



# Middleforth Church of England Primary School



*'Let your light shine!'*

*Our Christian Value this half term is Respect*

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

Thank you to everyone who came to our Meet the Teacher sessions on Monday. We have had some lovely feedback about the different format this year.

It was lovely to see so many people in church yesterday morning for our Harvest service. Thank you for joining us in what was a lovely service led by our children. Thank you so much for the lovely comments written in our worship evaluation book this morning. If anyone attends any of our services in school or in church it would be lovely if you could put a comment in this book which our children and staff use during the week to comment on worship in school.

This week we have had Open Days for pupils ready to start school in September. Next week there will be further session on Tuesday and Thursday. If you know anyone interested in a place please tell them about the Open Days.

We are really proud of Mr Swindells who is speaking today at a national conference called Edutech in London, representing Middleforth Primary.

*Mrs Adams*

## **Star of the week!**

***Our stars of the week this week are;***

Reception	Chloe & Elsa
Year 1	Alfie & Charlotte
Year 2	Grace & Emilie
Year 3	Liam & Sai
Year 4	Keira H & Sophie
Year 5	Veer & Millie
Year 6	Gregory & Kyle S-M



## **KS2 Merit Badge Winners**

Class	Red – Ruby	Blue – Sapphire	Green - Emerald	Yellow – Amber
Y3	Anya	Wren	Beaux	Grace
Y4	Lily	Summer	Stuart	Maisie
Y5	Charlie Gw	Charlie Ga	Chloe	Morris
Y6	Kyle S-M	Gregory	Alicia	Lily

## **Half termly House points**

Ruby	Amber	Sapphire	Emerald
2025	2325	2760	2185

The winners for this half term are Sapphire. On the last day of term members of Sapphire House may come into school in non-uniform as their chosen reward for winning.

### **School Lunches Reminder**

The new Autumn/Winter menu will be available online for ParentPay bookings from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018. *To ensure that your child receives the meal of their choice, it is important to keep school lunch orders up to date.*



### **\*\*Special Lunches\*\***

There are two special themed lunches when we return after the half term break;

Bonfire themed lunch on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November**

World War 1 themed lunch on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November**



### **St Leonard's Church Christmas Tree Festival**



Jingle bells, Jingle bells... On 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018 St Leonard's Church will be holding their annual Christmas Tree Festival. This year we hope to enter a tree which reflects our commitment to cutting back on waste and becoming an eco-friendly school. We are asking families if they would kindly join together and make their own 'up-cycled' Christmas decoration. Once the festival is over the tree will be returned to school and become our school Christmas tree. If children could please bring in their decorations on 20<sup>th</sup> November for assembling on the tree that week. Many thanks.

### **3Cs' Popcorn Sale**

On Tuesday, the 3Cs will be holding their annual popcorn sale. The popcorn will be on sale outside the front of school for 50p a bag.

All monies raised will be divided between the Bishops Harvest Appeal and the charity Seeds of Grace.

### **Attendance**

It is really important that your child attends school every day. The government level at which a child is considered a persistent absentee and therefore at risk of not making the progress they should in school is 90%. At the end of each half term we will send out a letter to any parents where a child has attendance below this figure and if we are not aware of extenuating circumstances for the absence will ask you to come in for a meeting to discuss ways we can improve their absence. Once attendance falls below 85% it is likely that we will have to request support from the county attendance team for your child.

### **Worship around the world**

If you are going away or out somewhere special, please take a photo and send it in to school so it can be added to our display. There are more details regarding this on last week's newsletter.

### **Bottle Tops**

The Green Gangs and the 3C's plastic bottle tops – please see last week's newsletter for more information.

### **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.

### **Head lice**

We have been informed by the schools' nursing team to advise our parents to be vigilant and check their children's hair regularly as there has been an increase of reported cases of head lice in local schools. Please see below, how best to deal with head lice should you find that you have cause to. Also, local pharmacies can provide head lice treatments on the minor ailments scheme.

## Head lice and nits

**Head lice and nits are very common in young children. They don't have anything to do with dirty hair and are usually picked up from head-to-head contact.**

Close-up view of a head louse

Head lice sometimes can make your head feel:

- itchy
- like something is moving in your hair

The only way to be sure someone has head lice is by finding live lice or eggs.

You can do this by combing their hair with a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb). You can buy these online or at pharmacies.

### **How to get rid of head lice**

#### **Important**

You can treat head lice without seeing a GP.

Treat head lice as soon as you spot them. You should check everyone in the house and treat them on the same day if they have head lice.

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

#### **Wet combing**

Lice and nits can be removed by wet combing. This method should be tried first.

You can buy a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits.

There will be instructions on the pack to follow, but typically you:

- use the comb on wet or dry hair – although it usually works best on wet hair with conditioner
- comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the ends
- repeat every few days for 2 weeks

It usually takes about 10 minutes to comb short hair, and 20 to 30 minutes for long, frizzy or curly hair.

#### **Medicated lotions and sprays**

Ask your pharmacist for advice if you have tried wet combing for 2 weeks, but your child still has head lice or nits. They may recommend using medicated lotions and sprays. These kill head lice in all types of hair, and you can buy them from pharmacies, supermarkets or online.

Head lice should die within a day. Lotions and sprays come with a comb to remove dead lice and eggs.

Some treatments need to be repeated after a week to kill any newly hatched lice.

Check the pack to see if they're OK for you or your child and how to use them.

If lotions or sprays don't work, speak to your pharmacist about other treatments.

Some treatments aren't recommended because they're unlikely to work.

For example:

- products containing permethrin
- head lice "repellents"
- electric combs for head lice
- tree and plant oil treatments, such as tea tree oil, eucalyptus oil and lavender oil herbal remedies

#### **You can't prevent head lice**

There's nothing you can do to prevent head lice. You can reduce the risk of lice spreading by avoiding head-to-head contact.

Don't use medicated lotions and sprays to prevent head lice. This can irritate the scalp.

There's no need for children to stay off school, or to wash laundry on a hot wash.

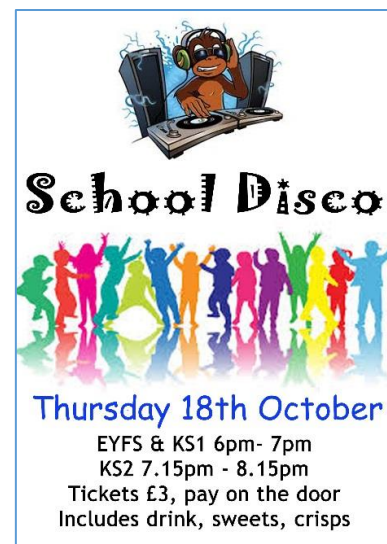
## **FMS News**

The last draw for the 100 Club will take place on Friday 19th October. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this club over many years. We have a new 'Family Fund Raiser' which will be launched next week – watch this space.....

Family Fun Night Friday 7th December

If you would like to help at this event please get in touch with the school office or a member of the FMS.

The next FMS Meeting will be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 6pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.



## **Dates for the year 2018 – 2019**

Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October Headteacher welcome at 10.30am & 2.00pm	Open Day for prospective parents – please ring the office to book a time
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October After School	3Cs Popcorn Sale
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Y3 Visit to Blackpool Zoo
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> October Headteacher welcome at 10.30am & 2.00pm	Open Day for prospective parents – please ring the office to book a time
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	School Discos
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 3.15pm	School closes for Half Term (After school Club will be open until 5.45pm)
Half Term Holiday	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October - Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October 8.45am	School Re-opens
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October Morning	Individual School photographs taken by Tempest photography. (Please ensure you have completed your online image consent)
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Closing date for 2019 High School applications
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Y4 Visit to Blackpool Illuminations
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	WW1 Week
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Bonfire Special School Lunch
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	WW1 Special School Lunch
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	St Leonard's Christmas Tree Festival
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Nasal Flu Immunisations Rec – Y5
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 10.30am – 11.30am	Education Sunday service in school
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 6pm	FMS Family Fun Night
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

<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December Morning</b>	<b>EYFS performance</b>
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas Dinner and Christmas jumper day</b>
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas party key stage one</b>
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas party key stage two</b>
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>School closes 2pm</b>

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

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