



JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Friday 16th September 2022

WELCOME BACK!



We want to officially welcome you all back to a new term at Minster Junior School. We hope you all had a relaxing and fun summer! The children have made such a positive start to the term and our new starters have settled in tremendously well. We were lucky enough to witness the Tour of Britain as it passed through Southwell and the children had a fantastic time supporting the riders. We have many other exciting events coming up this term including a trip to County Hall for Years 5 and 6 and a whole-school Science trip to Brackenhurst.

THE MINSTER WAY

In September 2021, the Minster School adopted a new behaviour and rewards system called the Minster Way and this has been implemented successfully. As a team, the Junior School staff felt this system worked well but believe primary-aged children require more opportunities to reflect on their behaviour before serious consequences are imposed. We are trialling a system which fits within the Minster Way and focuses on giving children more chances before progressing to a final warning. We have also introduced a whole-class reward system as well as improved individual rewards such as Wii points, a prize box and postcards home (keep checking the post!) Behaviour within the Junior School has been consistently good and we aim through our new reward strategies to uphold and indeed improve standards even further.

STAR OF THE WEEK

Lois Emerton—for settling in and adapting well

Matilda Mondschein—for settling in so quickly and trying so hard

MRS GEES' LUNCHTIME AWARD

Anna Patten—for helping to tidy up without being asked

A few reminders from the teachers:

It would be useful for children to bring their PE kit on Monday morning each week and take it home again at the end of the week. The children have the opportunity to take part in after-school sports clubs on Tuesdays and Thursdays and there may be other sporting opportunities throughout the week.

Please remember that swimming lessons are on Wednesdays and if you have not already done so, please email me with consent for your child to wear goggles—we have received this from most parents now so thank you. Swimming shorts must be tight-fitting ones rather than loose board shorts.

Could you please ensure all school uniform is clearly labelled using permanent marker or a label as this helps us to locate lost items.

NOTE FROM MR DRING:

It has been a pleasure to meet many of you at the gates and welcome you to the school. We aim to keep you informed of events and issues through regular communication and this newsletter. Should you have any queries, questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mrs Britten, either at the gate for a quick chat or via email (d.dring@minster.notts.sch.uk or s.britten@minster.notts.sch.uk) to arrange a meeting.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Monday 19th September - BANK HOLIDAY for Queen Elizabeth II's funeral

Friday 23rd September Years 5 and 6 trip to County Hall

Friday 30th September Rocks and Soils trip to Brackenhurst

Tuesday 11th October Virtual Parents' Evening

Friday 15th October End of Half Term

Monday 31st October First Day of Second Half Term

Handbells Team

We have been very lucky to have been leased a three octave set of American Malmark handbells for use in school.

The handbells team meets on Wednesdays from 3pm until 4pm. Please email Mrs Gees on j.gees@minster.notts.sch.uk if you wish your child to attend the handbells club.