



NEWS LETTER



29th September 2017

Parking.

Please remember to park safely when dropping off and collecting your children. If possible please park and walk the last few metres, this would make the front of the school much safer for the children.



Park on the zigzags and you could get a fine and points on your licence.

MENU CHANGE.

Special Menu on Thursday 5th October

All the Fun of the Fair



Hotdogs in a finger bun

(pork, halal chicken and quorn sausages available)

Served with

Potato wedges and baked beans.

Followed by

Popcorn ice cream sundae.

Delicious!



Remember to download the Aspens app to see the daily menu choices. The pin for Minerva is 39151415

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

Tuesday 3rd Oct – Principals afternoon tea. 2:30pm all welcome.

Wednesday 4th Oct – Friends of Minerva 2:30pm. All welcome .

Thursday 19th – Last day of term 1

Friday 20th Oct – Inset day – no school

Monday 30th Oct – Inset day – no school

Tuesday 31st Oct – Term 2 begins - school open to all children.

School events to look forward to this autumn ...

Bike O Ween- 18th October. Bring your scary bikes spooked-up scooters, roller skates and skateboards to school for our annual competition.

Firework hat competition. Friday 3rd Nov, plenty of time to design & make your hat in the holidays.

Prizes for the best!

School photographs. Tuesday 7th Nov.

Children in Need. 17th November. Lots of time to get your spots ready.



GROWTH MINDSET.



We have been encouraging children to see their brain as a muscle that is exercised when you make mistakes and work hard to correct them. If you don't give up your brain gets stronger and grows.

Please support us to help change how children respond to mistakes and difficulties.

Here are just a few examples of how you can encourage Growth Mindset and a brief idea of what it means.

If your child says "***I can't do this***" try encouraging them to say "***I am stuck but with help I can do this.***"

Instead of them saying "***I am no good at this.***" encourage "***This is hard but I will do my best to crack it.***"

If they say "***This is too hard.***" Encourage them to say "***At the moment I can't do this but I know with concentration and effort I soon will***"

This thought pattern really does enable us to find solutions rather than give up, whatever our age!

For more information please go to <https://ideas.classdojo.com/b/growth-mindset>

Special Visitor to Minerva

Last week we had a visit from **STRIDER** encouraging us all to think of active ways to come to school and help to reduce the traffic outside our school.



Last year
81%
of Minerva children
either walked, cycled
or scooted to school.

Well done everyone !

Principals Afternoon Tea.

Join Mr Hallam for tea and biscuits and a chance to speak informally about what matters to you at Minerva.

Please come along at 2:30 pm on
Tuesday 3rd October.

You will be very welcome.



Reception Open Days for children starting school Sept 2018.

Thursday 5th Oct 2pm

Tuesday 17th Oct 9:30am

Tuesday 7th Nov 2pm

Tuesday 14th Nov 6pm.

*Please tell your friends and neighbours if
they have young children due to start
school in September 2018.*



Green Fingers.

Thank you to Mikey and Alishay for selling the pears grown on the school trees for 10p each.

Well done to the gardening club for tending the trees and helping them to produce such a lovely crop.

They tasted lovely!

HAPPY HOLIDAY –

Last day of school is
Thursday 19th October.

RE-OPENS TUESDAY 31ST OCT.



ATTENDANCE

The best attendance in KS1 is Lawrence Hill with **97.8%**

The best attendance in KS2 is Bishopston with **98.5%**



School success starts
with attendance

Our Education Welfare Officer, Vicky Franklin, visited on Wednesday for the first time this year. She visits a couple of times every term and monitors our attendance closely. Our attendance is better than it was this time last year, but we still need to continue to improve. Please remember to book dental/ medical appointments in the holidays or after school where possible. If your child has been prescribed medicine from the doctor we have trained staff who can administer it, so no need to keep children off school if they are on a course of medication.

Please remember we do not authorise any term time holidays and issue penalty notices.

For more information on our attendance policy or penalty notices please see Mrs Harvey or call into the office. Thank you for your support.



Friends of Minerva

We meet every Wednesday at 2:30pm. Please join us.

We are a small friendly group and really need more people to join us. You can bring pre-school children along. Please join us.