



# Middleforth Church of England Primary School

## Friday 8th December Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week has been yet another busy week, Year 5 went to Priory on Tuesday afternoon to watch Legally Blonde and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The school football team went to football finals for the whole of South Ribble schools and came fourth. Last night, our dodgeball team represented the school in a competition and also came fourth. We are so proud of all our teams and how well they represented Middleforth and let their lights shine.

We also had our PTFA disco last night which was really well attended by pupils and supported by family members, thank you all so much for all your hard work and support.

We have also begun our next phase of OPAL; please see a Dojo post from Miss Lowe about our next exciting phase.

With a couple of busy weeks left, please continue to ensure you check Dojo for events on the calendar and any updates from classes.

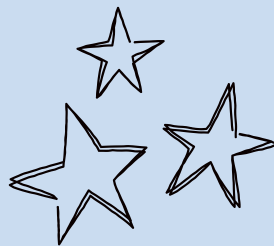
Mrs Pilkington



### Stars of the Week



**Nursery - Flora**  
**Rec - Piper, Eric & Olivia**  
**Y1 - Mara & Jasmine**  
**Y2 - Finlay & Isla B**  
**Y3 - Alex & Reggie**  
**Y4 - Joshua & Harrison**  
**Y5 - Chloe & Alex**  
**Y6 - Leo & Valentina**



### Target 96%

Reception	96.0%
Year 1	95.7%
Year 2	97.0%
Year 3	98.2%
Year 4	96.0%
Year 5	96.8%
Year 6	97.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>96.7%</b>

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

This week in worship we focused on Luke 2.5-18 where we talked about when the time had come for Mary to have her baby. Year 3 acted out the story for the whole school and did a brilliant job. We talked about how the birth of a baby creates a community - the community of family. The community which has been created not only brings people together on earth but unites earth with heaven and is characterised by 'great joy for all people' Luke 2.10.



LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE - MATTHEW 5:16

# TAKEHOME



## In the news this week

British litter-pickers have become world champions in the litter-picking World Cup (also known as the SpoGomi World Cup) after sifting through nearly 60 kilograms of rubbish in the Japanese capital to win the first-ever contest of its kind. The British team, made up of Sarah Parry and brothers Alexander and Jonathan Winship, beat teams from 20 other nations from around the world. SpoGomi is named after a combination of 'sport' and 'gomi', the Japanese word for rubbish. Each team is equipped with protective gloves, metal tongs and waste bags, and allocated an area of five square kilometres (nearly two square miles) in the busy Shibuya district of Tokyo, to collect as much litter as possible.

### Things to talk about at home...

- > Share your experience of litter in your local area. Is it a problem? Have you ever been litter-picking?
- > What do you believe rubbish is? Ask others at home. Do you all think the same?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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### Key Dates



**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

**Friday 22nd December** - School Closes 2pm, reopens Monday 8th January

### PTFA Dates

**Tuesday 12th December** - Movie Night Y2-Y6

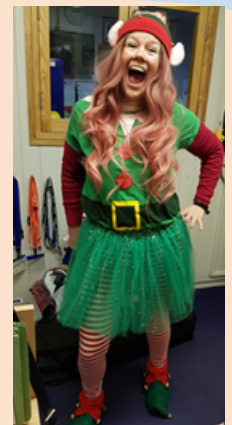
**Thursday 21st December** - Christmas Raffle



### Thank You

Today we have celebrated in style thanking Mrs Ball and Mrs Hynd for all their hard work at Middleforth. Mrs Ball has worked at Middleforth in various roles throughout her time here, volunteering, welfare, teaching assistant, forest school and many many more. Maybe even as a Christmas elf, as one of the children at the disco asked last night.

"Mrs Ball, are you a real elf?" I am sure you will all join us in us in thanking both of them and good luck in their new roles. Mrs Hynd will still be with us on a Thursday lunchtime.



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# December Kindness 2023

MONDAY



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

TUESDAY



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

WEDNESDAY



6 Leave a positive message for someone else to find

THURSDAY



7 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today

FRIDAY

1 Spread kindness and share the December calendar with others

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

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

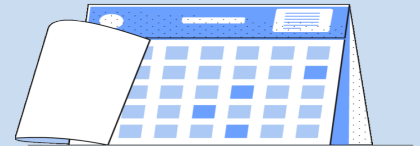


ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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## School term and holiday patterns

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 re-opens on Tuesday 4th June

School closes on Friday 19th July 2023 at 2.00pm

Autumn Term 2024 Re-open on Tuesday 3rd September



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