



Middleforth Church of England Primary School

Our Christian Value this half term is Respect



Friday 29th November 2019

A big thank you to all the children who sang at the Christmas Tree Festival on Saturday at St Leonard's Church, they were a credit to us. School entered two trees into the competition and one of our trees won first prize. Both were great entries!

Can I please remind parents that if you wish to take your child out of school we do need advance notice so the office know who can be allowed out of school. Please bring in a copy of any appointments the day before. If we do not have advance notice please expect to wait until the absence is cleared by myself or Mr Swindells.

Please remember that once children have left school and been handed over to a parent they are your responsibility to look after. We have had a number of parents concerned about unsupervised children on the infant playgrounds. Please make sure once collected they stay with you and you ensure they are behaving appropriately. Children should not play on the school equipment before or after school as we cannot take responsibility for their safety at these times. Thank you.

We are still experiencing a number of last minute after school club bookings which causes a build-up of unpaid accounts. 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.

Next Friday is the FMS Christmas Carols and Mince Pies afternoon. Please come along and listen to the children sing and enjoy a mince pie and a drink.

Have a great weekend.
Mrs Adams

Our stars of the week this week are:

Reception	Elijah & Theo
Year 1	Scarlett & David
Year 2	Oliver & Ethan
Year 3	Riley & James S
Year 4	Ryan & Sian
Year 5	Willow & Harvey
Year 6	Lucy & Will



KS2 Merit Badge Winners

Class	Red – Ruby	Blue – Sapphire	Green - Emerald	Yellow – Amber
Y3	Queenie	Ted	Emilie	James M
Y4	Lucie	Liam	Beaux	Catherine
Y5	Sophie	Emily	Beau	Will
Y6	Lewis W	Lucy	Will	Charlie Ga

Tickets for Christmas Performances

Thank you for returning reply slips for EYFS and KS1 performances. Tickets will be sent home next Friday, 6th December 2019. If you have asked for additional tickets, we will do our best to accommodate your requests.

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.

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

If your child missed having a nasal flu vaccination this week please collect a paper copy of the consent form from the office as there will be a further catch up session shortly – date to be confirmed by NHS.

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.

Christmas Lunch – Friday 13th December

Please book this as soon as possible in the usual way using the ParentPay system. Thank you for orders already received.

Christmas Dinner – Friday 13th December

Traditional Roast Turkey Dinner with Chipolata Sausage, Sage & Onion Stuffing,
Roast & Creamy Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables

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Roast Quorn Fillet with Sage & Onion Stuffing,
Roast & Creamy Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables

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Christmas Biscuit

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Ice Cream



Dates for your Diary – Autumn Term 2019 – 2020

Friday 6 th December	Christmas carols & mince pie afternoon 1.45-3pm – FMS (PTFA)
Tuesday 10 th December 1.30pm	Key Stage one Christmas performances
Wednesday 11 th December 9.30am	
Thursday 12 th December	9.30am EYFS performance (Nursery and Reception)
	10.30am Christingle Workshop (<i>Please return reply slip if you are attending</i>)
Friday 13 th December - 9.30am	Christingle Service led by Key Stage 2 in church
	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper day
16 th December	Christmas party key stage one
17 th December	Christmas party key stage two
Friday 20 th 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

We are looking for a couple of players to join our fantastic team.

We welcome Girls who are new to football, or have played before or looking for a new challenge.

Penwortham Town Football Club

U11s RED Girls Only Football Team (School Year 6)

Training is Tuesday, 7:30pm – 8:30pm at Penwortham Priory Academy.

For more information, contact:

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