



Middleforth Church of England Primary School



Our Christian Value this half term is Respect

Friday 22nd October 2021

Dear Parents

We've finally made it to half term. It's been a long half term and I hope we can all enjoy a well-earned rest next week, leaving us ready to return for the half term running up to Christmas. The staff are making plans for the Christmas nativities and services, the dates will be provided when we return from half term. Currently, I do hope to be able to invite families and give you as much notices as possible to make arrangements to attend. This is of course subject to change. Please do keep an eye on the newsletter as the next half term is a very busy one.

Have a lovely break,
Mr Swindells

Our stars of the week this week are;

Minis	Lana
Reception	Theo & Darcy
Year 1	Lily & Marty
Year 2	Elijah & Evelyn
Year 3	Jakey & Aiden
Year 4	Leah & Nicole
Year 5	Olive & Ava
Year 6	Gracie & Jasmine



Staffing Update

Today is the last day for Mrs Jenkins who has worked as a welfare assistant at Middleforth for 8 years and will be missed by us all. Mrs Hobson has also been successful in securing a new role and will be leaving on the 5th November. We wish her well and hope she is as successful in her new role as she has been in her time at Middleforth. Recruitment for these roles is currently in process and we hope to make announcements on this in due course.

This Christmas will be the last one that Mrs Van Zyl and Mrs Higham will be spending at Middleforth after securing new roles. Mrs Higham will be starting a new role as Head of learning support at Tarleton Academy and Mrs Van Zyl has been successfully appointed as Deputy Headteacher at Cuerden Church School. Myself, the governors and our New Headteacher, Mrs Pilkington, are currently working on plans to fill the vacancies. As with all recruitment, this will take a little while to finalise, so we will update you as soon as we are able to. I can assure you that we will ensure the changes will be ones in the best interest of the children and school.

We wish to thank all the staff above for everything they have done over their many years at Middleforth, and the contributions to all in our school community. We will be celebrating the time Mrs Van Zyl and Mrs Higham have spent at Middleforth before they leave, and plans will be communicated as soon as we can.

Free children's packed lunches: Thursday 28th October 10am-1pm

Volunteers will be providing free packed lunches to children at the 8th Penwortham Scout Hut, 34 Queensway, PR1 0DS (not the scout hut on school grounds) on Thursday 28th October between 10am and 1pm. Lunch will include a drink, sandwich, fruit, crisps and chocolate. If you are unable to get there, please call 07530 901801 to arrange a drop off. All local families welcome.

PTFA (FMS -Friends of Middleforth School)

Thank you to those who came to the PTFA meeting on Monday. We have appointed a new Chair, Mrs Handscombe, Vice Chair Mrs McDermott and Treasurer Mrs Wear. We still need to appoint the Secretary – please contact the school office or PTFA if you would be interested in this role.

Our PTFA need you! We have a number of fund-raising ideas and activities planned but do need your help. **The PTFA cannot arrange events without support.** If you are a parent of a child attending infants you may not have been part of the PTFA before due to the pandemic, and we would love you to be involved. Please contact the school office or PTFA if you can offer any help. The lovely new benches outside Key Stage 1 were kindly paid for by PTFA funds, and we will be now raising money for reading books.



The next meeting is on Monday 15th November at 2pm, to finalise Christmas fund-raising plans. If you cannot attend but would like to help please let the school office or PTFA know.

Thank you to Mrs Lewis and Miss Clague who have stepped down as Chair and Secretary after a number of years supporting our PTFA. Your help and enthusiasm is greatly appreciated.

Tempest Photography



The school photographer will be visiting on Tuesday 2nd November to photograph all children, unless you have specified otherwise on your image consent form. If you have more than one child in school and would like them to be photographed with their sibling(s), we will be doing this first thing in the morning, **from 8.30am**, before they go to their classrooms. **Please bring them together to the junior playground**, accessible via the bike path or the pathway leading around the side of the building to the school hall, where they will wait their turn with other families. **If you have not sent back your image consent form we will not be able to take your child's photograph.**

Trip Consents



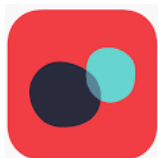
There are few trips that require your consent to allow your child to attend. Links have been sent via text message for all trips, it is important that these are completed as soon as possible. Pantomime payments are due by Monday 29th November.

Privacy Notice

Thank you to everyone who has completed the form to confirm you have read the privacy notice we emailed out on Tuesday. Please complete the link below if you have not had chance to do so.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=guyIN4MiHEqs91OXs8xerVB_bB_71OVGp_GkdELidzFUQUdWWk1URVdJVdRVVvK2SVhaTTNGUFcxQy4u

Update to School Lunches – Autumn/Winter Menu now available



The full Autumn/Winter menu, including Christmas Dinner, is now available for bookings online via Scopay We are assured by Catering Services that supplies will return to normal after the half term break, however, we remain vigilant and will advise of any changes if/when they are about to happen. May we take this opportunity to thank you all for your patience and understanding during this challenging time.

Please continue to book your meals in the usual way via Scopay, we find that there are a lot of children without a meal reserved after a weekend or a school holiday. This can result in disappointment and upset if they are left with a meal that they do not like or are unfamiliar with.

Key Dates

Date	Event
Sunday 31st October	Year 6 deadline for Secondary School applications
Monday 1 st November	School re-opens
Monday 1 st November	Young Voices rehearsals start for Y5 and Y6. 3.15-4pm
Tuesday 2 nd November	Tempest photos
Wednesday 3 rd November	Y4 Blackpool Illuminations trip
Friday 5 th November	Non-uniform day – please bring a bottle for the Christmas Raffle
Friday 12 th November	Children in Need – non-uniform day for £1 donation
Monday 15 th November	PFTA (FMS) meeting 2pm
Wednesday 24 th November	Nasal flu vaccinations (Reception to Y6)
Friday 26 th November	Non-uniform day – please bring chocolate for the Christmas Raffle
Tuesday 7 th December	Aladdin Pantomime in school: Years N, Y1-Y5 Snow White Panto in Blackpool: Reception and Y6
Friday 17 th December	Break up for Christmas
Tuesday 4 th January 2022	INSET day
Wednesday 5 th January	School re-opens
Saturday 15 th January	Deadline for primary school applications (see Admissions page on our website)
Tuesday 8 th February	Young Voices concert, Manchester Y5 and Y6 (only for those attending the Young Voices Club)

School term and holiday patterns 2021/2022

AUTUMN TERM 2021

Mid Term Closure
Re-open on
School closes on

Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October 2021
Monday 1st November 2021
Friday 17th December 2021 at 2pm

SPRING TERM 2022

Re-open on	Wednesday 5 th January 2022
School closes on	Friday 11 th February 2022 at 3.15pm
Mid Term Closure	Monday 14 th February – Friday 18 th February 2022
Re-open on	Monday 21 st February 2022
School closes on	Friday 1 st April 2022 at 2.00pm

SUMMER TERM 2022

Re-open on	Tuesday 19 th April 2022
May Day Closure	Monday 2 nd May 2022
School closes on	Friday 27 th May 2022 at 3.15pm
Mid Term Closure	Monday 30 th May – Thursday 9 th June 2022 (additional Jubilee bank holiday added in)
School re-opens on	Friday 10 th June 2022
School closes on	Friday 22 nd July 2022 at 2.00pm