



Middleforth Church of England Primary School



Our Christian Value this half term is Love

Friday 17th December 2021

Dear Parents

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Higham and Mrs Van Zyl, they have been a huge part of many lives at Middleforth and will be sorely missed by us all. On Thursday, we held a special assembly remembering their time at Middleforth.

On Monday, we held our Winter Wonderland, the children enjoyed playing in the 'snow', visiting Legend the donkey and dressing as elves. The day was filled with joy and laughter!

The final nativity performances were fantastic. A huge thank you for your support in allowing us to host these safely, and also a big thank you to the staff and children who made these extra special.

Christmas dinner was enjoyed by all and there were some wonderful Christmas jumpers!

Thanks so much to the PTFA for all their hard work preparing the raffle prizes, and to Mrs Ball for so enthusiastically selling the tickets at every opportunity. The raffle raised an amazing £757 (!!)

which will help us buy new reading books for the children.

In January, we welcome our new Headteacher, Mrs Pilkington; our new Senco and year 1 Teacher Mrs Allton, as well as new staff in Mrs Cowell who will be a new Teaching Assistant and Mrs Gravestock who will be working over lunchtimes.

I would like to thank all the staff and parents who have supported me in my role as acting Headteacher over the last few months during a period of change. I look forward to continuing in my role as deputy and supporting the leadership in school.

Have a lovely Christmas break...

Mr Swindells

Daily LFTs for close contacts of a positive Covid case

From Tuesday 14th December, all children and young people aged between 5 to 18 years and 6 months identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, are strongly advised to take a lateral flow test every day for 7 days. Please contact school as soon as possible to let us know if anyone in your household is positive. If your child has been identified as a close contact within school, we will also ask you to please ensure your child has a PCR and daily LFTs for the following 7 days.

Please contact school on Tuesday 4th January if your child has Covid or is a positive contact, so we can ensure we have a clear picture before school starts on Wednesday 5th January.

Please email head@middleforth.lancs.sch.uk

PTFA (FMS -Friends of Middleforth School) Christmas Raffle

Thank you to everyone who has supported the PTFA Christmas raffle.

Thank you to all the parents and friends who donated chocolates and bottles and bought raffle tickets, and thanks also to the local businesses for their generous donations:

- PNE
- Elements Day Spa
- St Catherine's Mill Café
- Diggy Sticks
- Oxheys Trading (personalised gifts)
- Swimming lessons – Hutton Aquatics
- Newgate Nurseries
- Tesco Penwortham
- Co Op Penwortham
- Dewhurst Estate Agents
- BonBons coffee shop
- Morrision's

Outstanding Payments (end of year accounts)

Please remember to log on to your Scopay account and clear any outstanding balances for lunches, trips and clubs. **All breakfast and after school club balances must be clear before making any January bookings.**

Primary School Applications

A reminder that the deadline for submitting primary school applications for September 2022 is 15th January 2022.

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

Flu Vaccinations

If your child has missed the nasal flu vaccination catch up within school, please contact 0333 358 339 and they will advise where you can arrange for your child to have one locally.

Key Dates

Date	Event
Wednesday 5 th January	School re-opens
Saturday 15 th January	Deadline for primary school applications (see Admissions page on our website)
Tuesday 18 th January	Reception Vision Screening
Sunday 30 th January 2022	Education Sunday 10:00am St. Leonard's Church
Tuesday 8 th February	Young Voices concert, Manchester Y5 and Y6 (only for those attending the Young Voices Club)
Friday 11 th February	School closes for half-term

School term and holiday patterns 2021/2022

SPRING TERM 2022

Re-open on	Wednesday 5 th January 2022
School closes on	Friday 11 th February 2022 at 3.15pm
Mid Term Closure	Monday 14 th February – Friday 18 th February 2022
Re-open on	Monday 21 st February 2022
School closes on	Friday 1 st April 2022 at 2.00pm

SUMMER TERM 2022

Re-open on	Tuesday 19 th April 2022
May Day Closure	Monday 2 nd May 2022
School closes on	Friday 27 th May 2022 at 3.15pm
Mid Term Closure	Monday 30 th May–Thursday 9th June 2022 (Inc. Jubilee bank holiday)
School re-opens on	Friday 10 th June 2022
School closes on	Friday 22 nd July 2022 at 2.00pm

School term and holiday patterns 2022/2023

Autumn Term 2022

Re-open on	Monday 5 th September 2022
School closes on	Friday 21 st October 2022
Mid-term closure	Monday 24 th October - Friday 28 October 2022
School re-opens on	Monday 31 st October 2022
School closes on	Friday 16 th December 2022

Spring Term 2023

Re-open on	Tuesday 3 rd January 2023
School closes on	Friday 10 th February 2023
Mid-term closure	Monday 13 th February - Friday 17 th February 2023
School re-opens on	Monday 20 th February 2023
School closes on	Friday 31 st March 2023

Summer Term 2023

Starts	Monday 17 th April 2023
May Day	Monday 1 st May 2023
School closes on	Friday 26 th May 2023
Mid-term closure	Monday 29 th May – Wednesday 7 th June 2023
School re-opens on	Thursday 8 th June 2023
School closes on	Friday 21 st July 2023