next PTA Meeting:** Every parent in the school is automatically a member of the PTA. Therefore PTA meetings

are open to everyone who has a child in the school. The next meeting will be held at the Cotswold Club on Thursday 5th March at 8pm. We would love to see you there.

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**We hope you find this newsletter helpful and we would welcome any feedback.**  
**With very best wishes from all at Minchinhampton C of E Primary Academy**

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### DIARY DATES:

**Mon 20th Jan:** Indigo class Outdoor Learning

**Tue 21st Jan:** Young Voices Trip

**Tue 21st Jan:** PTA Second Hand Uniform sale – last day

**Tue 21st Jan:** Indigo class swimming

**Tue 21st Jan:** Year 1 Outdoor Learning

**Thurs 23rd Jan:** Riddiford Shield Inside Football

**Thurs 23rd Jan:** Outdoor Learning (Reception)

**Mon 27th Jan:** Year 3/4 Indoor Netball at SPLC

**Mon 27th Jan:** FGR Football at Rednock School

**Mon 27th Jan:** Turquoise class Outdoor Learning

**Mon 27th Jan:** Sir William Romney ICT Trip

**Tue 28th Jan:** Heights and weights measuring (Year 6)

**Tue 28th Jan:** Indigo class swimming

**Tue 28th Jan:** Year 1 Outdoor Learning

**Tue 28th Jan:** Yr 3 Parents Meeting - 2021 Residential  
(6pm)

**Weds 29th Jan:** Heights and weights measuring  
(Reception)

**Weds 29th Jan:** Year 6 Girls Netball at Wycliffe

**Thurs 30th Jan:** Outdoor Learning (Reception)

**Fri 31st Jan:** PTA Quiz Night

**Tue 4th Feb:** Indigo class swimming

**Tue 4th Feb:** Year 1 Outdoor Learning

**Fri 7th Feb:** Year 5/6 Indoor Netball at Stratford Park LC

**Mon 10th Feb:** Azure class Outdoor Learning

**Tue 11th Feb:** Indigo class swimming

**Tue 11th Feb:** Year 1 Outdoor Learning

**Weds 12th Feb:** Debating at Museum in the Park

**Thurs 13th Feb:** Basketball at Nailsworth C of E Primary

**Thurs 13th Feb:** PGL 2020 Meeting at 6pm

**Fri 14th Feb:** Key Steps Gymnastics at Stratford Park LC

**Fri 14th Feb:** Valentines Discos

---- **HALF TERM (w/c 17th Feb)** ----

**Tue 25th Feb:** Azure class swimming

**Tue 25th Feb:** Year 1 Outdoor Learning

**Thurs 27th Feb:** Outdoor Learning (Reception)

**Fri 28th Feb:** Intermediate Gymnastics at Stratford Park  
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