



*'Let your light shine!'*

*Our Christian Value this half term is forgiveness*

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

A very Happy Easter to everyone. We hope you have a wonderful Easter break. We have enjoyed celebrating Easter in school with our Easter Bingo and the Easter Bake off and on our return, which is closer to Easter itself, we will celebrate in church for our Easter service on Thursday 25th April.

The Easter Bingo was a great success and we all had a lovely fun evening. We raised a fantastic £508.00

The entries to the Easter bake off were all fantastic. Thank you so much to everyone who entered.

Well done to all the children who have had excellent behaviour all term. We hope you enjoyed your reward in class for this achievement.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Cake Sale this afternoon and the people who so kindly donated their cakes to the sale. The event made £101.54. Thank you to Mr Noblet and the school council and our two lovely governors for all their hard work in organising this event.

Thank you to everyone who brought bags in for the Bags to School on Monday. This raised £142 for us. Thank you to Mrs Van Zyl for organising this. We will be booking in one every term from now on so please save us your clothes etc in advance of these collections as they raise a lot of money for school very easily.

*Mrs Adams*

***Our stars of the week this week 22<sup>nd</sup> March are;***

Nursery	Olivia
Reception	Diyan & Jody-Rose
Year 1	Riley & Raya
Year 2	James & Sophie
Year 3	Freya & Ewan
Year 4	Harvey & Lucia
Year 5	Ruby & Will
Year 6	Anya & Jayden



**KS2 Merit Badge Winners**

Class	Red – Ruby	Blue – Sapphire	Green - Emerald	Yellow – Amber
Y3	Isla	Caitie	Jessica	Catherine
Y4	Cameron	Keira H	Noah	Maisie
Y5	Logan	Lexi	Chloe	Marvyn
Y6	Poppy	Tyler	Anya	Jayden

**Maypole Dancing at Penwortham Methodist Church – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May**

Our children who are performing at our May Day events in School have been invited to attend the May Day events at Penwortham Methodist Church on Saturday 11th May at 11.30am to dance at their event. We will send out a permission slip after the Easter break.

**Easter service in church**

Thursday, 25 April

Easter Service at St. Leonard's Church

9:30am

All welcome.

Parents welcome to walk up with us.

### **School Lunches**

School menus have now been updated on ParentPay for the whole of the summer term. You will now be able to book lunches up until we finish for the summer break. Please can we politely request that you keep your lunch bookings up to date - Thank you to everyone who already does this, it is a great help.

Unfortunately, however, we find that we are continually having to send reminders and still make dozens of choices everyday, for the children who haven't had meals pre-ordered for them. This causes a delay in getting catering numbers to the kitchen, not to mention the time taken in the office each morning ensuring that the children will be happy with the food that we select for them. Ideally, the kitchen needs to know in advance, quantities of food that need to be ordered for the following week, we are unable to do this at present due to the shortage of advanced bookings.

We are very lucky at Middleforth to have the convenience of a pre-booking facility, most schools will only serve a quantity of each meal choice and very often children are given what's left. Sadly, if we don't see an improvement with this, we will have to limit the choices available for lunches added each day.

### **Booking & Payment Reminders – Thank you ☺**

A HUGE thank you to all our parents for their patience, co-operation understanding whilst the office has been short-handed. It is a great help when school meals (ParentPay) and before/after school (Scopay) bookings are kept up to date, particularly after a weekend or half-term break. It is extremely helpful to us if you continue to monitor your accounts and keep bookings and payments up to date. Thank you ☺

### **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**

<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter service in church 9.30am</b>
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>May Day Celebrations</b>
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Maypole Dancing at Penwortham Methodist Church</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>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> &amp; Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Life Bus in school</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>

## **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