



Middleforth Church of England Primary School

Friday 24th March Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, Year 6 went up to St Leonards for the morning, look at the journey to Easter in a really practical and engaging way and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. They also represented the school incredibly well and we are very proud of them.

Year 3 have been very busy refining their art skills and have made some very creative fish sculptures, well done Year 3.

Just a reminder that we finish for our Easter holidays on Friday 31st March at 2pm and there won't be an after school club on that day.

If you haven't already, please can you sign up to help run the PTFA Spring Fair in school.

There is a list by the school office where you can put your name down.

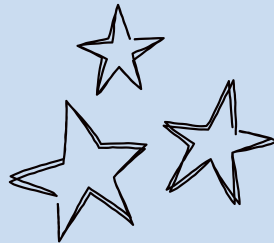
I hope you all have a lovely weekend and we will see you all on Monday.

Mrs Pilkington

Stars of the Week

Nursery - Daniel
Rec - Mara & Ilinca
Y1 - Isla M & Harriet
Y2 - Florence & Rhys
Y3 - Midas & Amber
Y4 - Lexi & Edie
Y5 - Noah & Alex
Y6 - Emilie & Ethan

WELL DONE



Target 96%

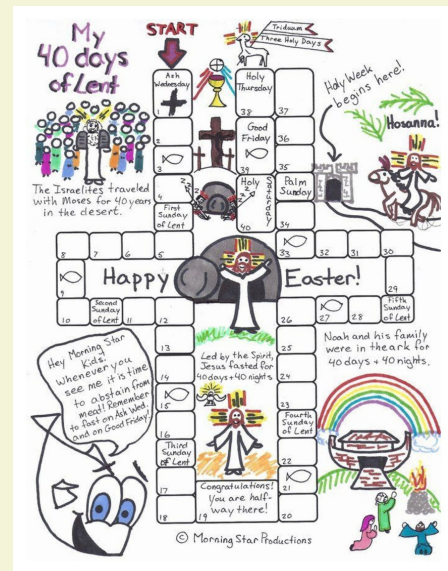
Reception	98.7%
Year 1	86.7%
Year 2	97.1%
Year 3	98.0%
Year 4	97.2%
Year 5	93.9%
Year 6	99.3%
Total	95.9%

Collective Worship

As our value this half term is: Justice

This week we talked about 'Keeping God's Rules' and looked at the 10 Commandments and which one of these we thought was the more important and why. Why not discuss as a family at home, which you think it the most important and why?

As we look towards the last week of term and our Easter holiday we will start to look at the Easter story next week and its significance to us as Christians. We will also have our end of term service at Church on Thursday 30th March at 1pm at St Leonards Church, please come and join us.



TAKEHOME



In the news this week

Schools in parts of Turkey and Syria have been reopening in the weeks since the devastating earthquakes hit, many in the form of makeshift tents. Teachers in the affected areas are making certain children's education continues, despite the difficult circumstances. Many school buildings were affected in the earthquakes at the start of February, leading to all educational institutions nationwide being closed for over two weeks. Although many learning centres have since reopened, lessons have had to also continue in tent schools, set up by volunteers and authorities in the worst affected areas.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Share your knowledge and understanding of last month's earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.
- Talk about how difficult it may have been for the affected communities there.
- Thinking about your own community, how do you work together – especially when things are hard?

How do communities support each other in difficult times?



Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Key Dates

Thursday 30th March - End of term Church service at 1pm at St Leonards.

Friday 31st March - Non-Uniform, Bring a bottle for the spring fair.

Friday 31st March - School closes at 2pm. (No after school club)

Monday 17th April - School reopens after the Easter break.

Monday 24th April - Parents Forum at 3:15

Friday 28th April - Spring Fair (TBC)

W/C 8th May - Key Stage 2 SATS week.

Subject Focus - SEND

For our children with SEND we have been working really hard to use more visuals to help with our learning. Children are using their Now and Next boards independently to help them regulate and prepare for their next steps.

Children are all working really hard to achieve their IEP targets, they have been having extra support to help them achieve small steps and are making excellent progress.

Staffing Update

We have some exciting news which has already been shared with parents in the relevant classes. Miss Stritch and Miss Morley will be starting their maternity leave in the second part of the summer term. We have been busy trying to organise maternity cover and will be in touch nearer the time with more details regarding Year 1. In the meantime we have appointed Nicola Pearce, who is a very experienced EYFS teacher and she will also lead over the nursery whilst Miss Stritch is on Maternity. Mrs Pearce will start her post with us in September 2023 and will also be available for the new reception starter day before the summer.



Mindful March 2023

MONDAY



6 If you find yourself rushing, make an effort to slow down

13 Pause to watch the sky or clouds for a few minutes today

20 Focus on what makes you and others happy today
dayofhappiness.net

27 Appreciate nature around you, wherever you are

TUESDAY



7 Take three calm breaths at regular intervals during your day

14 Find ways to enjoy any chores or tasks that you do

21 Listen to a piece of music without doing anything else

28 Notice when you're tired and take a break as soon as possible

WEDNESDAY

1 Set an intention to live with awareness and kindness

8 Eat mindfully. Appreciate the taste, texture and smell of your food

15 Stop. Breathe. Notice. Repeat regularly

22 Notice something that is going well, even if today feels difficult

29 Choose a different route today and see what you notice

THURSDAY

2 Notice three things you find beautiful in the outside world

9 Take a full breath in and out before you reply to others

16 Get really absorbed with an interesting or creative activity

23 Tune into your feelings, without judging or trying to change them

30 Mentally scan your body and notice what it is feeling

FRIDAY

3 Start today by appreciating your body and that you're alive

10 Get outside and notice how the weather feels on your face

17 Look around and spot three things you find unusual or pleasant

24 Appreciate your hands and all the things they enable you to do

31 Discover the joy in the simple things of life

SATURDAY

4 Notice how you speak to yourself and choose to use kind words

11 Stay fully present while drinking your cup of tea or coffee

18 Have a 'no plans' day and notice how that feels

25 Focus your attention on the good things you take for granted

SUNDAY

5 Bring to mind people you care about and send love to them

12 Listen deeply to someone and really hear what they are saying

19 Cultivate a feeling of loving-kindness towards others today

26 Choose to spend less time looking at screens today



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together

School term and holiday patterns

Spring term 2023

School closes on Friday 31st March 2023 at 2.00pm

Summer Term 2023

Re-open on Monday 17th April 2023

May Day & Coronation Day, Monday 1st and 8th May 2023

School closes on Friday 26th May 2023

Mid-term closure Monday 29th May – Wednesday 7th June 2023

School re-opens on Thursday 8th June 2023

School closes on Friday 21st July 2023 at 2.00pm

Autumn Term 2023

Re-open Monday 4th September 2023

Mid-term closure Monday 23rd October - Tuesday 31st October 2023

School re-opens on Wednesday 1st November 2023

School closes on Friday 22nd December 2023 at 2.00pm

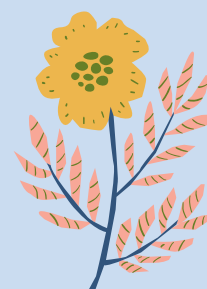
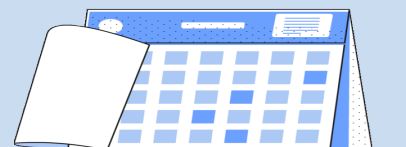
Spring Term 2024

Re-open on Monday 8th January 2024

Mid-term closure Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February 2024

School re-opens on Monday 19th February 2024

School closes on Thursday 28th March 2024 at 2.00pm



LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE - MATTHEW 5:16