



Middleforth Church of England Primary School



'Let your light shine!'

Our Christian Value this half term is Hope

Friday 9th May 2019

What a great couple of days we have had this week for our May Day Celebrations. Thank you to everyone who came along to help us celebrate this special occasion in our school calendar. The children were so fantastic and we were so proud of them all.

We look forward to seeing lots of you tomorrow at Penwortham Methodist church for their May Day where our children dance around their maypole. Please meet Mrs Adams and Mrs Van Zyl at 11.15 for an 11.30 start. We expect to be finished by around 12pm.

Next week SATS will be on in school. We wish everyone involved in these lots of luck. Please make sure they get lots of sleep over the weekend so they are as prepared as they can be to do their best in the tests. We would like to inform you of some staff changes for the next academic year.

Mrs Cobb, who has covered our PPA in school for many years will be leaving us at the end of May to become a school chaplain in a High School. We are sure she will be amazing in this role and wish her all the best in this new adventure.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Adams

Uniform

Once again we have two large crates of uniform in our lost property boxes. We will be putting out all the items at the front of school on Monday and Tuesday next week (weather permitting), please check through these boxes to see if any of the items belong to your child. Any items unclaimed by Friday will be passed on to the FMS for their next clothing sale.

Please can you ensure that all clothing in school is clearly named to help us return items of clothing to children when they are lost. We do impress on all of the children the importance of taking responsibility for their clothes and ensuring they are in their lockers or on their pegs and not abandoned around school.

Social Media

Can I please remind everyone that most social media sites are appropriate for children aged 13 and over as we continue to have a large number of issues related to inappropriate use of social media, chatting on xbox which are spilling into school and causing many problems for us. Please monitor your children's use of their technology. A very big thank you to the parents who have responded so well to us and have supported us when problems have arisen, this is such a great help to us. Please also monitor the playing of games which are not age appropriate such as Fortnite which is not appropriate for young children and again causes us so many problems in school.

End of Year School Trips

If a school trip has been organised for your child's class, you will have received a letter by email. There is a school spider survey for each class trip that needs to be completed please. If you haven't used the survey system for a little while, you will probably need to refresh it in order for a new survey to be displayed.

You can pay for your trip online via Scopay, where there is an option for you tick the consent box and type in any additional information that we need to be aware of. You can also pay by cash or cheque at the school office if you have problems accessing Scopay.

Booking & Payment Reminders – Thank you ☺

As we are quickly approaching the end of another school year, we will shortly be sending out letters requesting payment of any outstanding balances. We are aiming to have all accounts up to date by the end of June please. It would be helpful to us if you could check both Scopay and ParentPay accounts and update any negative balances during this month. Any queries, please contact the school office. 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

Saturday 11th May 11.30 am	Maypole Dancing at Penwortham Methodist Church
Week commencing 13th May	Key Stage two SATS tests
Tuesday 11th June	Father's Day Lunches (<i>Order forms have been sent home</i>)
Wednesday 12th June	
Thursday 13th June	
Monday 17th – Wednesday 19th June	Y6 Residential Trip to Tower Wood
Tuesday 2nd July	Sports Day (weather permitting)
Friday 5th & Monday 8th July	Life Bus in school
Week commencing 8th July	Healthy bodies, Healthy minds week
Wednesday 10th July	Bags to school collection
Thursday 11th July morning	Leavers service in school for year 6
Thursday 11th July evening	Year six prom
Friday 12th July	Reports out
Thursday 18th July	End of year church service

Term Dates 2019 - SUMMER TERM 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