



## **NEWSLETTER No.17**

*Friday 14th February 2020*

**OUR VISION: 'Life in all its fullness'**

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Valentines Discos are about to begin;

We've started a new decade,

With a spring in our step,

Already now six weeks in.

Half term is here,

So let out a cheer,

It's a bit of a break

Much merry to make.

An INSET day too!

So on Tuesday we'll see you,

For adventures much more

And plenty more learning

For which, by then,

We'll be no doubt be yearning.

Wishing everyone a really good half term break, from all at Minchinhampton C of E Primary Academy.

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## SCHOOL VISION

**QUOTE 16:** 'We can combine the needs of the future and the present by very simply giving children an education that they love now, in which they thrive now...in which they become happy, articulate, resilient, agentive people with the capacity to embrace whatever future they eventually inhabit.' [Debra Kidd 2014](#)

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## NEWS

**Ethical Community:** On Monday 9th February, we held our Ethical Communities. Ethical Communities are when Years 3, 4 and 5 go to different classrooms and do things for the school and the community. There are lots of them. There are play leaders, worship, news reporters, links, eco warriors, librarians and charity. Hazel, who is in the news reporters, says...“We report stuff that happens all over the school and interview people who do important events, like sport competitions and school trips.” Maisie, who is in play leaders says... “I like play leaders because you get to play with all the little kids.” We do ethical communities to make the school a better place. Millie, who is in library says, ‘I really like being in library committee because I get to make things organised.’ Committees is a good time to get out of the classroom and help the school and beyond.

**Reception & Year 1 Word of the Day:** On Tuesday 10th of February, the parents of Aqua, Midnight and Teal class were invited to a ‘Story time and Word of the Day’ session. Mrs Bugg read a story to the Reception and Mrs Saeed read to the Year 1’s. Mrs Bugg read, ‘Oh No George’ and ‘Bedtime For Monsters’ and Mrs Saeed read, ‘No Dinner.’ They explored interesting and useful vocabulary from the books.

**Thomas Keble Basketball Year 5/6:** On Monday the 9th February Minchinhampton pupils took part in a basketball tournament. Maisie H said, “Basketball at TK was very enjoyable and I hope I can do it again. We had great team work. How we did it was when we went on the court it was three against three. And a girl had to be on the court every match. So we girls had to play in every match. There were two Minch teams: Minch 1 came third and Minch 2 came second. Basketball is my second favourite sport because I love building teamwork and dribbling the ball. I like basketball more than netball because you don’t have positions like you do in netball. It was a great afternoon.

**Indoor Netball Year 5/6:** On Friday 6th February there was a netball tournament at Stratford Park Leisure Centre. George T said, “I think we all really enjoyed it and it was such a fun afternoon and I think we were all happy with the place we came. I found it very challenging over the 7 games we played, including the third place play off. We got third place overall. My position was goal shoot and goal keeper. One time I had to be Centre but I didn’t really like it because you go everywhere but in the D’s . I think that we improved throughout the tournament.”

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## **ADMIN**

**Traffic:** Unfortunately, Cecily Court have decided to revoke their permission for parents to park in their first few bays when picking up and dropping off children. In the last few years, the school has paid Cecily Court a yearly retainer to allow parents to do this. Sadly, in the haste of dropping off, some people have ended up parking in their main car park and inconveniencing the residents. I am sorry it has come to this because I recognise the extra spaces had become very useful.

**Reception / Year 1** would like to ask all parents to please donate any socks and boys and girls underwear, suitable for children ages 4 - 6. Please bring into the school office or give directly to Mrs Jackson (Teal class teacher). Many thanks for any donations you are able to make.

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## **REMINDERS**

**Year 4 PGL:** Click through for [Medical Forms](#) and [Kit Lists](#), available to download on the website. Please return your medical form to the school office after half-term if you haven't already.

Please [see here](#) for **Term Dates 2020-21**.

**Parents Evenings** will be on Tues 10th March and Thurs 12th March.

**Aqua Class** are requesting Egg Boxes, Wood and Unwanted Paint.

### **COMING UP:**

#### **WORLD BOOK DAY - THURSDAY 5TH MARCH**

Children will be able to come to school dressed as a favourite book character (and if you have any spare dressing up clothes that you can donate to school we'd be very grateful!) Children will be able to take part in fun book-related activities and receive their £1 World book day tokens.

We will also be taking part in the **Read for Good** sponsored read - children will have lots of extra time to read and share stories throughout the day and we hope that they'll also be able to read or share a story with you that evening!

We will be sending out more details about the day nearer the time, but please

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visit <https://www.worldbookday.com/> for lots of ideas and information about books and reading and <https://readforgood.org/> to find out about the work of the charity and the sponsored read.

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### **INFO**

**Number of people reading the newsletter:** 49.4% of Minchinhampton Academy Parents/Carers opened Newsletter No.16, which is 215 people. The average Open Rate for the education and training industry is 23.42% (Source: <https://mailchimp.com/resources/email-marketing-benchmarks/>)

**Holidays:** We have had 7 holiday requests already for next term.

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### **PUPILS**

**Slippers Consultation:** The School Council are presently consulting with their classes about the possibility of having slippers to wear in the building. There is some research that wearing slippers can make pupils feel more relaxed and help them to concentrate better. Classes are taking a vote on this.

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### **PTA**

**Next PTA meeting:** This will be held on Thursday 5th March at 8pm in the Cotswold Club.

**Comedy Night:** This will be held on Friday 6th March.

**Easter Egg Hunt (Sunday 29th March):** There will be two routes to choose from depending on the age of the participants.

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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:**

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

**Mon 24th Feb: INSET Day**

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

**Tue 25th Feb:** Year 1 Outdoor Learning  
**Tue 25th Feb:** Cross Country at SPLC  
**Thurs 27th Feb:** Outdoor Learning (Reception)  
**Fri 28th Feb:** Intermediate Gymnastics at Stratford Park LC  
**Fri 28th Feb:** Tag Rugby at Painswick RFC

**Mon 2nd Mar:** Cobalt Outdoor Learning  
**Tue 3rd Mar:** Year 1 Outdoor Learning  
**Tue 3rd Mar:** Azure class swimming  
**Tue 3rd Mar:** PATES Open Morning  
**Weds 4th Mar:** Quick Sticks Hockey at Stratford Park LC  
**Thurs 5th Mar:** World Book Day  
**Thurs 5th Mar:** Outdoor Learning (Reception)  
**Thurs 5th Mar:** PTA Meeting at Cotswold Club (8pm)  
**Fri 6th Mar:** PTA Comedy Night

**Mon 9th Mar:** Royal Outdoor Learning  
**Mon 9th Mar:** KS2 CC Qualifiers at Stratford Park LC  
**Tue 10th Mar:** Year 1 Outdoor Learning  
**Tue 10th Mar:** Azure class swimming  
**Tue 10th Mar:** Parents Evening  
**Tue 10th Mar:** Girls Football at Inside Football  
**Weds 11th Mar:** Rendcomb Orchestra Day (Year 5/6)  
**Weds 11th Mar:** Football at Beaudesert  
**Thurs 12th Mar:** Parent Social at The Crown Inn  
**Thurs 12th Mar:** Parents Evening  
**Fri 13th Mar:** Azure Class Assembly (9am)

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**Year 3/4**

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&  
Production Costume

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