



Middleforth Church of England Primary School

Friday 13th October Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

What another amazing week we have had in school. We are practicing our social skills at lunch time and playing games of Where's Wally and Dobble when we have finished out lunch. We have also launched the very first phase of OPAL at lunch time this week and the children have been brilliant and getting it out and putting it away, I hope they have come home talking about it. We cannot wait for the next phase on the field getting muddy.

Thank you to those of you who have sent the parents evening replied back. Teachers are busy allocating appointments and you will have these before half term. If you haven't completed the form you will be allocated the empty slots. There will also be appointments for Mrs Knight and Mrs Allton so please contact them for an appointment if you haven't done so already.

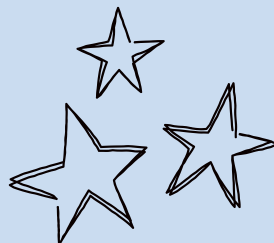
Thank you

Mrs Pilkington

★ **Stars of the Week** ★

Nursery - Darcie-Marie
Rec - Georgia & Ocean
Y1 - Beatrix & Jack
Y2 - Isla M & Darcey W
Y3 - Sam & Krum
Y4 - Elijah & Amber
Y5 - Jorja-Lily & Aiden
Y6 - Adam & Oliver

WELL DONE



Target 96%	
Reception	93.0%
Year 1	98.7%
Year 2	94.3%
Year 3	95.5%
Year 4	98.0%
Year 5	98.0%
Year 6	96.2%
Total	96.2%

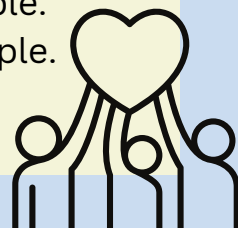
This half term our focus will be on: The Words of Jesus

This week in worship we focused on Luke 6.43-45. In this story in Luke's Gospel he is teaching us that "a healthy tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a poor tree bear good fruit... A good person brings good out of the treasure of good things in his heart; a bad person brings bad out of his treasure of bad things.

For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of."

Children were asked to think about a person outside of School who is a model example of one of our Christian Values and write these on an apple.

We are going to make our bear apple tree full of inspirational people.



LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE - MATTHEW 5:16

TAKEHOME



In the news this week

The tree at the centre of the world-famous 'Sycamore Gap' on Hadrian's Wall, England, has reportedly been deliberately felled on the night of 28th September and was discovered by walkers the next morning. The National Trust said it was 'shocked and saddened' by the felling of the tree, which won English Tree of the Year in 2016.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Is there a place in your local area that is very special to you? What is it that makes it special?
- > How do you think the people living close to Sycamore Gap will be feeling? How do you believe the legacy of the tree could be remembered?

How can we remember things that were important to us?



Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Uniform

At Middleforth, we wear our uniform with pride as it gives us a sense of togetherness, and fosters an environment of equality and belonging.

The approved school uniform is as follows:

- Grey trousers, skirt or pinafore dress
- White shirt or polo shirt
- Grey or white socks or tights
- Sensible flat shoes (**no trainers**)

Royal blue sweatshirt/jumper/cardigan with school logo or plain royal blue without logo



Summer Uniform

- Pale blue cotton print (gingham or stripes) dress or Grey school shorts

PE Uniform

- **PE KIT - to be worn only on PE days**
- White T-shirt with school logo
- PE Hoodie with school logo
- Royal blue shorts
- Black pumps or trainers
- **Plain black** jogging bottoms or leggings for outdoor PE or colder weather.

Reminder for Secondary School Applicants

Year 6 parents! As your child is due to start secondary school in September 2024 - apply for their school place now! www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools (Closing date 31 October 2023)

For guidance and eligibility for school transport see:

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<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/school-transport/>.

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We have had our first launch of OPAL this week and look how much fun we have had...



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Optimistic October 2023

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

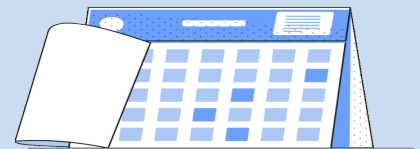
- 1 Write down three things you can look forward to this month
- 2 Find something to be optimistic about (even if it's a difficult time)
- 3 Take a small step towards a goal that really matters to you
- 4 Start your day with the most important thing on your to-do list
- 5 Be a realistic optimist. See life as it is, but focus on what's good
- 6 Remind yourself that things can change for the better
- 7 Look for the good in people around you today
- 8 Make some progress on a project or task you have been avoiding
- 9 Share an important goal with someone you trust
- 10 Take time to reflect on what you have accomplished recently
- 11 Avoid blaming yourself or others. Find a helpful way forward
- 12 Look out for positive news and reasons to be cheerful today
- 13 Ask for help to overcome an obstacle you are facing
- 14 Do something constructive to improve a difficult situation
- 15 Thank yourself for achieving the things you often take for granted
- 16 Put down your to-do list and do something fun or uplifting
- 17 Take a small step towards a positive change you want to see in society
- 18 Set hopeful but realistic goals for the days ahead
- 19 Identify one of your positive qualities that will be helpful in the future
- 20 Find joy in tackling a task you've put off for some time
- 21 Let go of the expectations of others and focus on what matters to you
- 22 Share a hopeful quote, picture or video with a friend or colleague
- 23 Recognise that you have a choice about what to prioritise
- 24 Write down three specific things that have gone well recently
- 25 You can't do everything! What are your three priorities right now?
- 26 Find a new perspective on a problem you face
- 27 Be kind to yourself today. Remember, progress takes time
- 28 Ask yourself, will this still matter a year from now?
- 29 Plan a fun or exciting activity to look forward to
- 30 Identify three things that give you hope for the future
- 31 Set a goal that brings a sense of purpose for the coming month



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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School term and holiday patterns



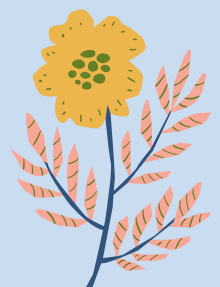
Autumn Term 2023 Re-opened on Monday 4th September 2023
Mid-term closure Monday 23rd October - Tuesday 31st October 2023

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 Monday 19th February
School closes on Thursday 28th March 2024 at 2.00pm

Summer Term 2024 Re-open on Monday 15th April
Mid-term closure Monday 27th May- Monday 3rd June 2024
School closes on Friday 19th July 2023 at 2.00p



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Sat Oct 14th

HARVEST

10am-12noon

Craft, Mess, Play, Worship

Eat & Drink

All are welcome

