



Middleforth Church of England Primary School

Friday 2nd December Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas Tree festival at St Leonard's Church, our entry won. A huge congratulations to our EYFS team!

I know the temporary traffic lights have caused a few problems this week with parking, thank you for being patient and parking a little further away and walking to school. This has helped to keep everyone safe.

If you haven't already got your tickets for the performance in the next week, make sure you do as the children have been practicing really hard and singing their hearts out.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend, and we will see you all back at school on Monday.

Mrs Pilkington



Stars of the Week

Rec - Beatrix & Sienna

Y1 - Isla & Olivia H

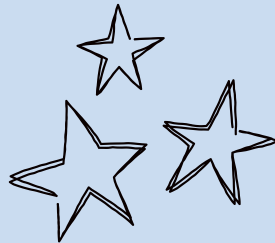
Y2 - Lily & Sean

Y3 - Evelyn & Jaiden

Y4 - Parker & Elsa

Y5 - Noah & James

Y6 - Natalie & Grace



Target 96%

Reception	95.7%
Year 1	94.0%
Year 2	89.0%
Year 3	94.3%
Year 4	95.7%
Year 5	92.2%
Year 6	93.0%
Total	93.5%

Collective Worship - Our half term value is Trust

On Monday this week we talked about trusting God and how we use our hands to deliver messages. 3 C's planned a section of our worship this week and they were brilliant. On Thursday Rev. Janet came into school to talk about the Second Sunday of Advent and light our Advent Wreath.



Values at home - Build a Boat

This term's Home School Value has a watery theme. The challenge is to use scrap materials to construct a boat that floats and has a working sail. Create a draught (eg by blowing or using a lilo pump) to check that the sail really does catch the wind and move the boat across the water



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TAKEHOME



In the news this week



This year, the BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation) marks 100 years of broadcasting. The first daily radio broadcasts began at 6pm, 14th November 1922. TV hadn't been invented then and it was another 14 years until the BBC started broadcasting regular programmes on television. Lord John Reith was the BBC's first boss and wanted broadcasting to be taken seriously. He said that the BBC should 'inform, educate, entertain' - in that order. Before children's television, there was a children's radio programme that began in 1922, soon after the BBC was set up. It was called Children's Hour and was on between 5 and 6 o'clock every afternoon.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > What devices do you use to watch entertainment?
- > What do you like to watch?
- > Ask others at home, what do they watch now and what did they like to watch when they were younger?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Key Dates



Wednesday 7th December - Whole school Yogi Mental Health Day

Thursday 15th December - Final Celebration Assembly

Friday 16th December - Whole School Church and Crib Service. School Closes at 2.00pm.

***Please read further on for Christmas dates.**

Subject Focus - Science



This half term, Year 1 have been learning about animals including humans. They have compared animals and grouped them according to their features or according to what they eat. After comparing animals, the children compared themselves to each other in class. Have a go at comparing yourself to people at home. What do you have in common? What makes you different?_

Oscar - School Therapy Dog



Oscar will be coming to school from next week. He is my new puppy and is only coming home to my house tomorrow so next week in school with be very much about Oscar settling into school. He will be 9 weeks only next week and therefore wont have had his second vaccinations so he wont be able to meet everyone yet. However I am sure he cannot wait to meet you all the following week in small groups. We have the Dogs Trust coming into school in the new year for two full days to work with Year 1 to Year 6 looking at how to be safe around dogs and how to look after them.

December Kindness 2022

MONDAY



5 Give a gift to someone who is homeless or feeling lonely

12 Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today

19 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated

26 Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature

TUESDAY



6 Leave a positive message for someone else to find

13 See how many different people you can smile at today

20 Help others by giving away something that you don't need

27 Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat

WEDNESDAY



7 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today

14 Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one

21 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you

28 Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy

THURSDAY

1 Spread kindness and share the December calendar with others

8 Do something helpful for a friend or family member

15 Contact an elderly neighbour and brighten up their day

22 Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed

29 Turn off digital devices and really listen to people

FRIDAY

2 Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are

9 Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead

16 Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to

23 Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness

30 Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why

SATURDAY

3 Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment

10 Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them

17 Give thanks. List the kind things others have done for you

24 Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh

31 Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2023

SUNDAY

4 Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about

11 Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank

18 Ask for help and let someone else discover the joy of giving

25 Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!

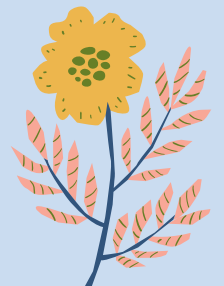
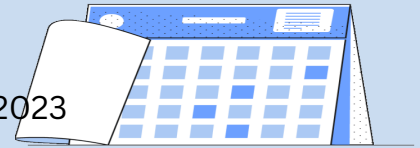


ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together

School term and holiday patterns

School closes on Spring term 2023	Friday 16th December 2022
School closes on Mid-term closure	Re-open on Tuesday 3rd January 2023
School re-opens on Summer Term 2023	Friday 10th February 2023
May Day & Coronation	Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February 2023
School closes on Mid-term closure	Monday 20th February 2023
School re-opens on Autumn Term 2023	Friday 31st March 2023
School closes on Mid-term closure	Re-open on Monday 17th April 2023
School re-opens on Spring Term 2024	Monday 1st and 8th May 2023
School closes on Mid-term closure	Friday 26th May 2023
School re-opens on Summer Term 2024	Monday 29th May - Wednesday 7th June 2023
May Day	Thursday 8th June 2023
Mid-term closure	Friday 21st July 2023
School re-opens on Autumn Term 2024	Re-open Monday 4th September 2023
School closes on Mid-term closure	Monday 23rd October - Tuesday 31st October 2023
School re-opens on Spring Term 2025	Wednesday 1st November 2023
School closes on Mid-term closure	Friday 22nd December 2023
School re-opens on Summer Term 2025	Re-open on Monday 8th January 2024
May Day	Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February 2024
Mid-term closure	Monday 19th February 2024
School re-opens on Autumn Term 2025	Thursday 28th March 2024
School closes on Mid-term closure	Re-opens on Monday 15th April 2024
School re-opens on Spring Term 2026	Monday 6th May 2024
School closes on Mid-term closure	Monday 27th May - Monday 3rd June 2024
School re-opens on Summer Term 2026	Tuesday 4th June 2024
May Day	Friday 19th July 2024





Christmas & Advent

Important Dates 2022



Date	Event	Time
Friday 18 th November	Non-Uniform Day, 'Children in Need', Voluntary Donations please	All Day
Friday 25 th November	Non-Uniform Day, Donations for Christmas Raffle please, (see separate poster attached)	All Day
Monday 5 th December	EYFS Dress Rehearsal	1.30pm
Tuesday 6 th December	KS1 Dress Rehearsal	1.30pm
Monday 12 th December	KS2 Dress Rehearsal	1.30pm
Thursday 8 th December	KS1 Performances 'Are We Nearly There Yet?'	1.30pm
		3.30pm
Friday 9 th December	EYFS Performances 'Everyone Loves A Baby!'	1.30pm
		3.30pm
Tuesday 13 th December	KS2 Carol Service at St Leonard's Church	2.00pm
		4.00pm
Wednesday 14 th December	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumpers/Accessories	All Day
Thursday 15 th December	Whole School Christmas Parties & Santa's Grotto	All Day
	Whole School Celebration Assembly & Raffle Draw	9.00am
Friday 16 th December	Whole School Christmas Worship St Leonard's Church, Parents/Carers invited to attend	9.00am
	School Closes until Tuesday 3 rd January 2023	2.00pm



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