



Middleforth Church of England Primary School

'Let your light shine!'

Our Christian Value this half term is Respect

Friday 5th October 2018

Thank you so much to parents who attended the Parent Meetings for Key Stage one this week to talk about reading and homework. It was lovely to have chance to spend this time with parents to discuss these subjects in more depth and share great ideas to support your children at home. Thank you for your contributions and your time and your positive feedback about these sessions.

Next week we have Meet the Teacher sessions for all classes. From year one upwards each class has two sessions to allow parents with more than one child to attend different classes. Session one is 3.30pm to 4pm and session two is 4.15pm to 4.45pm. Please use spider to let us know which session you will be attending.

The Meet the Teacher meetings in Reception class are on Monday from 3.30pm – 5.30pm and on Wednesday from 1.30pm – 3.30pm. These are individual five minute appointments and you can book your preferred time on spider.

Well done to our Football team who had their first session on Thursday. It was fantastic to hear that they had not only played brilliantly but also had shown a great attitude to their games and excellent respect. We are so proud of you.

On Saturday, seven of our children will be representing school at Deepdale where they will take part in a penalty shoot-out on the pitch at half time. What a fantastic opportunity and we are sure you will make us proud!

An enormous thank you to all the parents who have offered to come into school as parent helpers. We are so grateful for your support for the school.

Mrs Adams

Star of the week!

Our stars of the week this week are;

Reception	Jorja-Lily & Jacob
Year 1	Adam & Isaac
Year 2	Lola & Isla C
Year 3	Wren & Beaux
Year 4	Arthur & Harvey
Year 5	Christopher & Emerson
Year 6	Thomas B & Theodore



KS2 Merit Badge Winners

Class	Red – Ruby	Blue – Sapphire	Green - Emerald	Yellow – Amber
Y3	Jennifer	Wren	Beaux	Catherine
Y4	Sophie	Willow	Daisy	William
Y5	James	Lexi	Ruby C	Angel
Y6	Thomas B	Leila	Theodore	Anais

Watch this space – Seesaw

After half term we will be launching Seesaw for parents. This is a means of seeing your child's work and activities by using an APP. We feel this will be a great opportunity for us to share parts of your child's learning journey in school with you. Before we launch this we will need all the parents in each class to agree to us sharing photos of your child with other parents in the class as sometimes your child may be on a photo of another child. Please watch out for a letter requesting consent and also a parent session where we will show you how this will work.

Gaming

Can I please remind parents to be mindful of the age restrictions for social media and for games. We are very aware of many children in school playing on Fortnite, which has an age rating of 13 and is not appropriate for primary aged children. Children are wanting to emulate the game on the playground and this is not appropriate and is upsetting many of the other children in school. We have spoken to all the children about re-enacting this game in school and have said this is not acceptable. Please can you support us in this. A reminder that the age rating for Facebook is 13, WhatsApp is currently 13 but is being raised to 16 in the near future.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who supported our coffee morning for MacMillan last week. We raised £140.37. Some raffle prizes have already been collected but there are three outstanding winners. Ticket numbers are blue 881-885, blue 916 – 920 and blue 921 - 925

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who purchased books from our Book Fair this week. We raised £401.59 which gives us £180.95 to spend on books for school.

Bottle Tops

The Green Gangs and the 3C's will be working on developing our new peace garden this year, supported by Mrs Wells-Earp and Mrs van Zyl. We would very much like to include some artwork in this area and have come up with the idea to try and make a piece of art by up cycling plastic bottle tops. We are therefore asking that instead of throwing away your plastic bottle tops you give them a wash and send them into school - all colours welcome! A box will be available in the school foyer, alternatively children can bring them into school and put them in the box in the hall. Many thanks for your support.

Worship around the world

A HUGE thank you to everyone who contributed to our worship around the world display... the photos are starting to go up and they look fantastic. This is a display that we hope will continue to evolve throughout the course of the year. Yesterday we welcomed Mr Austin in to talk to us about the charity Seeds of Grace (<http://seedsofgrace.org.uk/>). He shared with us his photos of people in Uganda worshipping and how the charity is supporting the building of a new community centre which will be used for church services. These photos will be added to our display. We hope that as we have more visitors to school we will be able to add their photos of worship and of course if you are going away or out somewhere special, please take a photo and send to school so it can be added to our display. Many thanks.

Harvest Festival

We would like to invite all our families to join us at our Harvest Festival celebration on the 11th October at 9.30am at

St Leonard's Parish Church. The service of thanksgiving will be led by the children. You are very welcome to join us 'walking up' to church, we plan to leave school at 9.05am after registration. We would be very grateful if children could bring one item of non-perishable food or toiletries with them on this day which will be donated to our local food bank in Penwortham. Please be mindful that children will carry these items themselves so 'glass' jars may not be ideal for our little ones - we have in the past had some smashing along the way 😊 many thanks for your support.

School Lunches Reminder

To ensure that your child receives the meal of their choice, it is important to keep school lunch orders up to date. There are currently meals available to book until the half term break, using the ParentPay system. The new meal menu available after half term will be on the system later next week.

Dates for the year 2018 – 2019

Monday 8th October Headteacher welcome at 8.30am & 10.30am	Open Day for prospective parents – please ring the office to book a time
Monday 8th October 3.30pm – 4.00pm 4.15pm – 4.45pm	Meet the teacher meetings Year 1 – year 6
Tuesday 9th October 6pm	FMS meeting (planning Family Fun Night)
Wednesday 10th October 1.30pm – 3.30pm	Meet the teacher individual meetings for Reception children
Thursday 11th October 9.30 am	Harvest service in Church
Tuesday 16th October Headteacher welcome at 10.30am & 2.00pm	Open Day for prospective parents – please ring the office to book a time
Wednesday 17th October	Y3 Visit to Blackpool Zoo
Thursday 18th October Headteacher welcome at 10.30am & 2.00pm	Open Day for prospective parents – please ring the office to book a time
Thursday 18th October	School Discos
Friday 19th October 3.15pm	School closes for Half Term (After school Club will be open until 5.45pm)
Half Term Holiday	Monday 22nd October - Friday 26th October
Monday 29th October 8.45am	School Re-opens
Wednesday 31st October	Closing date for 2019 High School applications
Thursday 1st November	Y4 Visit to Blackpool Illuminations
Monday 26th November	Nasal Flu Immunisations Rec – Y5
Sunday 2nd December 10.30am – 11.30am	Education Sunday service in school
Friday 7th December 6pm	FMS Family Fun Night
Wednesday 12th December Morning	Key Stage one Christmas performance
Wednesday 12th December Afternoon and evening	Key Stage two Christmas performance
Friday 14th December Morning	EYFS performance
Friday 14th December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas jumper day

Monday 17th December	Christmas party key stage one
Tuesday 18th December	Christmas party key stage two
Friday 21st December	School closes 2pm

Thursday 25th February pm and evening	WRIST celebration of Friendship year 5
Thursday 14th March pm and evening	Sing together Blackburn King Georges Hall year 6
Monday 25th March 1.30-03.30	Parent teacher meetings
Wednesday 27th March 3.30-6	Parent teacher meetings
Thursday 4th April	Easter service at church
Thursday 4th April	Easter Bake off

Wednesday 8th May	May Day celebrations
Thursday 9th May	May Day celebrations
Friday 10th May	May Day celebrations
Week commencing 13th May	Key Stage two SATS tests
Tuesday 2nd July	Sports Day
Week commencing 8th July	Healthy bodies, Healthy minds week
Thursday 11th July morning	Leavers service in school for year 6
Thursday 11th July evening	Year six prom
Friday 12th July	Reports out
Thursday 18th July	End of year church service.