



Middleforth Church of England Primary School

Friday 15th December Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, again its been another busy week. On Thursday Nursery and Reception did two performances of their nativity 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel'. They were incredible and sang little hearts out, we are incredibly proud of how they showed courage and determination to all perform to a very big audience, well done everyone!

We have also had two steps of steps built into the side of the field to ensure safe access to the field all year round ready for phase 3 of OPAL. The children will need waterproofs and wellington boots to access this so if you haven't already brought labelled sets into school, please can you do this next week.

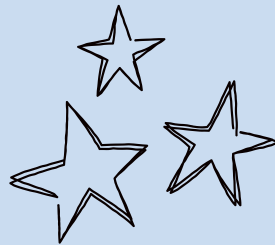
As we look ahead to the final week of term, we have lots of exciting things happening in school to prepare for Christmas. I hope you will join us at all the exciting events listed below. Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Mrs Pilkington

★ **Stars of the Week** ★

Nursery - Everybody!
Rec - Kairo & Ocean
Y1 - Lyla & Jessica
Y2 - Connor & Darcey W
Y3 - Yash & Hattie
Y4 - Hugo & William
Y5 - Reeva & Phoebe
Y6 - Zach & Freya

WELL DONE



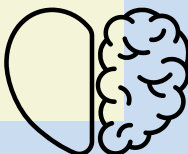
Target 96%

Reception	97.4%
Year 1	96.7%
Year 2	94.0%
Year 3	95.6%
Year 4	95.6%
Year 5	95.6%
Year 6	95.0%
Total	95.9%

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

This week in worship we focused on Matthew 2.1-12 The Coming of the Magi.

Year 1 and 2 acted out the arrival of three kings and we talked about how special they were and why they brought such expensive gifts for the birth of a baby. We talked about how the gift of gold showed that the three wise men knew Jesus was a king. How it symbolises wisdom, understanding and enlightenment. We talked about how Jesus was to be a king but a very different *kind* of king.



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TAKEHOME



In the news this week



Twinpike Way, a street in York, is also known as Twinklepike Way as usually in December, every home is lit up with incredible festive lights to raise money for charity. The residents started putting up the lights in 2000 and since then, hundreds of people have come to visit them. After 20 years and raising over £100,000 for charities, the homeowners have collectively decided that it's time for a break this year, partly due to the ages of the residents. Rising energy bills and the closure of the local bank branch, where the donations are typically paid, added to the decision.

Things to talk about at home...

- > Share your thoughts about the decorations in the poster image. Do you like to see homes with lots of decorations outside? Are there any in your local area?
- > Can you think of different times when you use decorations? Is there a particular time when you enjoy decorating your home or classroom?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments



Key Dates

- 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
- Thursday 21st December** - Christmas Raffle
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- Friday 22nd December** - School Closes 2pm, reopens Monday 8th January

PTFA Raffle

The PTFA have been outside school every morning selling raffle tickets for the raffle on Thursday 21st December at 2:30. Tickets have also been on sale and the Nativity performances. If you haven't already bought a ticket or would like some more they are £1 a strip and will be available all next week.



Thank you

Thank You to Lois, Lola and Sam from Year 3

A massive thank you for supporting the Christmas treat stall last Friday after school. Lola, Sam and Lois in year 3 smashed their target and raised a grand total of £156 for the Salvation Army Christmas toy appeal. The donations were dropped off this week and the charity was extremely grateful so thank you for your support. Well done all three of you, we are incredibly proud of you.

THE SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL

THANK YOU WE RAISED £156.00

Lois, Lola and Sam in year 3 have smashed their goal and raised £156.00 for The Salvation Army Christmas Toy Appeal.

Thank you very much to everyone who supported by buying sweet treats!

They managed to sell at school, to family and friends and at Brownies. They have been shopping and now dropped off a fabulous selection of gifts that the charity will share.

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

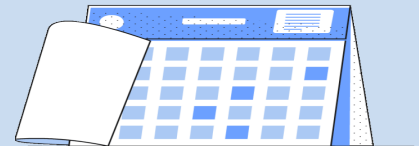


ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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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

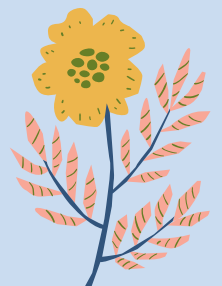
Summer Term 2024 Re-open on Monday 15th April

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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