



Middleforth Church of England Primary School



Our Christian Value this half term is Respect

Friday 20th December 2019

On behalf of all of the staff can I wish you a very Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for 2020. This last week in school has been fabulous. We have enjoyed our Christmas parties. Thank you so much to everyone who contributed food towards the party days and a big thank you to Father Christmas for taking time out of his busy schedule to come in and wish us all a Merry Christmas and give all the children a gift.

Our Melodies did a great job this week of serenading our governors and parent helpers at a special morning in school and they were a joy to listen to.

I have added some Spring Term dates for your diaries to the end of the newsletter...more to follow in the New Year.

Have a wonderful Christmas break
Mrs Adams

A Special Thank You

FMS would like to send a special thank you to the following wonderful companies who all kindly donated prizes for our Christmas Raffle. We would also like to thank everyone who purchased raffle tickets! This activity alone raised £516.00 which is another brilliant step forward to hitting our target for this year, and raising valuable equipment for school.

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and New Year. x

FMS (Friends of Middleforth School)

Costa Coffee, Penwortham

Barrel & Bean, Leyland Road

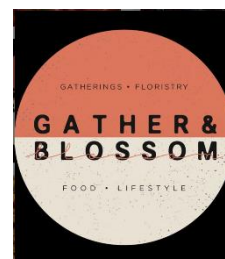
Gather & Blossom @gatherandblossom

Dewhurst Homes, Penwortham

David Thomas Hair, Penwortham

Elements Day Spa, Leyland Road

Spar, Margaret Road, Penwortham



Primary School Applications

Don't forget to submit your child's primary school application for September 2020 before **15th January 2020**.

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-primary-school-place/>

Booking and Payment Reminders – Breakfast and After School Club

A polite reminder from the office to continue to keep your lunch and before/after school booking and payments up to date, particularly after a weekend or school holiday. 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.

School meals are available for booking up until March 2020, please ensure that you have menu choices in place ready for when we return at the Christmas holidays.

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 requesting to take your child out of school for any other reason, such as a holiday or celebration etc, you must complete an LCC leave of absence form which are available from the school office to request permission for the absence.

Newsletters

Please can we remind parents of the importance of reading the weekly newsletter. A copy is emailed to all our families every week, it contains information about key dates and events in school. Many of the queries we receive in the office can be answered just by consulting your newsletter.

Dates for your Diary – Spring Term 2020

6th January	School reopens for Spring Term
30th January	Young Voices
17th January 2pm	FMS (PTFA) meeting at school
3rd February 3.30 – 5.45pm	Parents evening
6th February 1.30 – 4.30pm	Parents afternoon
12th February	Young voices concert in school.
5th March	World Book Day. Come dressed as a character from a book
2nd April	Easter Bake off and cake sale.

Term Dates 2019 – 2020

SPRING TERM 2020

Re-open on	Monday 6th January 2020
School closes on	Friday 14th February 2020 at 3.15pm
Mid Term Closure	Monday 17 th 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 3 rd June 2020
School reopens on	Thursday 4th June 2020
School closes on	Friday 17th July 2020 at 2.00pm