



Middleforth Church of England Primary School

Our Christian Value this half term is Respect



Friday 22nd November 2019

A very big thank you to the 10 children who came to Morrisons on Sunday. 3 children did the first shift and 7 children did the second shift and between them they raised over £500. This money will go towards adding extra books to our new home reading book scheme which we launched at our parent meetings this week in school. It was lovely to see so many parents attending the meetings and looking at the new books with us. Thank you to Mrs van Zyl for arranging these meetings and for the great feedback we have had from parents about the sessions and suggestions for further sessions to help you support your child at home. We look forward to getting the new books out in the New Year and saying goodbye to Biff and Chip!

The Film Night on Thursday was VERY well attended. Thank you to FMS for arranging this night and for coping with such a large number of children, more than we have ever had. Thank you for FMS who sent out a fabulous newsletter this week with lots of information about their plans. It would be great to see even more people joining them in the future. Next Friday is a non-uniform day with a request for children to bring in chocolate up to year two and bottles from year 3 upwards towards the Christmas raffle.

Saturday is the Christmas tree Festival at St Leonard's church. Middleforth are entering two trees into the competition. If you are local on Saturday please pop in and have a look at all the entries and please vote for us as winners!!! Some of our children will be there at 10.30 until 11 singing Carols and we would love an audience...or even some extra singers to help us along.

On Monday we look forward to welcoming the Bishop of Blackburn into our school. We are delighted he is joining us for a tour of the school and to attend our worship.

Can I please ask parents to support our fantastic office staff by ordering lunches and booking after school club sessions on line and paying in advance. We are inundated on a daily basis by last minute payments and requests for after school club and this puts an enormous amount of extra work on this lovely team of people who are already run off their feet! As Christmas approaches and they have extra events to sort out it would really make a difference to their days if they didn't have so many last-minute additions to deal with.

We are still experiencing a number of last minute after school club bookings which causes a build up of unpaid accounts. We do understand that some situations are unavoidable, but planning and booking in advance helps to keep both parents and school on track. The Scopay site is very easy to use, (try to avoid using the mobile app), you first have to credit your account, then order the sessions that you require. You are able to make bookings up until midnight of the day before you need them for lunches and before/after school. As we approach the Christmas holidays, we would appreciate it if you could check your online accounts and bring them up to date before the new year. Thank you.

Have a great weekend.
Mrs Adams

Pupil Leadership Team

Congratulations this week to **Leah & Lewis B** in Year 6 who have been awarded the position of Prefects.

Our stars of the week this week are:

Reception	Jimmy & Sid
Year 1	Eduards & Jacob R
Year 2	Keegan & Nicole
Year 3	Emilie & Ruben
Year 4	Keeva & Charlotte
Year 5	Will & Anna
Year 6	Lewis B & Leah



KS2 Merit Badge Winners

Class	Red – Ruby	Blue – Sapphire	Green - Emerald	Yellow – Amber
Y3	Matthew	Lola	Oliver	Sophie
Y4	Ewan	Freya	Theo	Ruby
Y5	Hettie	Willow	Anna	Hannah
Y6	Marvyn	Logan	Will	Lewis B & Leah

Christmas Cards

We are encouraging children to send just a class Christmas card this year rather than individual cards to each class member and make a small donation instead to the class collection for St Catherine's Hospice. In this way the cards can be read out to the class and put up on the wall for all to enjoy and we will be supporting a local charity at the same time.

Attendance/Absences

Please can we remind you of the importance in contacting school if your child is going to be absent on a school day. If your child is going to be absent due to illness, you must contact the office before 9.00am. If you are reporting outside of school hours or the phonenumber is busy, you can email, text or leave a message on the answerphone.

We have had an increase in absences due to illness this half term and it can take a great deal of time in the morning to firstly check classrooms to see if the child arrived late and just missed registration, or in contacting parents to find out why they haven't arrived. If we have not heard from or been able to make contact with a parent/carer at the time of registration, we are obliged by LCC to report that child as missing.

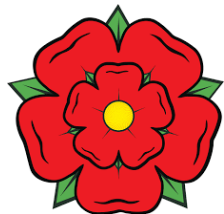
If your child is going to be absent from school for a medical appointment, please advise the office of the date and time. Ideally, making appointments outside of school hours would be advisable, however, where this is unavoidable we need advance notification.

If you are taking your child out of school for any other reason, such as a holiday or celebration etc, you must complete a LCC leave of absence form which are available from the school office.

Themed Lunches

We have a special themed 'Lancashire Day' lunch on Wednesday 27th November, book in the usual way online via ParentPay. We also need to be getting our numbers together ready for Christmas lunch, on Friday 13th December. **Please book this as soon as possible**, again in the usual way using the ParentPay system.

Lancashire Day Themed Lunch – Wednesday 27th November



Traditional Mince Beef & Potato Hash Pie, served with
Seasonal Vegetables, Sliced Beetroot and Gravy



Lancashire Cheese & Pasta Bake, served with Garlic Dough Balls
And Seasonal Vegetables

Baked Potato with Choice of Filling

Cornflake Crunch Tart with Custard or Local Cheese & Biscuits

Surplus Uniform for Sale – Fleeces and Jackets

We have few items of uniform left in our stocks that we are offering to our parents at a reduced rate. There are only a few school fleeces and jackets in limited sizes and also some Middleforth Minis sweatshirts for nursery children. Availability and prices are listed below, once they're gone they're gone!

Item & Price each	Sizes and Quantity available						
	3/4	5/6	7/8	9/10	11/12	13	Sm Adult
Fleece @ £7.00	3		3	5	5	5	
Reversible Jacket @ £10.00	2		1	1	3	1	1
Minis Sweatshirt @ £4.00		3					

Dates for your Diary – Autumn Term 2019 – 2020

Monday 25th November	Nasal flu vaccinations
Wednesday 27th November	Lancashire Day Themed Lunch
Friday 29th November	Non-uniform day – donations of a bottle or chocolate for Christmas raffle
Friday 6th December	Christmas carols & mince pie afternoon 1.45-3pm – FMS (PTFA)
Tuesday 10th December 1.30pm	Key Stage one Christmas performances
Wednesday 11th December 9.30am	
Thursday 12th December 9.30am	EYFS performance (Nursery and Reception)
Friday 13th December - 9.30am	Christingle Service led by Key Stage 2 in church
	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper day
16th December	Christmas party key stage one
17th December	Christmas party key stage two
Friday 20th December	School closes 2pm

Term Dates 2019 – 2020

AUTUMN TERM 2019

School closes on

Friday 20th December 2019 at 2.00pm

SPRING TERM 2020

Re-open on

Monday 6th January 2020

School closes on

Friday 14th February 2020 at 3.15pm

Mid Term Closure

Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February 2020

Re-open on

Monday 24th February 2020

School closes on

Friday 3rd April 2020 at 2.00pm

SUMMER TERM 2020

Re-open on

Monday 20th April 2020

May Day Closure

Friday 8th May 2020 (**Please note change of date from Monday 4th May**)

School closes on

Friday 22nd May 2020 at 3.15pm

Mid Term Closure

Monday 25th May – Wednesday 3rd June 2020

School reopens on

Thursday 4th June 2020

School closes on

Friday 17th July 2020 at 2.00pm