



Middleforth Church of England Primary School



'Let your light shine!'

Our Christian Value this half term is forgiveness

Friday 15th March 2019

How fantastic to see so many children and staff dressed in red today for Comic Relief. Thank you for your donations to this great charity. We made the decision this year not to sell red noses in school as at £1.50 they take funding away from the charity and also contribute to the global issue of plastic waste, which as a school we are hoping to find ways to help reduce through our eco council.

Last night was an amazing event where our year six children performed at King George's Hall in the Sing Together Concert. They did us proud with their performance and we were delighted to have two of our children to be selected as soloists. What a great concert it was. Thank you to the parents who came along to support this event.

Next week on Wednesday our school council are hosting a toy and book sale. Please come along and support this event and help them raise lots of money.

Next Friday we are asking the children to come into school in non-uniform with a donation of an Easter Egg of any size, towards our Easter Bingo night.

This morning Mr Swindells launched Seesaw to a group of parents. If you were not able to attend the meeting but would like to learn more about Seesaw please let us know and we will arrange another session.

Have a great weekend

Mrs Adams

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.

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.

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 in the usual way. **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.**

<p>Tues 26th March Weds 27th March Thurs 28th March</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mother's Day Lunches <i>(please use paper order forms)</i></p>  
<p>Thursday 4th April Easter Lunch</p>	<p>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</p> 

Mother's Day Lunches – 26th/27th/28th March

Thank you for all the orders and payments that we have received for our Mother's Day lunches. If you haven't yet paid for your lunch, this can be done online via scopay or by cash/cheque at the school office, adult meals £2.76 and child meals for siblings £2.30. Meals for children in school need to be ordered and paid for in the usual way using Parentpay.

We will send a message the week before to inform you of the time that you will need to arrive on the day that you have chosen. This is always a lovely event for our families and we look forward to welcoming you all again this year.

World Book Day

Thank you to EVERYONE who entered our World Book Day potato competition all the entries were fantastic and so incredibly creative. It has been lovely to watch visitors, staff and children enjoying looking at the display and it certainly brightened up our library! It was such a difficult decision but three winners were chosen. A huge congratulations to:

- Early years : Harriet : The very hungry caterpillar
- Key stage 1: Riley : Giraffes can't dance
- Key stage 2: Lily : Rainbow fish

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 😊

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.

Non-uniform day – Friday 22nd March

Next Friday we are having another non-uniform day in exchange for Easter Egg donations towards prizes for our forthcoming Easter events.

Book Fair – 22nd to 29th March

The book fair will be held in school from the 22 - 29 March 2019. Books will be on sale every afternoon from 3:15pm - 3:30pm. Our last book fair raised over £160 for school to spend on books, this is incredibly helpful as one class pack of books consisting of 36 books can cost school over £150! So any little bit that we can raise helps update and supplement our reading books in school.

Bags 2 School - Monday 1st April

Bags have now been sent home. Please return your bag on the morning of 1st April by 9am. Unfortunately, we do not have space to store them so we can only accept the bags on that day. If it's not raining, please place the bags against the wall outside the office in the marked off area. If one bag is not enough, please place extra donations in black plastic bags. Many Thanks, Mrs van Zyl.

We accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- 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)

We DO NOT accept:

- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (*including bath, shower and toilet mats*)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off-cuts, yarns or threaded material

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

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 Bake off
	Easter Lunch
	Easter Tea Party 1.30pm-2.30pm, £1 entry
Thursday 9 th May	May Day Celebrations
Friday 10 th May	
Week commencing 13 th May	Key Stage two SATS tests
Monday 17 th – Wednesday 19 th June	Y6 Residential Trip to Tower Wood
Tuesday 2 nd July	Sports Day
Friday 5 th & Monday 8 th July	Life Bus in school
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
School closes on

Wednesday 5th June 2019
Friday 19th July 2019 at 2.00pm