



# Middleforth Church of England Primary School



*Our Christian Value this half term is Respect*

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021**

Dear Parents

Good afternoon everybody.

I can't believe it's October already, September has flown by. The children have all been working hard this week and I was so pleased to hear about all the excellent role models in celebration assembly.

Well done to the football team on winning their matches this week - they didn't let the weather dampen their spirits.

Our Harvest service will take place next Friday, please read the Harvest letter sent out today.

Finally, please do take note of the e-safety information that we will be sending out - a number of our children, particularly in the younger age groups, are accessing scary videos or pictures and then discussing these in class which is causing upset. There is very useful information about how to set restrictions on apps and devices.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mr Swindells

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

Minis	Robyn
Reception	Felix & Darcey W
Year 1	Nevaeh & Samuel
Year 2	Ethan & Holly
Year 3	Jessica & Joe
Year 4	Freya & Arthur
Year 5	James M & James S
Year 6	Imogen & Dylan



**Reminder - nut allergy**

Please do not bring any foods containing nuts into school, and we must be extra vigilant in checking for peanuts, cashew and pistachios due to a severe allergy. Please check ingredients for example, cereal bars and sauces such as pesto which contain nuts.

**Reminder - Special Autumn Lunch – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 'STILL GOING AHEAD AS PLANNED'**

On 7<sup>th</sup> October it is census day where data is collected for the funding of free school meals, therefore, the greater the number of free school meals ordered this day the more funding school will receive for this. We have a special Autumn menu on 7<sup>th</sup> and would love your children to try it, especially if they have never tried school dinners before! (Please see menu attached with this email).

### Update to School Lunches and Delivery Shortages

Our school Cook has been working tirelessly this term to ensure we have sufficient supplies to continue providing hot school meals every day for our children, however, we are now experiencing the national supply and delivery shortages and changes to our published menus are unfortunately inevitable.

We have had to make a couple of alterations to our menu for next week, as deliveries for frozen food and dried goods has now temporarily stopped. If you have pre-booked meals for next week, please see the amendments below, in case you have to amend your choices. Apart from the changes listed, the menu is as it was and we will still be providing hot meals each day, therefore please continue to book as normal.

We have, for now, removed the online ordering option for weeks commencing 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October, as we are unsure what those weeks will bring as a temporary menu will need to be put in place. This should be available from early next week and you will, once again, be able to resume online orders. We are being reassured from Catering Services, that this is only a temporary measure whilst stocks are replenished and the Autumn/Winter menu should be available from early November. We will keep you updated as the situation unfolds. We thank you in advance, for your patience and understanding whilst this is resolved.

### Amendments to menu w/c 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021, (Scopay has been updated to reflect changes)

Date	Meal Choice	Previous Option	New Option
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Main Meal 2	Free Range Lancashire Omelette	Choice of Sandwich served with Tortilla Chips and Salad Sticks
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Main Meal 1	Fish Fillet Burger	Choice of Sandwich served with Tortilla Chips and Salad Sticks
	Dessert 1	Strawberry Jelly & Fruit	Vanilla Muffin
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Main Meal 2	Tempura Fish Goujons	Choice of Sandwich served with Tortilla Chips and Salad Sticks
	Main Meal 4	Summer Picnic	Cheese Panini

### PTFA AGM – all welcome!

#### FMS – Friends of Middlefirth School

Our FMS (PTFA) annual general meeting is going to be held in school on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm**. The FMS have been brilliant in previous years in raising invaluable funds for school, and it has been such a shame that they had to pause during Covid. Through the PTFA's fund raising we have been able to fund equipment including an interactive whiteboard, IT equipment and recently the lovely new benches in the outdoor Key Stage 1 area.

At the AGM we will be appointing the Chair and Secretary and welcome all parents and carers to attend.

If you are a parent of children currently in infants you may not have had the opportunity to be involved in the PTFA before due to the pandemic, and we would love you to take part and share your ideas.

You do not need to attend all meetings and the FMS understand parents have many commitments, but if you would like to volunteer to help with events and cannot attend the AGM please just let the office know. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

### **Free school meals and pupil premium**

To check eligibility and to register for free school meals from infants through to juniors: please click: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/?page=3>

### **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**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Reception class photo:Lancashire Evening Post (LEP)
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Special Autumn lunch
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Hearing Tests for Years 2 and 3
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	FMS (PTFA) Annual General Meeting 2pm
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Break up for half term
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Year 6 deadline for Secondary School applications
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	School re-opens
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Young Voices rehearsals start for Y5 and Y6. 3.15-4pm
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Tempest photos
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Nasal flu vaccinations (Reception to Y6)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up for Christmas
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	School re-opens
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Deadline for primary school applications (see Admissions page on our website)

### **School term and holiday patterns 2021/2022**

#### **AUTUMN TERM 2021**

Re-open on	Thursday 2nd September 2021
School closes on	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2021 at 3.15pm
Mid Term Closure	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2021
Re-open on	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2021
School closes on	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 2pm

#### **SPRING TERM 2022**

Re-open on	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
School closes on	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 3.15pm

Mid Term Closure  
Re-open on  
School closes on

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 at 2.00pm

**SUMMER TERM 2022**

Re-open on  
May Day Closure  
School closes on  
Mid Term Closure

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 3.15pm  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022  
**(additional Jubilee bank holiday added in)**  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022 at 2.00pm

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School closes on