



Middleforth Church of England Primary School

Our Christian Value this half term is Respect



Friday 23rd October 2020

Happy Half Term! Thank you all for your amazing support this half term. It has been fantastic to have everyone back in school and to have worked together to get some systems in place to work around our coronavirus guidelines, which whilst constantly changing, we are managing to keep up with.

A huge thank you to people who have already sponsored the staff on their Preston to Paris bike ride, even before the bike arrived in school! We will be completing the challenge the first week back of half term and our entire staff team have committed to doing their stint of the journey. Follow us on our journey through Twitter and Facebook whilst we look at where we would be if we were really riding the bike and not just sitting in the school hall! If you wish to sponsor us the link can be found on our Facebook page or by following the link below.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/middleforthcofeprimaryschool>

Have a fantastic half term everyone and we look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 2nd November.

School Video

We are delighted to be able to share with you all our new school video. It can be viewed on our Facebook page, Twitter and also on the school website (<http://www.middleforth.lancs.sch.uk/>). If you have friends or family who would like to join our nursery and attend Middleforth reception class from September 2021, please let them know about the video as it gives a real insight into our fantastic school.

Remembrance Day

This year the Royal British Legion are asking people to put picture of poppies in their window. We thought this might be something you might like to do with your child in half term. We have attached the template to this newsletter.

Christmas Cards for Schools



This week the children have been busy creating designs for their own Christmas Cards which their families will be able to order once the completed samples arrive back in school. The children will bring their samples home so that you can see them before you order. Along with cards there are also gift tags, mugs and coasters available with their design printed on them. **We must give advance notice to you, that once we receive the samples and the order forms, we will need to stick to a strict deadline for them to be returned to**

school. Unfortunately, Orders received after the deadline date will not be processed.

Just to prepare you for when the time comes, below is a guide to the prices of the items available. A payment item will be created on ScoPay for you to enter the payment amount that corresponds with your order form total.

Products available to order	Price
Christmas Cards (per pack of 12)	£5.00
Mugs – Individually boxed (price each)	£5.00
Coasters (price each)	£2.50
Gift Tags 'Card-Style' (per pack of 6)	£1.50

Reception Class Photograph

The picture of our new Reception class will be in the Lancashire Evening Post on Monday 2nd November.

Nasal Flu Immunisations

Nasal Flu immunisations will be taking place at school on 30th November for Reception children through to Year 6. Parents should have received an email this week with the link to book your child on, however you can also do this through the link below. The link will close on Thursday 26th November 2020 at midnight. If your child has already had the Nasal Flu vaccine since September 2020, please disregard this. If you have any problems accessing the link please telephone 0333 358 3397, option 6.

<https://www.nhsimms.uk/FLU/information?Id=119382&Type=FLU>

Tempest Photography



Tempest are coming in for individual and family photographs on Tuesday 3rd November. Sadly because of COVID restriction this year **only children attending school will be able to have their photographs taken, and only children who are siblings will be in the family photographs.**

Sibling Families:- If you would like your children to have a photograph with their 'in school sibling(s)', please arrive at school from 8.30am onwards. Children will come into school through the staff car park and up to the junior yard where they will queue in a socially distanced way from children of other families. Staff will be there to supervise them until they have had their photographs taken and go their separate ways into their respective classrooms.

******Children who have PE that day should wear polo shirts and jumpers but PE trousers as these will not be visible in the photograph.***

PE Kit

This half term we have trialled children coming into school in their PE kits and this has been really successful. Children get to have much longer PE lessons and we are spending much less time finding different items of clothing after the lesson. We have therefore decided to carry this on for the foreseeable future. In order to keep a sense of uniform we are now formally extending our school uniform for PE to include black tracksuit bottoms or leggings and suitable trainers. We do not expect anyone to buy new items but for future purchases can you please buy black.

Foodbank help

We would like to restart our foodbank support to help the local foodbank and also anyone we come across through school who may need support during this very difficult time. We will have a box by the infant gate and on the key stage 2 playground at the end of each day. If you feel you are able to contribute anything please place your item into the box and once it has been in school for 72 hours we will distribute to the foodbanks or where appropriate. If you feel you would appreciate any support yourself in this way please can you contact Ms Collins in school and she will discuss any support she can offer.

We have delivered our donations to the local foodbank today and they were extremely grateful for our generous contribution. Thank you to everyone who has supported this cause during this half term.

School Meal Bookings – ParentPay



The Autumn/Winter menu will be available from Monday 9th November and will run into the Spring term. Please remember to continue keeping your bookings up to date via ParentPay, it really is a great help.

Please be aware that we use pre-booked meals to determine the kitchen food order numbers for the following week. Children who don't have a pre-booked meal, may not receive the meal of their choice.

Wraparound Care

Thank you all for adhering to the rules of booking a week in advance, this has been incredibly helpful and made such a difference in planning our staffing numbers. Please can you continue do this as we make our plans every Friday afternoon for the week following. Breakfast and After School clubs are booked online via ScoPay. It is best to avoid using the app and going directly to the webpage.

Attendance/Absences

Please can we remind you of the importance in contacting school if your child is going to be absent on a school day. **If your child is going to be absent due to illness, you must contact the office before 9.00am.** If you are reporting outside of school hours or the phonenumber is busy, you can email, text or leave a message on the answerphone. If we have not heard from or been able to make contact with a parent/carer at the time of registration, we are obliged by LCC to report that child as missing.

If your child is going to be absent from school for a medical appointment, please advise the office of the date and time. Ideally, making appointments outside of school hours would be advisable, however, where this is unavoidable we need advance notification.

If you are taking your child out of school for any other reason, such as a holiday or celebration etc, you must complete a LCC leave of absence form which are available from the school office.

Parking

May we remind parents that parking on double yellow lines is not permitted and may endanger a child's life. We appreciate that school can be extremely busy during drop off and pick up times, but please be considerate of other parents and our children in order to keep everyone safe.

Secondary School Applications 2021

Parents of Year 6 pupils must apply for their secondary school choices by **31st October 2020**. The link to apply via the Lancashire County Council online application form can be accessed on our website under 'Admissions'.

Reception Admissions 2021

Online applications for reception class 2021 need to be made by **Friday 15th January 2021**. Please visit our website for links to the Lancashire County Council application form and to view our new school video.

Thank you again for your cooperation with following the current school arrangements due to Coronavirus. Have a great weekend and we will look to welcoming you all back after the half term break.

Mrs Adams

Term Dates

AUTUMN TERM 2020

Mid Term Closure	Monday 26 th October – Friday 30 th October 2020
Re-open on	Monday 2 nd November 2020
School closes on	Friday 18 th December 2020 at 2.00pm

SPRING TERM 2021

Re-open on	Monday 4 th January 2021
School closes on	Friday 12 th February 2021 at 3.15pm
Mid Term Closure	Monday 15 th February – Friday 19 February 2021
Re-open on	Monday 22 nd February 2021
School closes on	Friday 26 th March 2021 at 2.00pm

SUMMER TERM 2021

Re-open on Monday 12th April 2021
May Day Closure Monday 3rd May 2021
School closes on Friday 28th May 2021 at 3.15pm
Mid Term Closure Monday 31st May – Tuesday 8th June 2021
School re-opens on Wednesday 9th June 2021
School closes on Friday 16th July 2021 at 2.00pm

AUTUMN TERM 2021

Re-open on Thursday 2nd September 2021
School closes on Friday 22nd October 2021 at 3.15pm
Mid Term Closure Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October 2021
Re-open on Monday 1st November 2021
School closes on Friday 17th December 2021 at 2.00pm

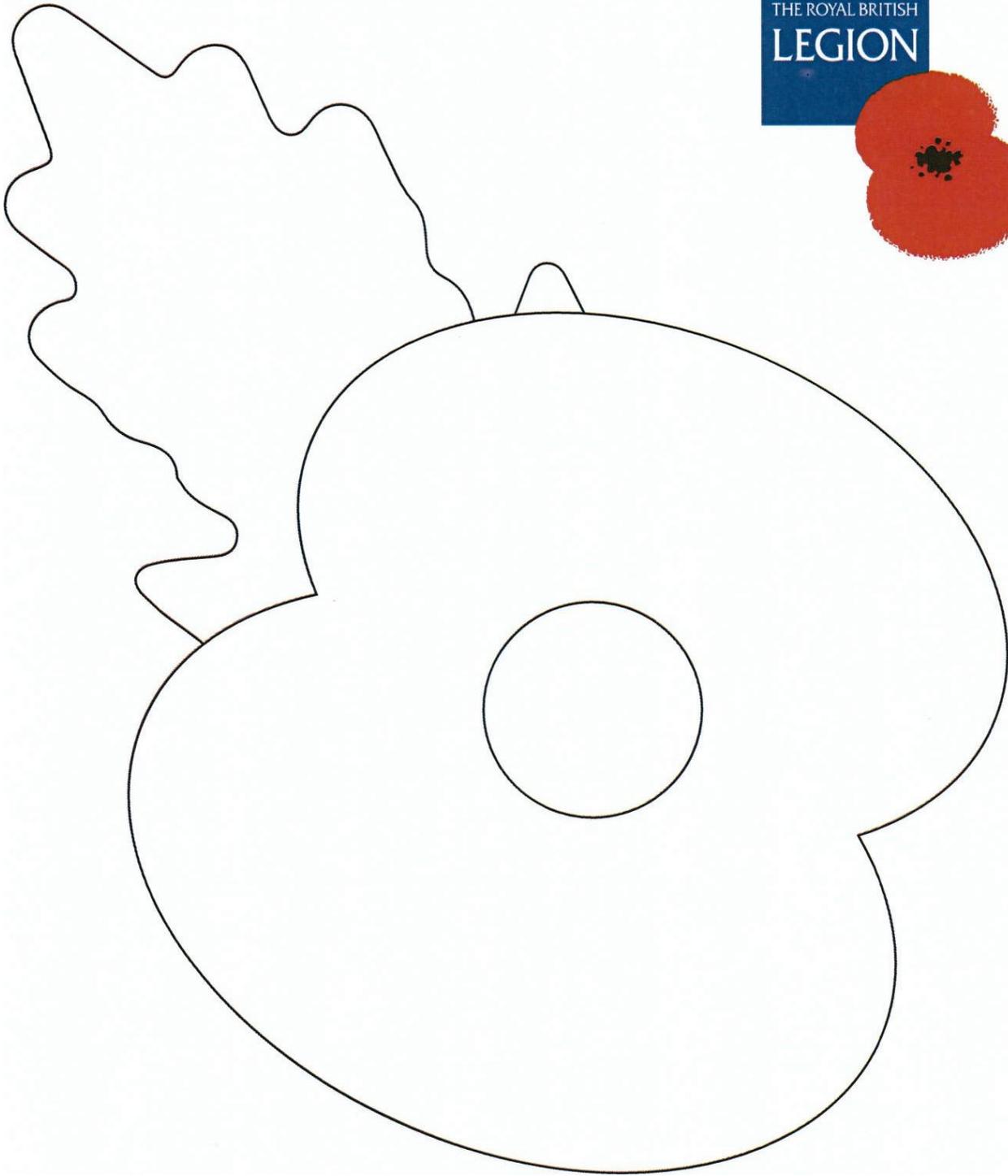
SPRING TERM 2022

Re-open on Wednesday 5th January 2022
School closes on Friday 11th February 2022 at 3.15pm
Mid Term Closure Monday 14th February – Friday 18th February 2022
Re-open on Monday 21st February 2022
School closes on Friday 1st April 2022 at 2.00pm

SUMMER TERM 2022

Re-open on Tuesday 19th April 2022
May Day Closure Monday 2nd May 2022
School closes on Friday 27th May 2022 at 3.15pm
Mid Term Closure Monday 30th May – Wednesday 8th June 2022
School re-opens on Thursday 9th June 2022
School closes on Friday 22nd July 2022 at 2.00pm

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION



EVERY **POPPY** COUNTS

Registered charity number: 219279