



Middleforth Church of England Primary School

'Let your light shine!'

*Our Christian Value this half term is
Friendship*

Friday 20th July 2018

What a lovely end to the term this week has been, apart from the weather of course! Our "Let your light shine day" on Tuesday was a lovely day. Our children, as always, did some amazing work on the day and produced some fantastic ideas for us. A huge thank you to the children from Priory High School Art department who came in to help us with our design work.

Reception had a lovely day on Wednesday at their Seaside Fun day. Thank you to the staff for organising such a lovely event. Middleforth's Got Talent was a fantastic event on Wednesday. Thank you to everyone who supported the event, by coming along or by helping the children prepare for their performance.

Our leaver's service in Church on Thursday was wonderful. The children put on such a lovely worship and it was such a pleasure to see them all sharing in this time together. It was especially moving to see our year six children and their buddies having the opportunity to thank each other for those special times this year. Some lovely friendships were formed between them. Thank you to everyone who took the time to comment on the service and how much they had enjoyed it, we really appreciate your comments. For the children the best part of the morning was the ice cream van waiting for us on our return!

Thursday afternoon we welcomed our Middleforth Minis in for a tea party and it was lovely to welcome our new starters for Nursery along as well. We are very excited about our new nursery starting in September and delighted that our places are already filling up. If anyone does need a place this academic year please let us know as soon as possible.

This afternoon it was lovely to send off our Year Six children with a special assembly and the tunnel of children. We wish all of our year six children the very best as they move on to their high school's in September. We know they will all be amazing.

Thank you to everyone for wonderful gifts and cards today. Your kindness is appreciated by us all so much. I would like to say a very big thank you to everyone for all of your support in my first year at Middleforth as Headteacher. This is a lovely school to work in. I am blessed by a fantastic, supportive staff team who work so hard to make every day in school a delight and an amazing group of children whose positive attitudes and wonderful manners are a blessing. It has been wonderful getting to know everyone this year and becoming part of the Middleforth Family.

I wish everyone a wonderful Summer break and look forward to seeing you all back in school in September.

Mrs Adams

Start of the day from September

From September all of our classes will have their own door so we would like the children to use them to come in at the start of the day. Teachers will open the doors at 8.45am as usual and if you have any important messages for them you will be able to catch them at the door. I will be on the year two door most mornings if you need to catch me. Mrs Craig will be in the office from 9am to 9.30 each morning if you would like to leave any messages with her for teachers or Achieve 360. Mrs Craig, in addition to working in year six as a TA is also our support for Pastoral and SEN work.

End of the day from September

At the end of the day children in nursery, reception and year one will be collected from their classroom doors where the teacher will hand over to their adult. Year two children will be collected from the main doors nearest to year two, as usual.

Children in key stage two will be dismissed from their classes and parents may either come up to the classrooms or collect from the door, or you may arrange with your children to meet you on the front playground. Children are told not to leave the school grounds if there is no adult to collect them and to return to the school office to meet an adult who will contact you by phone. If we are unable to contact you at this time and we have not had a message, the children will be put into after school club and you will be charged for their place. If your child is in year five or year six and you believe they are safe to walk home alone and are happy that appropriate arrangements are in place for them when they get home then please can you sign a consent form for us to allow them to walk/cycle home alone and ensure provision is in place in case something changes so that children know how to stay safe.

Mobile phones

Our school policy is that children are not allowed to use mobile phones in school at any time. Phones must be switched off at the gate in the morning and not switched back on until they are at the gate in the evening. Phones are collected in by the class teacher in the morning and stored in the school office until the end of the day. Phones are only allowed in school for children in year five and six and only with a written consent from parents. We do take any breaches of this policy very seriously so please ensure your children know that they do not use phones in school and please do not ask them to call you during the day. If you need to contact your child during the day please do it through the school office.

School Office

Mrs Lynch & Mrs Hardman would like to say thank you for all your patience and understanding throughout the transition to ParentPay and School Spider. The parent questionnaire will come out to you in the form of an online survey via the School Spider App which we hope you will find quick and easy to complete. Please help us by filling in the comments boxes as it helps us understand parent views.

If you haven't yet activated your Parent log in on the School Spider app we would recommend that you do so as soon as possible so that you don't miss out on important information. Next term you will also need it to book your parents evening slot when we notify you of our first parents evening.

Also, please sign up for Parent Pay as bookings and cancellations for breakfast club, after school club will only be accepted via ParentPay. This will also be the case for school trips and school dinners. If you need any help activating your account please do get in touch. Mrs Lynch will be working some days through the holidays. If you phone and there is no reply please leave a message and she will get back to you or you can email office@middleforth.lancs.sch.uk Please note that school dinners will increase in price to £2.30 for children in Y3 to Y6 & Nursery children. Children in Reception class, Y1 and Y2 will continue to be entitled to Universal Free School Meals.

Christine Adams (Headteacher)

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