



Middleforth Church of England Primary School

Friday 1st December Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Christmas has arrived at Middleforth, especially in reception. They are lots of trees, a wrapping station and I even came across two elves walking through the classroom yesterday. They were having the best time!

Year 1 parents have been told but I just wanted to share a staffing update with you all. Mrs Ball will be leaving us on Friday 8th December to continue a previous career she had before joining Middleforth. Miss Bobb will be starting in Year 1 on Monday 11th December. I am sure you will all join us in thanking Mrs Ball for everything she has done at Middleforth and welcome Miss Bobb into our family. Mr Whalley is also back with us from next week helping in year 1 as part of his teacher training.

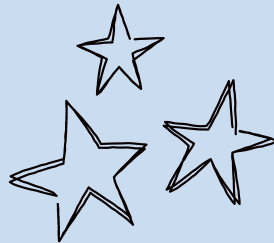
I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and we will see you all again on Monday.

Mrs Pilkington

★ **Stars of the Week** ★

Nursery - Vinnie
Rec - Chloe & Ivy
Y1 - Artemis & Bella
Y2 - Isabelle & Jasmine
Y3 - Ava & Marty
Y4 - Thomas & Edward
Y5 - Riley & Tia
Y6 - Raya & Alex

WELL DONE



Target 96%	
Reception	97.7%
Year 1	96.7%
Year 2	88.7%
Year 3	97.5%
Year 4	97.0%
Year 5	97.4%
Year 6	93.1%
Total	95.5%

This half term our focus will be on: Advent and Christmas

This week in worship we focused on Luke 2.1-5 and the long journey to Bethlehem. We talked about how it was at least a three day journey to the northern region of Galilee down through the barren wilderness. It was a journey full of danger from wild animals. We also talked about what we would pack now when preparing for a new baby and how different this would be. We talked about how Mary and Joseph might have felt after their long journey.



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TAKEHOME



In the news this week

Scientists monitoring a volcano in Iceland have said an eruption could happen. The Fagradalsfjall volcano previously erupted two years ago, in 2021 - the first time in over 800 years. It is now thought that the volcano is the cause of a series of earthquakes, which started this October. An underground river of magma led to the evacuation of 4,000 people from the town of Grindavik and Iceland has declared a state of emergency. People who live there have since been allowed to return just to collect belongings, with the likelihood of eruptions remaining high.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share any prior knowledge you have about volcanoes.
- > How do you imagine the people of Grindavik feel about having to leave their homes, not knowing when they will be able to go back?



Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss

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Key Dates

- Friday 8th December** - Non Uniform for Raffle donation (see dojo post)
- Thursday 14th December** - EYFS inc Nursery Nativity 9:30 and 2:30
- Monday 18th December** - Key Stage 1 Nativity 1:30 and 3:30
- Tuesday 19th December** - Christmas Parties
- Wednesday 20th December** - Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Lunch and **KS2 Carol Concert** 2pm and 4pm at Church

PTFA Dates

- Friday 24th November** - Pre-loved Christmas Jumper Hand In Date
- Friday 1st December** - Pre-loved Christmas Jumper sale 3:30pm.
- Friday 8th December** - Non Uniform for Raffle donation (see dojo post)
- Thursday 7th December** - Christmas Disco
- Tuesday 12th December** - Movie Night Y2-Y6
- Thursday 21st December** - Christmas Raffle

Communication on Dojo

Please can we ensure that Dojo is being used for essential little messages and appointments are made with class teachers to discuss anything which needs further discussion. Over the past few weeks there has been an increased number of communications over dojo which would have been better in person. The tone of messages doesn't always come across as intended. Please remember that staff are here to help and support and all our decisions are made with the children's best interests at heart.

If dojo continues to be used in an inappropriate way then unfortunately we will need to remove the messaging facility. Thank you all for your continued support with this.

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OPAL FUN!



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December Kindness 2023

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY



1 Spread kindness and share the December calendar with others

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

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

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

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

6 Leave a positive message for someone else to find

7 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today

8 Do something helpful for a friend or family member

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

10 Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them

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

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

13 See how many different people you can smile at today

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

15 Say hello to your neighbour and brighten up their day

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

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

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

19 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated

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

21 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you

22 Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed

23 Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness

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

25 Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!

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

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

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

29 Turn off digital devices and really listen to people

30 Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why

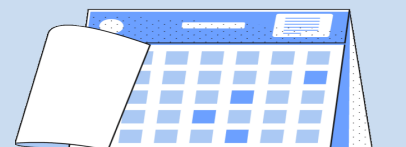
31 Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2024



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together

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

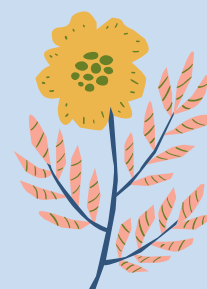
School re-opens Monday 19th February

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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