



Middleforth Church of England Primary School



Our Christian Value this half term is Forgiveness

Friday 4th March 2022

Headteachers Message

WOW! What a phenomenal week it has been in school this week. The children have been working so hard and have continued to amaze me with their hard work and determination.

Picture News

This something exciting we have teamed up with to promote and develop our children's understanding and appreciation of the news. Please read the letter and home learning resources on the next few pages.

Seesaw

Please can we remind parents that Seesaw is a platform used to communicate messages with teachers during working hours. If you need to speak to a teacher at length, please contact the school office.

Parking

Please remember to avoid parking on the zigzags and double yellow lines outside school.

Thank you again for your continued support, have a lovely weekend

Collective Worship

This week, we broke away from our formal plan on forgiveness and talked about Peace and Compassion in light of recent events happening in Ukraine at the moment. The children were incredibly humble and wrote beautiful prayers which we have continued to share in worship whilst listening to Make Me A Channel of Your Peace.



World Book Day

Thank you so much for all of your participation and effort for World Book Day. We were amazed at how creative some of the costumes were and the effort each and every one of you put into celebrating how wonderful books are.

As a school, rather than handing out the £1 tokens, we were delighted to distribute one book to every child from Nursery, right the way through to Year Six! All pupils and staff looked to have had a fantastic day. Take a look at our Year Six class and our new staff photo which we are now considering for the school website!



Key Dates

Monday 21st February to Sunday 6th March -

Fairtrade Fortnight

28th February – Bikeability Y5

Thursday 3rd March – World Book Day

Monday 7th and 14th March – Tots on Tyres Rec

Monday 7th March - Scoot Safe Year 3

Monday 14th March – Bike Fix Y6

Tuesday 15th March (afternoon) – Parents' evening

Wednesday 16th March (after school) – Parents' evening

Monday 21st March – Dr Bike (open to all years for a bike check-up)

Monday 28th March – Y1 Trip 'Bring Yer Wellies'

Friday 1st April – School closes 2pm

Monday 16th May - Y3 & Y4 Trip to Anderton Centre

Wednesday 25th May – Young Voices Concert, Manchester Y5 and Y6 (*only for those attending the Young Voices Club*)

Thursday 26th May – Y5 Trip to Anderton Centre

Mon 11th to Weds 13th July – Y6 Trip to Robinwood

Stars of the week

Minis: Emma

Reception: Olivia & Reuben

Year 1: Emily & Nevaeh

Year 2: Thomas & Harriet

Year 3: Parker & Jorja-Lily

Year 4: Marissa & Florence

Year 5: James A & James S

Year 6: Charlotte & Micah





Picture News

at Home

Picture News at Home

Dear Parents,

In our commitment to develop children's critical literacy skills we have teamed up with Picture News to help develop their understanding and appreciation of the news.

Having age-appropriate conversations with your child about the news keeps them interested and informed about what's happening in the world...and you too!

They move from wanting to know what happens in MY world to what is happening in THE world and their place in it.

By having regular conversations about the news, you are able to share a whole range of topics and together make more sense of different events, issues and stories.

There are no rules or script to follow but you might want to watch, listen, read and discuss the news selectively.

Some significant news stories can be frightening, and you will need to consider what your child can cope with and whether they are developmentally ready to understand certain events. For example, you might decide to listen to the news rather than watch it as there may be images they might find upsetting.

Talking about the major headlines of the day and current affairs is important so that children grow up as global citizens but it's important too to share a variety of fun and exciting news stories from the worlds of sport, entertainment, music, science, etc as well as local news closer to home.

Here are some quick tips:

- **Initiate** discussions about the news using the Picture News resources.
- **Read and watch** some news stories together from different sources.
- **Find out** what your child knows about the news and explore their understanding.
- **Listen** to what your child says and value their opinions.
- **Explain** simply and in a way that makes sense to them.
- **Promote** a habit of enquiry and make asking questions your child's default setting.
- **Help** your child to spot fake news and how-to fact-check.
- **Develop** a news habit by accessing the news daily.
- **Defuse** bad news and offer reassurance.
- **Protect** your child from distressing and disturbing news.
- **Avoid** repeated viewings of the same news event.
- **Monitor** your child's exposure to the news.

Discussing the news of the day doesn't have to be formal but can be done naturally and casually in everyday moments such as on the way to school or preparing a meal.

The important thing is to keep the conversation going about the news and make it a feature of your daily lives.

By working together, we can help children become critical consumers of the news so that they are 'news savvy', articulate and confident citizens.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs N Pilkington
Headteacher

TAKEHOME



In the news this week

Six months after the Taliban seized power in Kabul, Afghanistan, there have been big changes to the lives of many in the country, particularly for the younger generation. The BBC has reported that more and more Afghan children are having to work to help support themselves and their families. As many people have not been paid for months, some children have had to work and earn money, instead of going to school. The Taliban also declared that girls would no longer be able to attend secondary school. Some schools are campaigning hard to remain open for all pupils.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Talk about your school and all the different things you learn there. Can you ask an adult at home about their experience of school? How was it similar to your experience and how was it different?
- What do you think life might be like for young people in Afghanistan at the moment? How do you think they might be feeling?

How might your life be different if you weren't able to go to school?



Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss



School term and holiday patterns 2021/2022

SPRING TERM 2022

School closes on Friday 1st April 2022 at 2.00pm

SUMMER TERM 2022

Re-open on

Tuesday 19th April 2022

May Day Closure

Monday 2nd May 2022

School closes on

Friday 27th May 2022 at 3.15pm

Mid Term Closure

Monday 30th May–Thursday 9th June 2022 (Inc. Jubilee bank holiday)

School re-opens on

Friday 10th June 2022

School closes on

Friday 22nd July 2022 at 2.00pm

School term and holiday patterns 2022/2023

Autumn Term 2022

Re-open on

Monday 5th September 2022

School closes on

Friday 21st October 2022

Mid-term closure

Monday 24th October - Friday 28 October 2022

School re-opens on

Monday 31st October 2022

School closes on

Friday 16th December 2022

Spring Term 2023

Re-open on

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

School closes on

Friday 10th February 2023

Mid-term closure

Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February 2023

School re-opens on

Monday 20th February 2023

School closes on

Friday 31st March 2023

Summer Term 2023

Starts

Monday 17th April 2023

May Day

Monday 1st May 2023

School closes on

Friday 26th May 2023

Mid-term closure

Monday 29th May – Wednesday 7th June 2023

School re-opens on

Thursday 8th June 2023

School closes on

Friday 21st July 2023