



Middleforth Church of England Primary School



Our Christian Value this half term is Respect

Friday 17th September 2021

Dear Parents

We are fully back into the swing of things in school now with lots of exciting lessons happening and other experiences starting up again. Forest school starts next week, there will be letters sent out about this. Every child will be experiencing forest school this year, but this will be on a cycle so please don't worry if you don't get a letter yet. Swimming and ukulele for year 5 are also back up and running as well as our new sports coaches from Preston North End. I'm so pleased that school is feeling much like it did pre Covid.

On **Monday at 3:30-4pm** will be the Meet the Teacher sessions for Nursery with Mrs Parker; Reception with Miss Stritch; Year 1 with Mrs Van Zyl and Year 2 with Mr Blundell.

On **Tuesday at 3:30-4** will be key stage 2, year 3 with Mrs Higham; year 4 with Mrs Coulthurst; Year 5 with Mrs Gordon and year 6 with Mr Noblet. These will be held in the classrooms. You will be provided with opportunities to see the classrooms and find out about the year group. If you are unable to make the sessions, the teachers will be producing video presentations of the same content.

Myself and Ms Collins will be around if you have non-classroom related matters you wish to discuss.

Please do follow the advice below regarding sickness, I know we all want the children to miss as little of school as possible, however we have large numbers of children who are unwell and it does seem to be spreading. One final ask is to make sure that the children's jumpers and hoodies are labelled with names; we already have a number of unclaimed jumpers without names in that we can't return to their owners.

I hope you can all enjoy the sunshine this weekend and that it isn't the last we see of it.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mr Swindells

Our stars of the week this week are;

Minis	Bella
Reception	Isabelle & Jasper
Year 1	Jack & Alexandros
Year 2	Elijah & Jimmy
Year 3	Parker & Edie
Year 4	Zach & Charlotte
Year 5	Ethan & Ruben
Year 6	Jennifer & Wren



Sickness and diarrhoea

We still have a number of new cases of sickness and diarrhoea. If your child feels sick in the morning but hasn't been sick, please keep them off whilst cases of the bug are circulating. Also, if they have been sick and feel better, a reminder that your child can return to school 48 hours after the last occurrence of sickness and/or diarrhoea.

Free School Meals - Juniors

All infant children are eligible for universal free school meals, however, in addition, **families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals throughout junior school.** Your child is eligible for free school meals if you're in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

Registering for free meals could also raise an extra **£1,345** per pupil to fund valuable support at school, like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities. This is for all school years (infants and juniors), **and infants who meet the above criteria will also be eligible for pupil premium funding for school, regardless of already receiving the universal free school meals for infants.**

To check eligibility and to register for free school meals please click here:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/?page=3>

Tax free childcare (breakfast and after school club)

<https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

Did you know that if you are eligible for Tax-Free Childcare, for every £8 you pay into your account, the government will pay in £2 to use to pay for your breakfast/after school club bookings? You will need to set up an online childcare account for your child and you can get Tax-Free Childcare at the same time as 30 hours free childcare (nursery) if you're eligible for both. To find out more:

<https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

Please book breakfast and after school club in advance via Scopay. (You do not need to pre-book the Early Bird drop off at 8.30am).

Open Days for Reception 2022

The open days for next year's reception are being held on the following dates:

- Wednesday 29th September at 10am and 1.30pm
- Thursday 30th September at 10am

Please can you call the school office to book a place and please share with your friends and family!

Secondary School Applications September 2022

The deadline for Secondary School applications for our current Year 6 is **31st October 2021**

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-online-for-a-school-place/>

Key Dates

Date	Event
Monday 20 th September 3.30pm	Meet the Teacher – Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Tuesday 21 st September 3.30pm	Meet the Teacher – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
Wednesday 22 nd September	Wednesday swimming lessons start for Y5 (swimming kit needed)

Wednesday 29 th September 10am and 1.30pm	Reception 2022 Open Day sessions
Thursday 30 th September 10am	Reception 2022 Open Day session
Thursday 7 th October	Reception class photo:Lancashire Evening Post (LEP)
Friday 22 nd October	Break up for half term
Sunday 31 st October	Year 6 deadline for Secondary School applications
Monday 1 st November	School re-opens
Tuesday 2 nd November	Tempest photos
Wednesday 24 th November	Nasal flu vaccinations (Reception to Y6)
Friday 17 th December	Break up for Christmas