



Middlefirth Church of England Primary School

Friday 9th December Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

A huge well done to Key Stage 1 and the EYFS team who were amazing in their performances this week. They were so brave to perform on the stage and remember all their lines, we definitely have some stars in the making! We are really looking forward to the Key Stage 2 performance on Tuesday at Church. Please remember that Key Stage 2 children will need picking up St Leonards on Tuesday 13th December at 4:45 after their two performances.

Oscar has had a brilliant first week in school and settled in really well, he has been round to most classes in my arms and loved meeting the children and families of Middlefirth.

A final reminder that the raffle will be drawn on Thursday 15th December next week.

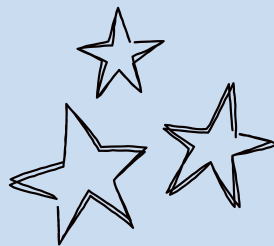
Have a lovely weekend and I will see you all on Monday.

Mrs Pilkington



Stars of the Week

- Nursery - Amara
- Rec - Clara & Akhil
- Y1 - Connor & Ashton
- Y2 - Lola Nevaeh
- Y3 - Toby & Holly
- Y4 - Jorja-Lily & Aiden
- Y5 - Zach & Arthur
- Y6 - James & Ted



Target 96%

Reception	99.3%
Year 1	85.3%
Year 2	96.4%
Year 3	92.7%
Year 4	95.3%
Year 5	93.9%
Year 6	85.0%
Total	92.5%

Collective Worship - Our half term value is Trust



On Monday this week we talked about believing that God has a plan for our lives. We looked at Luke 1.26-38. we linked this to Advent and the Christmas story. Fr Nick also came in on Thursday to share the third candle of Advent - Joy and how special it is.

Answer the clues to find the letter corresponding to each number and then fill in the message.

Thrown in a board game

1	2	3	4
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Jam is stored in this

5	6	7
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Opposite of dark

8	2	9	10	11
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Used to carry money

12	13	7	14	4
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Break the code to discover the message in the story:

11	10	4	1	2	14	3	2	12	8	4	14
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11	7	13	14	11	4	1	5	4	14	13	14
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TAKEHOME



In the news this week



What would it be like to live on the Moon?

Nasa officials have recently announced that humans could live on the Moon during this decade. They wouldn't be living there permanently, but could stay for long periods to carry out scientific research. Howard Hu, who leads the Orion lunar spacecraft programme for Nasa, said they would need to create homes on the lunar surface to support scientific expeditions. Nasa's plan is that the next mission would have a crew onboard, followed by a third, where astronauts would land on the Moon. This would be the first manned Moon trip for Nasa since Apollo 17, 50 years ago, in December 1972.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share what you know about the Moon and the history of Moon landings. Do you know anyone who remembers that time in history?
- > Share your thoughts on a possible base on the Moon. Do you think it is a good idea?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Key Dates



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 - RE



On Tuesday, Y3 went to Church to take part in The Journey to Bethlehem where they looked at the Christmas Story. The children visited stations where they met different characters from the nativity who told them what happened from their point of view. The children asked some great questions and came away knowing a lot more about such an important story.

Staffing

It is coming the end of another term and there is some more staffing news. We would like to congratulate Miss Rebecca on securing a new role at the University. Miss Rebecca will be starting in January so will be finishing with us next week. We are in the process of recruiting another TA and interviews will be held next week. I will update you when we know more.

Also, a reminder that Mrs Garner will be becoming a TA within Receptions and Miss Morley will be the Year 1 teacher from January.

Finally Mrs Knight will be joining us in January as our Family Support Worker.

I am sure you will all join me in thanking Miss Rebecca for all her hard work over the years with our Middleforth families and wish her good luck within her new role.

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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!

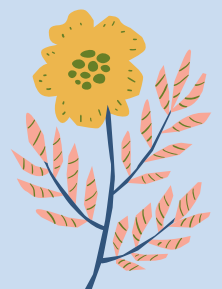


ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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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Middleborth's

Music and Mince Pies

ON THURSDAY 15TH DECEMBER, THE PTFA ARE INVITING YOU INTO SCHOOL FOR OUR ANNUAL MUSIC AND MINCE PIES AFTERNOON.

IT IS A CHANCE TO RELAX WITH A WARM DRINK AND A FESTIVE TREAT BEFORE WE FINISH FOR CHRISTMAS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE CAROLS FROM SOME OF THE KS2 CHILDREN. OTHER CHILDREN IN SCHOOL WILL STAY IN CLASS AS NORMAL.

OUR MUSIC AND MINCE PIES AFTERNOON WILL TAKE PLACE AT 2PM - 3.15PM

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON THURSDAY.

MANY THANKS
PTFA



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