



'Let your light shine!'

Our Christian Value this half term is courage

Friday 8th March 2019

Last week a group of 16 children from years 5 and 6 represented the school at the WRIST celebration of friendship at Preston Guild Hall. We were so proud of them and the amazing dance they did. They were all a credit to the school. Well done children. Thank you to Mrs Coulthurst who practised the dance with the children over the last few weeks in preparation for the event.

This week had our fantastic disco last night. Thank you to the FMS who put on this event, it was a great evening.

Yesterday we were amazed by all the fantastic entries into our potato decorating competition. There were some really imaginative and creative ideas, everyone had really put a lot of effort into this. Thank you for your great efforts in this activity and for Mrs Van Zyl who came up with the idea and organised the activity for us.

On 1st April there is a Bags 2 school collection. Please start collecting items ready for this as the more we collect the more money we will raise for school.

On Friday 22nd March we are asking for the children to come into school in non-uniform in return for a donation of an Easter Egg towards the Easter Bingo event on the 29th March. Next Friday 15th March Mr Swindells will be leading a meeting for parents on how to access seesaw and other ICT for school at approx. 9.30am. Please note there is no celebration assembly on Friday morning next week as it is comic relief day. The meeting will be used to share children's work and homework in school. If you would like to attend the meeting but this time is inconvenient please express your interest through the office or my e mail address and we will put on an additional session at another time.

Don't forget school has a facebook page (Middleforth Primary) and a twitter feed (MiddleforthCofEPS)

Have a great weekend

Mrs Adams

Our stars of the week this week 8th March are;

Nursery	Sid Lindsay
Reception	Conrad & Phoebe
Year 1	Oliver I & Mia
Year 2	James A & Darcey
Year 3	*** On School Trip ***
Year 4	Olivia & Kiera



Year 5	Veer & Ruby C
Year 6	Poppy & George

KS2 Merit Badge Winners

Class	Red – Ruby	Blue – Sapphire	Green - Emerald	Yellow – Amber
Y3	*** On School Trip ***			
Y4	Tommy	Zach	Archie M	Arthur
Y5	Millie	Lexi	Emerson	Lucy
Y6	Poppy	Rubie	George	Issac

Our stars of the week last week 1st March are;

Nursery	Amber
Reception	Orla & Oliver
Year 1	Amelia & Ethan
Year 2	Isla & Matthew
Year 3	Catherine & Liam
Year 4	William & Oliver
Year 5	Lexi & Owen
Year 6	Jack & Anais



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Y3	Anya	Imogen	Jasmine	Harry
Y4	Hettie	Jeanette	Beau	Skye
Y5	Lewis	Florence	Christopher	Lucy
Y6	Kyle S-M	Chloe	Jack & Anais	Issac

Child protection

Occasionally we get asked as a school what to do if someone has a concern about a child's welfare. If we are in school then we are always happy for you to come in and raise concerns with either Mrs Adams or Mr Swindells, who are the safeguarding leads in school.

If you think a child is at immediate risk of harm the best advice is to call 999.

If you think a child is at risk of harm then ring Children's social care on 0300 1236720.

If you are worried about a child and want further advice ring NSPCC on 0808 800 5000 or visit their website for further information.

Staff Car Park

Can we please again remind parents that the staff car park should only be used by parents up to 8.30am and after 4pm. If you are using the staff car park in these times please only use the designated car parking spaces and do not park along the fences at any time. If there is not a space in the designated spaces please go back onto the road and park your car there. Teaching staff need to be able to load and unload heavy bags of books and resources each day and also get out of school in an emergency and this is getting increasingly difficult for them at the moment.

The disabled spaces at the front of school should not be used by any parents unless there is a specific need which has been identified to school. Please do not use this space during the day as emergency vehicles and deliveries to school need access to the space.

Temporary Changes during the next half term

We will not be using the school spider system for communication purposes for the time being. If there is a school trip, we now have a useful option of a consent box and a comment box on the scopay system for you to tick or add any useful notes such a choice of sandwich if your child requires a school packed lunch.

Just a quick re-cap to let you know of the systems that we are currently using in school to keep you up to date:-

- Parentpay:-** Used for school meal bookings and payments only
Scopay:- Used for breakfast/after school club bookings and payments
Trips & Events
Food Technology
Teachers2parents:- Text Messages & Emails
Contact the office:- office@middleforth.lancs.sch.uk or via the school text number.
(Please note that you that you cannot reply to teachers2parents emails only text messages)

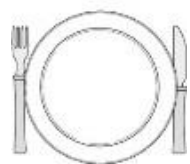
A copy of the school newsletter will be displayed in the school office window every week for you to refer to for upcoming dates etc.

Thank you once again for your co-operation in keeping bookings and payments up to date, it is a great help to the school office 😊




After School Club – 07988 924426

If you need to contact after school club staff we now have a mobile number that you can use. The phone will only be switched on between the hours of 3pm and 5.45pm This is for emergency use only and will be a great help to parents who may be running late at the end of the day. It is easier for staff if you send a text message and only call them if it is urgent. ***This number is not to be used for general office enquires or to make bookings***, this should be done in the usual way.

Special Lunches



After half term and leading up to the Easter break there are a few themed lunches that the children might like to join in with. These should be booked on Parentpay, we have asked them to update the choices which should be available from next week. **Please be aware that if you have already made lunches choices for these special days, the new choice will have overridden it and you will need to re-book those days.** Order forms for Mother's Day lunches will be coming home with the children.

Thursday 4th April Easter Lunch	Roast Turkey or Quorn Fillet with all the trimmings <i>Or</i> Jacket Potato <i>Or</i> Cheese Panini Easter Nest <i>or</i> Fruit & Yoghurt	
Tues 26th March Weds 27th March Thurs 28th March	 Mother's Day Lunches (please use paper order forms)	

School Council Events

Wednesday 20th March – Toy & Book Sale

If you have any unwanted toys or books in great condition that we can re-sell, we would be very grateful of any donations. All children will have the opportunity to 'go shopping' during the afternoon 2.30pm-3pm, continuing after school. Please don't send large amounts of money with the children a few pounds will do, sent in a sealed and named enveloped, especially for the younger children in school. All money raised will be divided equally between 'Seeds of Grace' charity and the school council fund towards the purchase of iPads 😊

Monday 1st April

Bags to school. Please start collecting the following items in preparation for a Bags 2 school collection on the 1st April. We will send more details nearer the time. Please do not bring anything in before the 1st April as we have nowhere to store the bags. Many thanks.

- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)
- Men's, ladies and children's clothing.

Wednesday 4th April – Easter Themed Day!, Bake Off & Afternoon Tea

Traditionally we have an Easter Bake off organised by the School council, with a small charge of £1 to enter. The best cake will win a prize! It will be judged by the School Council, Mr Noblet and Mr Swindells 😊

This year we thought it would be a great idea to host a tea party during the afternoon for our families and friends, where we will be selling the cakes from the Bake Off competition. There will be a charge of £1 admission during the afternoon, again all proceeds are to raise funds for our school council. We are expecting this to be well attended so any extra donations of cakes would be greatly appreciated.

BIG Battery Hunt

Battery boxes have now been sent home. PLEASE help us with this campaign. Every year over 20 000 tonnes of batteries end up in landfill sites! Please note we can only accept the following batteries:

Please could we ask that any batteries which have two terminals be covered with a piece of sticky tape.

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.

Dates for your Diary 2018 – 2019

Thursday 14th March pm and evening	Y6 Sing together Blackburn King Georges Hall
Friday 15th March	Wear red for comic relief. £1 donation for comic relief.
Friday 15th March 9.30am	Parent meeting to introduce seesaw and other ICT in school.

Wednesday 20 th March	Toy and Book Sale
Friday 22 nd March	Wear your own clothes for an Easter Egg donation
Monday 25 th March 1.30-3.30pm	Parent teacher meetings
Wednesday 27 th March 3.30-6.00pm	(Letters have gone home this week)
Tuesday 26 th March	Mother's Day Lunches (<i>Order forms have been sent home</i>)
Wednesday 27 th March	
Thursday 28 th March	
Friday 29 th March	Easter Bingo
Monday 1 st April	Bags to School.
Thursday 4 th April	Easter service at church
	Easter Bake off
	Easter Lunch
	Easter Tea Party 1.30pm-2.30pm, £1 entry
Wednesday 8 th May	May Day celebrations
Thursday 9 th May	
Friday 10 th May	
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.

Term Dates 2019

SPRING TERM 2019

School closes on Friday 5th April 2019 at 2.00pm

SUMMER TERM 2019

Re-open on Tuesday 23rd April 2019
 May Day Closure Monday 6th May 2019
 School closes on Friday 24th May 2019 at 3.15pm
 Mid Term Closure Monday 27th May – Tuesday 4th June 2019
 School reopens on Wednesday 5th June 2019
 School closes on Friday 19th July 2019 at 2.00pm