



Middleforth Church of England Primary School

Friday 2nd February Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been yet another exciting week in school as well as National Story Telling week. I had the pleasure of reading a story to reception early this week too and they were amazing. If you are still working on your short story for Mr Noblet then don't forget to hand it in if you haven't already. This week some of Year 5 and 6 children competed in an athletics competition and represented the school with great sportsmanship and enthusiasm, well done to all of you.

On Tuesday next week, Year 2 will be leading worship for Key Stage 1 in Church, you are all welcome to come along and watch, it would be great to see some of you there.

We may have a vacancy for a lunch time post, supporting children with OPAL outdoors in and in the hall at lunch time. If you would be interested then please pop into the office and let us know.

Have a lovely weekend everyone,

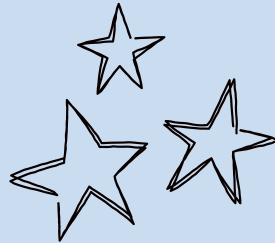
Mrs Pilkington

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Stars of the Week

Nursery - Alex
Rec - Chloe & Aurora
Y1 - Beatrix & Jasmine
Y2 - Isla M & Felicity
Y3 - Hattie & Nevaeh
Y4 - Elijah & Sophie
Y5 - Charlotte & Benjamin
Y6 - Precious & Ethan





Target 96%	
Reception	98.7%
Year 1	97.0%
Year 2	90.7%
Year 3	96.1%
Year 4	96.6%
Year 5	91.3%
Year 6	93.6%
Total	94.8%

Collective Worship

Half termly theme: People Jesus Meets

Focus this week: : Luke 4.1-13 The Tempter



This week we talked about when Jesus was led by God into the barren wilderness region between Jerusalem and the Dead Sea. His time was spent in prayer and fasting as he prepared for all that lay ahead. His mind was focussed on doing God's, however the devil tried to tempt Jesus three times when he knew that Jesus was tired, hungry and thirsty.

Despite this Jesus drew on God's word to remain faithful to his calling and refused to forfeit the dignity that his father had given him at his baptism by declaring him his 'beloved son'

We then challenged ourselves to spot other children this week following Jesus' examples from the Bible and nominate them for our What Would Jesus Do (WWJD) awards.

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE - MATTHEW 5:16

TAKEHOME



In the news this week

What makes someone inspirational?



45-year-old Mar Galcerán from Spain has become the country's first elected parliamentarian with Down's syndrome. Maria del Mar Galcerán Gadea is thought to be the first person with the genetic disorder to join a European regional or national parliament. She has been involved with politics since she was 18, when she joined Spain's conservative People's Party. Speaking to the media, Mar Galcerán said she wants to be seen as a person, and not for her disability.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Make a list of people you find inspirational. What about them inspires you?
- > Think about some of the places you find leaders (e.g., schools, councils, clubs). For each place, how are the leaders chosen? Share how important you think it is for leaders to be from a diverse range of backgrounds and with different experiences.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Key Dates



Thursday 1st February - NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe worship

Tuesday 6th February - Key Stage 1 Church at St Leonards

Thursday 8th February - NSPCC Speak out Stay Safe workshops

Tuesday 5th March - Parents Evening Rec-Year 6

Wednesday 6th March - Parents Evening Nur-Year 6

Subject Focus - Online Safety



This week there was a free parents online safety session, which I hope many of you attended. If you didn't already know swiggle.org.uk is a child friendly search engine which you can all use at home. If you would like any further advice or support <https://swgfl.org.uk/audience/parents/> has some amazing resources to help with everything relating to online safety so please check it out!

Karibuni Children Fundraiser

Next week, Year 2 will be running a "Guess the name of the African animal game" to raise funds for a Kenyan based charity who support young Kenyan children.

Year 2, had the pleasure to attend a Zoom call with the charity this week and we were shocked to see how different their lives are to ours in the UK. We would love to make a difference and make a donation on behalf of our Middleforth family.

There will be KS1 and KS2 winner which will be drawn on during next Friday's celebration assembly. £1 per square to play- If the children could bring their money into school in an envelope with their name on it and at breaks and lunch times year 2 will be around for those who wish to play and donate!



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Friendly February 2024

MONDAY



5 Make time to have a friendly chat with a neighbour

12 Focus on being kind rather than being right

19 Share something you find inspiring, helpful or amusing

26 Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones

TUESDAY



6 Get back in touch with an old friend you've not seen for a while

13 Smile at the people you see and brighten their day

20 Make a plan to connect with others and do something fun

27 Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them

WEDNESDAY



7 Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others

14 Tell a loved one or friend why they are special to you

21 Really listen to what people say, without judging them

28 Give positive comments to as many people as possible today

THURSDAY

1 Send a message to let someone know you're thinking of them

8 Share what you're feeling with someone you really trust

15 Support a local business with a positive online review or friendly message

22 Give sincere compliments to people you talk to today

29 Acknowledge someone's problem or pain rather than trying to fix it

FRIDAY

2 Ask a friend how they have been feeling recently

9 Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you

16 Check in on someone who may be struggling and offer to help

23 Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise

SATURDAY

3 Do an act of kindness to make life easier for someone

10 Look for good in others, particularly when you feel frustrated with them

17 Appreciate the good qualities of someone in your life

24 Tell a loved one about the strengths that you see in them

SUNDAY

4 Invite a friend over for a 'tea break' (in person or virtual)

11 Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost

18 Respond kindly to everyone you talk to today, including yourself

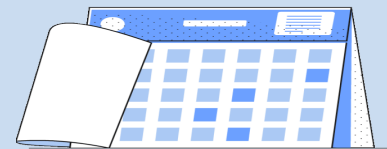
25 Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why



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School term and holiday patterns



Spring Term 2024

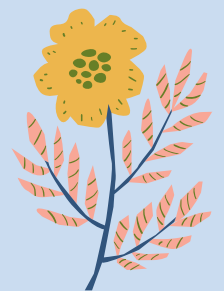
Mid-term closure
School re-opens on
School closes on

Re-open on Monday 8th January 2024
Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February 2024
Monday 19th February 2024
Thursday 28th March 2024

Summer Term 2024

May Day
Mid-term closure
School re-opens on
School closes on

Re-opens on Monday 15th April 2024
Monday 6th May 2024
Monday 27th May – Monday 3rd June 2024
Tuesday 4th June 2024
Friday 19th July 2024



2024-2025

Autumn Term

School re-opens
Mid-term closure
School re-opens
School Closes

Tuesday 3rd September 2024
Monday 21st October - Monday 28th October 2024
Tuesday 29th October 2024
Friday 20th December 2024

