



'Let your light shine!'

Our Christian Value this half term is courage

Friday 8th February 2019

Thank You to everyone who joined us for worship this morning to say goodbye to Mrs Lynch. We will all miss her very much and thank her so much for all her hard work for the school over the years and wish her well in her move to Northumberland and her start in her new school next Monday. We will not have Mrs Boughey in the office until the end of March so please bear with us over the next few weeks.

Our nursery is starting to fill up now for after Easter so if you do know anyone who is thinking about starting after Easter please tell them to apply as soon as possible for the place before they are all gone.

The police have been back into school this week to comment again on the number of people parking on double yellow lines or blocking drives, please make sure you park legally and safely as they will I am sure keep coming back to check. Thank you so much to everyone for being so much more considerate on the staff car park and not parking along the fence or blocking spaces in a morning.

We are now almost ready to launch the long awaited Seesaw to parents. Mr Swindells will be organising some information sessions after the Half Term Break.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Adams

Star of the week – Friday 8th February 2019!

Our stars of the week this week are;

Reception	Benjamin & Tia
Year 1	James & Leo
Year 2	Sophie & Ted
Year 3	Thomas & Micah
Year 4	Niamh & Daisy
Year 5	Zane & Emerson
Year 6	Chloe & Jayden



KS2 Merit Badge Winners

Class	Red – Ruby	Blue – Sapphire	Green - Emerald	Yellow – Amber
Y3	Lucie	Emily	Jessica	Oscar
Y4	Oliver	Summer	Anna	Maisie
Y5	James	Will	Alex	Morris
Y6	Joshua	Chloe	Jack	Jayden

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.

Thank you from the School Office 😊

Mrs Lynch has now left us, we will really miss her 😞.

Thank you to everyone who is helping the office 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. 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) 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* 😊

Online safety

As half term approaches can I please remind parents to monitor closely the use of technology at home. We are having increasing problems in school with children feeling uncomfortable about discussions of games which are age inappropriate or inappropriate activity on mobile phones outside of school. We do not allow children to discuss in school their activity on any technology which is age inappropriate, but monitoring every conversation in school is of course impossible.

We remind children of the age levels for Fortnite (12 years) WhatsApp (16 years) Facebook. Twitter and Instagram (13 years) and you tube (13 with parents' permission) and the dangers of misuse of these programmes and we hope that we can work together with parents to help children how to use these programmes with appropriate care and regard for online safety.

Dates for the year 2018 – 2019

Tuesday 12 th February	Y2 Dance/Gymnastics Priory Academy (10 children)
Friday 15 th February	Y5 Harry Potter Trip
Thursday 28 th February pm and evening	Y5 WRIST celebration of Friendship
Tuesday 5 th March	Pancake Day – Special Lunch (<i>Details to follow</i>)
Tuesday 5 th March	Y6 Manchester Museum Trip - £17
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day – Special Lunch (<i>Details to follow</i>)
Thursday 7 th March	FMS Disco
Friday 8 th March	Y3 Liverpool World Museum - £8
Thursday 14 th March pm and evening	Y6 Sing together Blackburn King Georges Hall
Monday 25 th March 1.30-3.30pm	Parent teacher meetings
Tues 26 th / Weds 27 th / Thurs 28 th	Mother's Day Lunches (<i>Details to follow</i>)
Wednesday 27 th March 3.30-6.00pm	Parent teacher meetings
Friday 29 th March	Easter Bingo
Thursday 4 th April	Easter service at church
Thursday 4 th April	Easter Bake off
Wednesday 8 th May	May Day celebrations
Thursday 9 th May	May Day celebrations
Friday 10 th May	May Day celebrations
Week commencing 13 th May	Key Stage two SATS tests
Monday 17 th – Wednesday 19th June	Y6 Residential Trip to Tower Wood
Tuesday 2 nd July	Sports Day
Week commencing 8 th July	Healthy bodies, Healthy minds week
Thursday 11 th July morning	Leavers service in school for year 6
Thursday 11 th July evening	Year six prom
Friday 12 th July	Reports out
Thursday 18 th July	End of year church service.