



Middleforth Church of England Primary School



Friday 13th September Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another great week at Middleforth and it was great to see so many of you at 'Meet The Teacher' on Wednesday after school. Most classes have now also shared the information on Dojo. If you have any further questions, please let class teachers know.

Reception have started their 'Tots on Tyres' session and they were brilliant. They have all continued to settle into our Middleforth family with ease.

I also want to say a huge thank you to everyone for your support with the earlier start time in the morning. We have had very few children arriving late, which has meant everyone is there in class each morning for the well-being check-in with the teacher.

Further down the newsletter you will find most of the key dates for the next academic year so make sure you put these in your diary now.

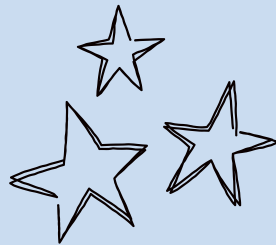
Have a lovely weekend everyone, Mrs Pilkington.

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Stars of the Week

Nursery - Alex
 Rec - Flora & Ethan
 Y1 - Piper & Louie
 Y2 - Penny & Harley
 Y3 - Connor & Olivia W
 Y4 - Kenton & Oliver
 Y5 - Jordan & Jimmy
 Y6 - Jakey & Theo

WELL DONE



Target 96%	
Reception	92.8%
Year 1	96.3%
Year 2	99.0%
Year 3	99.0%
Year 4	96.0%
Year 5	90.3%
Year 6	96.1%
Total	95.7%

Collective Worship

Half termly theme: Respect **Focus this week:** Remembering to Pray for Others



This week we started to look at what respect means and how important it is to pray for others. We shared a hand prayer which we can all use at home.

Thumb- Think of those who are close to you in your life, your close friends and family.

Pointer Finger - (Praying for those who point the way and lead us)

Tall Finger - (Praying for people in authority)

This is our tallest finger. The big people in the world need prayer too.

Ring Finger - (Praying for people who are weak)

This is our weakest finger so we do not use it to lift or carry things.

Little Finger - (Lastly, I will pray for myself)



We help others and often put their needs before our own but God wants to hear about our needs too.

TAKEHOME

9th - 15th September



In the news this week

Space agency, Nasa, says two astronauts stuck on the International Space Station (ISS) won't return to Earth until next year. Sunita Williams and Barry 'Butch' Wilmore originally went on an eight-day mission but have currently been in space for three months. The Boeing Starliner spacecraft they were supposed to return on has a problem, so they need to wait for a different space capsule to bring them home in February. The astronauts will continue researching whilst they are there.

Things to talk about at home...

- How do you think the astronauts felt upon hearing the news that they would be staying much longer in space than originally planned?
- Can you think of a time you were in an unexpected situation or a time when you needed to change your plans? How did you deal with it?



How can we respond to unexpected events?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Attendance

Changes in the law have now come into effect regarding school attendance. Parents have a legal duty to ensure their child attends every day, except if your child is too ill to attend school.

More information can be found on our school website. We will also be sending out some further information in due course.

Subject Focus - Maths

This week children across school have been working incredibly hard on their number and place value. Year 1 have been practising their counting and using lots of resources in their classroom to show off their skills. Year 2 have been using place value counters to explore 2 digit numbers. Year 5 have been exploring and working with numbers up to a million.

This year we will continue to focus on our knowledge and use of Mathematical vocabulary so make sure you ask your children about it!

OPAL

If you haven't already, please can make sure that you send into school this week, labelled wellington boots and waterproofs so that OPAL can be accessed at all times. These will also be used to ensure that we can all get outside as the weather turns more autumnal too.

If you have any old wellington boots or waterproofs which no longer fit your children and you are happy to donate them, then please send them into school and Miss Bobb will sort through them.

Thank you all for your continued support.

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE - MATTHEW 5:16

Super Star



Olivia Holmes

Before the summer holidays, Olivia wanted to do something special and decided that when she had her hair cut to send it off to 'The Little Princess' charity. As a school we held a mad hair day to help raise for funds to support Olivia. As a school we raised £155 and this has now been sent off only with Olivia's hair to support those families in need.

Well done Olivia and well done to everyone in our school family for your support with this. This charity helps so many young people who have lost their hair due to cancer and they have already helped one of our school families too.





Middlefirth Church of England Primary School 2024/2025 Yearly Planner



SEPTEMBER

9th - Fairtrade Fortnight
11th - Meet the Teacher
11th, 18th & 25th - Reception Tots on Tyres
18th - Year 3 Scoot Safe

OCTOBER

3rd - SEN/Family Support Coffee Morning
3rd - 2.15pm Harvest Service - Church
4th - Reception Afternoon Tea Party
7th - Whole School Flamenco Day
8th & 17th - Reception 2025 OPEN DAYS
2nd & 9th - Year 5 Bikeability
10th - Year 4 Trip to Abbeystead
11th - Flu vaccinations
17th - Whole School church
18th - Parents Exhibition Morning

NOVEMBER

5th - Individual photographs
5th & 6th - Parents Evening
7th - Outdoor Classroom Day
14th - KS2 Church - Year 6 leading
18th - School Parliament Week

DECEMBER

5th - Year 3 Journey to Bethlehem
9th - KS1 Nativity
12th - Minis/Reception Nativity
13th - Christmas Jumper Day
16th - KS2 Christmas Carols in Church
18th - Christmas Parties and Christmas Lunch
19th - Whole School Church
19th - Pantomime (In School)

JANUARY

13th - 3.30pm Year 6 SATS and Robinwood meeting
16th - Parents Coffee Morning

FEBRUARY

4th - KS1 Church - Year 2 leading
11th - Safer Internet Day
12th & 13th - Parents Evening
14th - Parents Exhibition Morning
24th - Young Voices concert (Co-op Live Arena)
24th - Swimming Pool arrives

MARCH

3rd - 5th March - Year 6 Residential to Robinwood
6th - World Book Day
27th - Whole School Church

APRIL

24th - Parents Coffee Morning

MAY

8th & 9th (PM) - May Day festival
12th - Key Stage 2 SATs week
21st - Class photographs
23rd - Parents Exhibition Morning

JUNE

2nd - Year 4 Multiplication Check Window
9th - Phonics Screening Check week
19th - Sports Day
26th - Back up Sports Day
23rd - Key Stage 1 SATs week

JULY

8th - Year 6 Performance
10th - Reports home
14th - Reports drop in for parents 3.30pm - 4.30pm
16th - Year 6 Prom
17th - AM - Whole School Church
17th - PM - Year 6 Leavers service
18th - Finish for Summer

As a caring, Christian community, we aspire to 'let our light shine'. We will open up the world to celebrate God's wonderful creation and foster a sense of awe and wonder. We will nurture our God given talents to ensure that everyone reaches their full potential academically, socially and spiritually.

'LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE'

MATTHEW 5.16





Sat Sept 14th

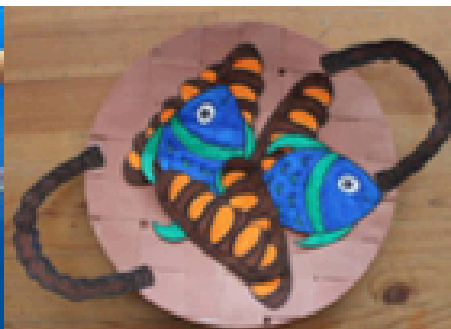
Fishy Tales

10am-12noon

Craft, Mess, Play, Worship

Eat & Drink

All are welcome



Self-Care September 2024

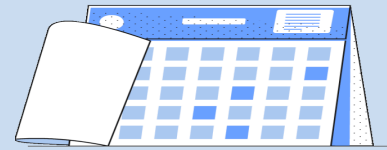
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Find time for self-care. It's not selfish, it's essential	2 Notice the things you do well, however small	3 Let go of self-criticism and speak to yourself kindly	4 Plan a fun or relaxing activity and make time for it	5 Forgive yourself when things go wrong. Everyone makes mistakes	6 Focus on the basics: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time	7 Give yourself permission to say 'no'
8 Be willing to share how you feel and ask for help when needed	9 Aim to be good enough, rather than perfect	10 When you find things hard, remember it's ok not to be ok	11 Make time to do something you really enjoy	12 Get active outside and give your mind and body a natural boost	13 Be as kind to yourself as you would to a loved one	14 If you're busy, allow yourself to pause and take a break
15 Find a caring, calming phrase to use when you feel low	16 Leave positive messages for yourself to see regularly	17 No plans day. Make time to slow down and be kind to yourself	18 Ask a trusted friend to tell you what strengths they see in you	19 Notice what you are feeling, without any judgement	20 Enjoy photos from a time with happy memories	21 Don't compare how you feel inside to how others appear outside
22 Take your time. Make space to just breathe and be still	23 Let go of other people's expectations of you	24 Accept yourself and remember that you are worthy of love	25 Avoid saying 'I should' and make time to do nothing	26 Find a new way to use one of your strengths or talents	27 Free up time by cancelling any unnecessary plans	28 Choose to see your mistakes as steps to help you learn
29 Write down three things you appreciate about yourself	30 Remind yourself that you are enough, just as you are					

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together

School term and holiday patterns

2024-2025



Autumn Term

School re-opens Tuesday 3rd September 2024
 Mid-term closure Monday 21st October - Monday 28th October 2024
 School re-opens Tuesday 29th October 2024
 School Closes Friday 20th December 2024 at 2pm

Spring Term

School re-opens Monday 6th January 2025
 Mid-term closure Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February 2025
 School re-opens on: Monday 24th February 2025
 School closes on: Friday 4th April 2025 at 2pm

Summer Term

School re-opens Tuesday 22nd April 2025
 May Day: Monday 5th May 2025
 School closes on: Friday 23rd May 2025
 Mid-term closure: Monday 26th May - Monday 2nd June 2025
 School re-opens on: Tuesday 3rd June 2025
 School closes on: Friday 18th July 2025 at 2pm