



Middleforth Church of England Primary School

'Let your light shine!'

Friday 16th March 2018

OFSTED

As I am sure you are all aware this week we had a visit from OFSTED on Thursday. The letter reporting their findings will be sent out to us after Easter and until then we are not able to share the grading, but we are pleased with their visit and feel they were very fair in their judgements of our wonderful school. They asked me to say a big thank you to our amazing children for the lovely way they behaved and engaged with the inspectors and to say well done for the fantastic work they do in school. They also asked me to pass on thanks to all the parents who completed the questionnaires which they sent out or who took the time to speak to them on the playground on Thursday morning. I would also like to thank everyone for the wonderful things they said about the school.

I would like to thank the many parents who came in to offer their support and the great kindness and support we have all felt as a staff from our parents this week. It is lovely to know that you are all behind us and understood the intense pressure that this type of inspection brings on a staff team.

I am so grateful to everyone in our school community for pulling together and showing off our school at its best this week.

Mother's Day Lunches

It was lovely to see so many Mums, Aunties and Grandmas in school this week for our Mother's Day lunches. I enjoyed the opportunity to spend some time with you all and I know the children loved sharing lunchtime with you.

STAFF

Our lovely Mrs Gordon will be starting her maternity leave on Friday 27th April. We will all miss her lots, especially year 5. Last week we appointed a new teacher to cover her maternity leave and she has been in school this week covering some of our staff who were in meetings or on courses so the children already are getting to know her really well. Her name is Mrs Lisa Yates. Mrs Yates will be joining Mrs Gordon at some of the parents meetings next week so will hopefully get to meet some of the year 5 parents at those sessions.

Parents Evenings/Achieve 360

I have invited Achieve 360 to attend the parent's sessions next week. Leanne will be at the meetings on Monday and Sarah and Nikki the manager will be there on Wednesday. They will be happy to talk to anyone about the service they offer and meet anyone whose child has attended sessions. They will also

book future appointments for anyone who would like to come in and see them. I have arranged for them to be in school until the end of July so we will have access to their services for the next term which I know many parents have really appreciated.

Easter service

Our service will be in church at 9.30a.m. on Thursday morning. Please come and join us as we celebrate Easter.

Mrs Adams

Scopay

Some of our parents have reported that they have been unable to make online payments towards breakfast and after school clubs, some were unable to make payment for lunches. Apologies for the inconvenience, this situation has now been rectified and you should be able to make payments in the usual way. Any further problems, please contact the school office.

ParentPay - our new online payment service

We are pleased to announce that we will shortly be accepting payments online with ParentPay in a similar way to Scopay. ParentPay will be our preferred method of making payments to school.

What are the benefits to parents and pupils?

- ParentPay is easy-to-use and will offer you the freedom to make online payments whenever and wherever you like, 24/7
- The technology used is of the highest internet security available ensuring that your money will reach school safely – offering you peace of mind
- Payments can be made by credit/debit card or also through PayPoint
- full payment histories and statements are available to you securely online at anytime
- Your children will not have to worry about losing money at school
- Parents can choose to be alerted when their balances are low via email and/or SMS text

What are the benefits to our school?

- The more parents that use ParentPay, the greater the benefit is to our school.
- You can help us reduce workloads for all staff, creating more time to lend to educational support and the smooth running of the school.
- Using ParentPay also ensures that all financial transactions are safe and secure - helping us to remove costs associated with us having to manage cash securely on the school premises.

How to get started with ParentPay

- We will shortly be sending you your account activation details, just follow the instructions in the letter we give you to get started with ParentPay.
- If you want to find out more about ParentPay go to:
- www.parentpay.com/Parents

Sports Relief Mile – Friday 23rd March 2018

Please note the following changes to the arrangements for the Sports Relief Mile:

Reception children will complete their mile by running/ jogging/ walking around the 'Mile a Day' track on the Ball Yard. They will not be leaving the school premises.

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| <u>WAVE 1</u> | 9:40 am Y1 accompanied by Y6 and Y2, |
| <u>WAVE 2</u> | 9:50 am Y3 and Y4- staff, parents and volunteers |
| <u>WAVE 3</u> | 10:00 am Y5 and Y6- staff, parents and volunteers |



On the day of the event, children can come to school in sports clothing (for the day- no uniform) and the wearing of trainers/pumps are recommended to complete the course. Any child who has an inhaler will be asked to carry them around the course whilst they complete it. Children and any accompanying adults will be asked to make a donation of a pound which will be collected and sent to the Sports Relief Fund. If you are a parent who wishes to accompany your child around the course on the day could you please inform the school office. **We will also be looking for any volunteers who are willing to help marshal the course as this is vital for the safety and smooth running of the event. Again, if you are able to help marshal on the day could you please contact school.**

In the past our 'Sports Relief Mile' has proved to be a very enjoyable and well supported event. As always, your help and support is very much appreciated.

Star of the week!

Our stars of the week this week are;

Reception	Zachary Blackwell & Freya Freeman
Year 1	Katie Carlisle & James Massey
Year 2	Harry Clegg & Anya Marsh
Year 3	Arthur Dorning & Sophie Scholes
Year 4	Leah Crabb & Finlay Molloy
Year 5	Gregory May & Kayleigh Heatley
Year 6	Myiesha Brock & Lola Urey

Future Events

FMS News

If you haven't been to a Colours Fashion Show before you are in for a treat. Please help us make this a really successful night.



We hope that this will be a great night for people to get together and relax whilst grabbing a few bargains. In the meantime we hope to raise lots of money to go towards resources for our children. We have even arranged a licence so that alcoholic drinks will be available. 'Colours' very generously donate £100 of vouchers to go towards our fantastic raffle on the night. The only stipulation from Colours is that we have a minimum of 75 people 'in attendance' on the night and tickets must be sold in advance which you can purchase either online via Scopay, at the school office or from a member of the FMS (see poster for details). We have also had to pay a fairly large deposit which is returnable with the magic '75' in attendance so please ask everyone you know. We can't stress enough that we need to sell these tickets.

If you can help by displaying a poster somewhere please contact the school office as we have quite a few that can go

out and about in the community.

Week commencing 19th March 2018

Monday	Y3/Y4 Rugby Coaching – pm
Tuesday	15 x KS1 children - Fab Fitness 1 – 2pm Y5 Flute – pm Netball Matches at All Hallows 3.30pm – 5pm
Wednesday	Easter Lunch Y4 Swimming – pm Get Messy – 3.15pm- 4.30pm
Thursday	Middleforth Minis – pm Guitar Tuition – pm Football Matches at Priory Academy – 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Friday	Sports Relief Mile Y5/Y6 Rugby Coaching – pm Drum Tuition – pm School Closes 2pm

Christine Adams (Headteacher)

If you have any comments or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at school or via email.

Community News

EASTER HOLIDAY **INTENSIVE SWIMMING** **LESSONS**

Monday - Thursday
26TH -29TH MARCH 2018

And

Tuesday - Friday
3RD - 6TH APRIL 2018

9.30-11.00am at Hutton

All abilities welcome. £5.00

for up to

90 minutes each day

To Book: tel (07889) 601989

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