



## Middleforth Church of England Primary School

*'Let your light shine!'*

*Our Christian Value this half term is.... Respect*

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

Welcome back after the Summer Break. I hope you all had a brilliant summer holiday and enjoyed the glorious weather, which now appears to have gone forever. It is lovely to see everyone settling back into their new classes so well and getting back into routines. Thank you to everyone who responded to the parent surveys over the holiday. We are aware there were some glitches with the system but hopefully everyone has now managed to access this. If you haven't yet completed the questionnaire please do so as it really gives us some great feedback and helps us improve as a school. One of the areas we are aiming to improve on this year is communication with parents and everyone is now working hard to ensure that you are given sufficient notice of any events or trips in school. With this in mind we have attached a list of dates for the year which are already in our diary to help you plan ahead. Teachers will advise you of any trips or special days for the class as soon as they are planned.

### **Meet the teacher evenings Year 1 to Year 6**

This year we have some slightly different ways of working in class which we have been developing over the last year to best support your children in school. We have therefore decided that rather than having individual meetings with the teacher for our initial parents meetings we will have a meeting for all parents to come in to school and hear from the teacher how their class will be looking at reading, homework, routines in class etc. This will allow each teacher longer to speak to parents rather than attempting to share all of the information in a five minute meeting for each parent. This will also allow parents to ask questions and interact with us. Any parents who feel they would like an individual meeting may of course request this from the teacher or myself at any point in the year. We encourage you to talk to us about any questions, worries or concerns as they arise rather than waiting for meetings. Please don't feel your question doesn't warrant a visit into school.

The meetings will be on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October at either 3.30pm – 4pm or 4.15pm to 4.45pm. Invitations to sign up to a session will be sent out soon.

### **Staffing**

There are a few new faces in school this year who your children may have mentioned so I thought it would be useful to introduce them.

We are delighted to welcome Mr Noblet into school as our year 3 teacher, covering whilst Mrs Gordon is on maternity leave. Mrs Garner is currently unwell and her class is being covered until her return by Mr Preston, and it has been lovely to have such positive feedback about him from some of our year one parents. Mr Boyle and Mr Hodgkinson are also working in school at the moment in year one and year six respectively

### **FMS (Friends of Middleforth School) – Parent Teacher group**

FMS is a group of parents, teacher and friends of the school who meet together to help raise much need funds to support the school. Over the years they have helped fund many additional resources for us and this year have helped provide additional reading books for our children. They organise lots of events throughout the year such as Discos, cake sales, Christmas Fair, Fashion shows to raise money and enjoy activities together as a community. The first meeting for this year will be this Thursday at 6pm. We would love for new people to join the group, please come along.

*Mrs Adams*

## Y1 Middleforth Ball – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018

As part of our Year one topic 'Fairy Tales', we will be holding a 'Middleforth Ball' on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September. The children have been making invitations and designing cupcakes in preparation for our themed activities. To help the children really get into the spirit of the ball, they are invited to come dressed up as a Fairy Tale character. The dressing up is of course optional, so for any children who come to school in their uniforms, we will be able to find something from our dressing up box to help them get into character.

## New and existing online payment/booking systems

Mrs Lynch and Mrs Hardman would like to thank our families for their patience and co-operation during the partial change over from ParentPay back to scopay. The majority of bookings and payments are now made through scopay however lunch orders and payments are still processed through ParentPay.

## Themed 'Roald Dahl' Lunch – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018

BFG Burger served with The Pelly (Noisette) Potatoes & Boggis Beans



James & The Giant Peach Tomato Pasta served with Garlic Bread & Matilda's Mixed Salad



Baked Potato with Choice of Filling

Muggle-Wump & George's Marvellous Medicine Milkshake

If you have already booked lunches and now wish to choose the themed lunch, this can be amended using ParentPay in the usual way



### Welfare Assistants

We are seeking four Welfare Assistants (three permanent positions and one maternity cover) to ensure the safety, well-being and good conduct of pupils at lunchtime.

Days	Monday to Friday term time only
Hours	5 hours per week* 1pm to 2pm (occasional earlier lunches from 12 noon - 1pm)
Pay	Grade 1 Gross salary £16,394 per annum Pro-rata £2,483



Experience not essential however candidates must have an understanding of working with children. Candidates must have good use of initiative and work as part of a team.

The successful candidates may be offered additional hours to support with delivery of hospitality at school events.

Please contact Mrs Spencer, Academy Manager, for enquiries or call in to Reception during school hours.

**To apply please send a letter of application to Mrs Spencer, by email or post, stating why you think you would be suitable for this role and what qualities you will bring.**

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\*plus additional time to attend staff meetings, skills training and participate in personal development as required.

## SRBC Consultation

South Ribble Partnership is holding a consultation with members of the Public to help them design a new community strategy for the Borough. The purpose of the strategy is to bring together the different public services, businesses and the community so that they have a vision and map of what they can all do jointly to make South Ribble an even better place!

We need your help to get our survey out to parents. Every time a parent completes the survey, your school will be entered into the prize draw for £250 worth of book tokens. So if 200 parents respond and complete the survey then your school will have 200 chances of winning the prize draw.

Your unique school survey link is <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Middleforth>

Parents who take part will also receive a free family swim voucher which can be used at any of the South Ribble Leisure Centres. They too will then be entered in to a prize draw for a £100 Card4All voucher redeemable at over 50,000 retailers.

The deadline for return of surveys has been especially extended until **5pm, Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018.**

## Dates for the year 2018 – 2019

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Open Day for prospective parents – please ring the office to book a time
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> October 3.30pm – 4.00pm 4.15pm – 4.45pm	Meet the teacher meetings Year 1 – year 6
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Meet the teacher individual meetings for Reception children
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 9.30 am	Harvest service in Church
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Open Day for prospective parents – please ring the office to book a time
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Open Day for prospective parents – please ring the office to book a time
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December Morning	Key Stage one Christmas performance
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December Afternoon and evening	Key Stage two Christmas performance
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December Morning	EYFS performance
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas jumper day
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas party key stage one
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas party key stage two
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	School closes 2pm

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

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