



*'Let your light shine!'*

*Our Christian Value this half term is courage*

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019**

I am pleased to now be able to share with you the plans for after half term in school. I am delighted to have been able to extend Mr Noblet's contract to the end of this academic year and he will be staying in year three until July, which I know the children are delighted to hear.

Mrs Gordon will be returning to school after the half term break after the birth of her beautiful son, Bobby and we look forward to welcoming her back into the Middleforth family. Until July she will be working four days per week in school and will spend the mornings in Year one alongside Mrs Garner, who we hope to have back in school before the half term break.

Miss Edmondson will be with us in year one until the half term break.

Mr Paul Hodkinson will be working full time in school as a teaching assistant from February Half Term.

Mrs Lynch will be leaving us next Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February, everyone is welcome to our celebration worship on Friday morning where will say our goodbyes to her.

Her replacement Mrs Caroline Boughey will be taking up her post at the end of March.

Have a great weekend.

*Mrs Adams*

**Star of the week – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019!**

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

Reception	Reeva & Aidan
Year 1	Vinnie & Leah
Year 2	Lola & Dilan
Year 3	Gracie & Jennifer
Year 4	Beau & Stuart
Year 5	Morris & Chloe
Year 6	Kyle L & Greg



**KS2 Merit Badge Winners**

Class	Red – Ruby	Blue – Sapphire	Green - Emerald	Yellow – Amber
Y3	Sian	Micah	Mollie	Harry
Y4	Lily	Willow	Kiera	Archie P
Y5	Lewis W	Lexi	Ruby C	Lucy
Y6	Kyle S-M	Kyle L & Greg	Alicia	Thomas P

## **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. Local pharmacies can provide head lice treatments on the minor ailments scheme.

## **BIG Battery Hunt**

This year we will be entering the **BIG** battery hunt competition. This initiative helps encourage young people in schools across the UK to think about the importance of recycling, and then challenges them to collect as many used batteries as they can. The aim is for each pupil to contribute to an overall total. So as soon as they arrive, each child will receive their own recycling battery box which they can fill and bring into school. Not only will we be helping promote the importance of recycling, this is a competition and as a school we stand to win one of these wonderful prizes:

- A 2-night class trip to the sustainability centre
- A 3-year subscription to MyMaths worth £1,000
- £2000 worth of school equipment vouchers
- iPads

All battery boxes to please be returned to school by the 1 June. Happy recycling!

Mrs van Zyl.

## **A Polite Request from the School Office 😊**

With only one more week to go until Mrs Lynch leaves us, we would like to appeal to our families and ask for their co-operation and understanding during this time of transition. As we are sure you are more than aware, the school office is very busy at the best of times, but with half the staff to cope with the daily running of things, the pressure and workload will be significantly increased.

We are, therefore asking that if you can do what you can to help by keeping children's lunch orders up to date and booked in advance using the ParentPay system. Meals are currently available to book until the end of March. If you use breakfast and after school clubs, it would also be great if you could again, keep your bookings up to date and in advance, if at all possible. We can accept last minute bookings for After School Club but please ensure you have credit on your account for to booking to go ahead.

Please check both **scopay** and **ParentPay** to keep your payments and accounts up to date, as well as any surveys that may come along on **school spider**. We do fully appreciate that there is a lot to deal with at times but it would really help us to keep things running as smoothly as possible. If you are not yet set up with our online systems and need some help, please call in or contact the office next week.

Lastly, the office can be very busy first thing in the morning and the end of the school day. If you have a query that can be dealt with by email ([office@middleforth.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:office@middleforth.lancs.sch.uk)) or text message instead of having to queue, that would also help immensely. **This of course does not apply to matters of an urgent or delicate nature.**

Thank you in advance of your understanding and patience during the coming weeks, your support with this will help us so much, *Donna Hardman* 😊

## **Dates for the year 2018 – 2019**

<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Y3 PGHS Day of Dance</b>
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Y2 Dance/Gymnastics Priory Academy (10 children)</b>
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Y5 Harry Potter Trip</b>
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February pm and evening</b>	<b>Y5 WRIST celebration of Friendship</b>

<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Y6 Manchester Museum Trip</b>
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March pm and evening</b>	<b>Y6 Sing together Blackburn King Georges Hall</b>
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 1.30-3.30pm</b>	<b>Parent teacher meetings</b>
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 3.30-6.00pm</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>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 19th June</b>	<b>Y6 Residential Trip to Tower Wood</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>