



# Middleforth Church of England Primary School

*Our Christian Value this half term is Courage*

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020**



Another great week in school this week. Thank you to everyone who attended our Young Voices concert on Wednesday, we loved sharing this with you. I hope you all have a wonderful half term break and the weather calms down a little! Well done to the children who attended Priory High school this week and represented Middleforth so well, you always make us so proud. The children in year 4 looked amazing today in their fabulous costumes.

### **Booking and Payment Reminders**

A huge thank you to everyone who keeps their lunch orders up to date, this makes a significant difference to the kitchen in helping with their orders. We are hoping that the Spring/Summer menu will be ready to publish for April, we will advise parents once it is available on ParentPay. Meals are available to book up until the Easter holidays.

We are unfortunately still experiencing problems with too many last-minute orders for school meals and we can sometimes have up to 50 children ordering lunches on the day which adds considerable pressure on the office and the kitchen. We are very lucky at Middleforth to have a pre-ordering system that is very easy to use and is also in place to assist the catering team when placing their food orders. If you are struggling to understand the system please come into the office and they will help you. After half term if you have not ordered lunch in advance then we will not be able to place orders on the day and your child may not get the meal of their choice.

Can you also please continue to keep your before/after school booking and payments up to date. We are still experiencing a number of last-minute after school club bookings which causes a build of unpaid accounts. We do understand that some situations are unavoidable and in these cases we will support as a one off. 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/cancel bookings up until midnight of the day before you need them, for lunches and before/after school. After half term any bookings made on the day will be charged at the full rate of £7.50.

Have a great weekend  
Mrs Adams

### **Our stars of the week this week are:**

Reception	Edward & Sophie
Year 1	Charlotte & Benjamin
Year 2	Charlotte & Nicole
Year 3	Natalie & Matthew
Year 4	Ruby & Wren
Year 5	Niamh & Stuart
Year 6	Lewis B & Charlie Ga



### **KS2 Merit Badge Winners**

Class	Red – Ruby	Blue – Sapphire	Green - Emerald	Yellow – Amber
Y3	Isla P	Ethan	Dilan	Ewan
Y4	Jennifer	Ryan	Jasmine	Jasper
Y5	Sophie	Jeanette	Archie M	Maisie C
Y6	Lewis W	Alex	Veer	Lewis B & Charlie Ga

## **KS2 House Points**

<b>Ruby</b>	<b>Sapphire</b>	<b>Emerald</b>	<b>Amber</b>
<b>5080</b>	<b>4782</b>	<b>4685</b>	<b>4052</b>

Ruby house are this terms winners, they are invited to come into school in their own clothes on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

## **Bags to School – 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

Please start collecting the following items in preparation for a Bags 2 school collection on the 26<sup>th</sup> February. We will send more details nearer the time. Please do not bring anything in before the 26<sup>th</sup> February as we have nowhere to store the bags. Many thanks.

They accept the following **'good quality'** items for RE-USE\*:

- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)
- Men's, ladies and children's clothing

## **FMS Loose Change Challenge!**

We have made a great start to the Loose Change Challenge! Each class including nursery has a 1 litre plastic bottle with a coin slot in it. If families have any loose change they can donate to school, the children can place it in their class bottle. At the end of the month, the class with the largest cash amount will win a prize for their class, which will be a learning resource or a book. The bottles at the end of the month will be emptied and started again. The class who has collected the most over the challenge time, will also receive a special class prize! Please read the FMS newsletter that was emailed earlier this week for more information on events and the amount raised so far.

## **Y5 Flute Assembly – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

Year 5 will be performing a flute concert as part of celebration worship on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February, in the school hall. Their families are welcome to come along and watch.

## **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.

## World Book Day – 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020

It is nearly time for World Book day 2020! One of the ways we will be celebrating is to dress as a book character. We really do not wish for anyone to go and buy an outfit and therefore encourage families to get creative and try as much as possible to 'upcycle'. There are lots of ideas on the World Book day website, <https://www.worldbookday.com/>.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Thursday, 5 March 2020 in their amazing book character outfits!



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### *Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020*

If you would like your child to have a special 'World Book Day' themed lunch on 5<sup>th</sup> March, meals are now available to book via ParentPay. The previous menu for this day has now moved to Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. We have transferred bookings already made from the Thursday to the Monday, however, as this is a special replacement menu, you will need to make a fresh booking for this day.

On World Book Day, Children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from a book.

## Mother's Day Lunches – 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> March

Order forms for this year's Mother's Day lunches have been sent home this week, if you would like to join us for lunch, please can order forms and payments be returned by **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February**. Children in school from Reception to Y6 can be booked in the usual way via ParentPay and do not need to be included on the booking form. Children in Nursery and younger siblings who do not attend school, need to be included on the order form. Meals can be paid for either online via Scopay against Guest Lunches or by cash/cheque at the school office. This is a lovely event in school, we look forward to welcoming you all and we know that the children love it!

## Food Tech Lessons

Years 4 and 5 are taking part in food tech lessons this half term. For these lessons we ask parents for a small contribution of £1.50 towards the cost of ingredients. This amount is added to the children's Scopay account and can be paid online or by cash to the school office.

## 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.

## **Term Dates**

### **SPRING TERM 2020**

School closes on	Friday 14th February 2020 at 3.15pm
Mid Term Closure	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> 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 ( <b>Please note change of date from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b> )
School closes on	Friday 22nd May 2020 at 3.15pm
Mid Term Closure	Monday 25th May – Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2020
School reopens on	Thursday 4th June 2020
School closes on	Friday 17th July 2020 at 2.00pm

### **AUTUMN TERM 2020**

Re-open on	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2020
School closes on	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2020 at 3.15pm
Mid Term Closure	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2020
Re-open on	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2020
School closes on	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 2.00pm

### **SPRING TERM 2021**

Re-open on	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
School closes on	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 3.15pm
Mid Term Closure	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 19 February 2021
Re-open on	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2021
School closes on	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 2.00pm

### **SUMMER TERM 2021**

Re-open on	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
May Day Closure	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021
School closes on	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 3.15pm
Mid Term Closure	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May – Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
School reopens on	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
School closes on	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 2.00pm

## Dates for your Diary – Spring Term 2020

5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day. Come dressed as a character from a book Special 'World Book Day' Lunch available to book via ParentPay
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 Harry Potter Trip
17 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup> /19 <sup>th</sup> March	Mother's Day lunches
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Non-uniform day for Easter Bingo donations
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Bingo evening
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter Bake off and cake sale

Penwortham Methodist Church  
presents.....

# Knitted Bible Stories Exhibition

33 SCENES

Entrance  
**FREE** with  
REFRESHMENTS



Monday 9th March 10am - 4pm  
 Tuesday 10th March 10am - 4pm  
 Wednesday 11th March 10am - 4pm and 7pm - 9pm  
 Thursday 12th March 10am - 4pm  
 Friday 13th March 10am - 4pm  
 Saturday 14th March 10am - 4pm

Info: 01772 615517



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# SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY  
29TH FEBRUARY  
1PM – 3PM

COMMUNITY EVENT  
FOR KINGSFOLD  
RESIDENTS

**Want to have your say on anti-social behaviour in your local area?**

The Police and Crime Commissioner, **Clive Grunshaw** will be hosting an event along with partners to talk about activities for young people in the local area over the coming months.

1pm – Presentations from Clive Grunshaw and representatives from the Kingsfold Youth Diversion Steering Group followed by Q&A session  
Refreshments from 2pm

2pm - 3pm – Demonstrations of activities from local groups, including Preston North End, Penwortham Boxing Club, Lancashire FA and Active Lancashire.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Penwortham Community Centre, Kingsfold Drive, Penwortham, Preston, PR1 9EQ



The Friends of Hurst Grange Park and the Coach House Restoration Project invite you to ...

# PANCAKES on the PARK

Hurst Grange Park Coach House, Penwortham  
[www.hurstgrangecoachhouse.com](http://www.hurstgrangecoachhouse.com) phone 01772 743782

From 1.30pm until 3.30pm

Sunday 23rd February 2020

Hurst Grange Park Coach House Restoration Project  
Registered Charity Number 1155613

Friends of Hurst Grange Park

HERITAGE FUND

Any funds received for the project that for whatever reason remain unspent will instead be spent by the Friends Group on improving Hurst Grange Park