



# Middleforth Church of England Primary School



*Our Christian Value this half term is Friendship*

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022**

## Headteachers Message

Welcome back everyone after a wonderful Easter break. The children seem to have grown in height and maturity over the break, and they have all made an excellent return to school and are continuing to thrive.

Year 2 have started their English unit by reading *The Wind In The Willows*, and looking at the characteristics of the different characters within the story.

Year 3 have been looking at the pro's and con's of electronic communication in their computing lessons.

## Staffing Update

As you will all have read earlier this week, Mrs Craig will be leaving us on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April to start a new challenge in her life. Mrs Craig has been a huge part of Middleforth for a very long time, and I'm sure you will join us in wishing her well on the next part of her journey.

Mrs Gwillam will be moving to Year 6 until May half-term and Mrs Cowell will remain in Year 5 full time.

We have also welcomed back Mrs Darbyshire, who has started her phased return and will also be working in Year 5.

## Key Dates

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May** – May Day and PTFA book fair

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May** – KS2 SATS

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May** - Y3 & Y4 Trip to Anderton Centre

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

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May** – Class group photos

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May** – Y5 Trip to Anderton Centre

**June** – KS1 SATS are taking place.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June** – Phonics Check Y1 and Y2

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> to Weds 13<sup>th</sup> July** – Y6 Trip to Robinwood

## Collective Worship

Our new half term Christian value is **Friendship**.

Our focus for this week was around the Bible quote *"There is a **friend** who sticks closer than a brother."* Proverbs 18.24. We looked at how a friendship bracelet is stronger once woven together. All the children were given a thread and the challenge to find two friends to create their friendship bracelet together. Why not have a go at making your own friendship bracelet at home?

## FMS PTFA Book Fair

It was discussed at this week's PTFA meeting this week that we will hold a book fair after the May Day celebrations. **Please can you bring in any donations of appropriate books before 3<sup>rd</sup> May**, so we can sort them into categories for sale.



## May Day Celebrations 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> May

Children from Nursery up to Year 2 are busy practicing their dances and skipping around the May Pole.

Further information regarding bringing their May Day clothes into school, will follow nearer the time.

## Stars of the week

Minis: Isaac

Reception: Roman & Harry

Year 1: Hattie & Rian

Year 2: Midas & Holly

Year 3: Conrad & Edie

Year 4: Zach & Isaac

Year 5: Isla C & Oliver

Year 6: Jasper & Anya



# TAKEHOME



## In the news this week

Access to a new scheme offering free pet healthcare across 38 European countries, is now available to Ukrainian refugees, who have left the country with their pets to avoid the conflict. Refugees will be able to have treatment costs covered for up to five dogs, cats, horses or other animals as a result of the effort by Humane Society International (HSI). The project, called, Vets for Ukrainian Pets, will provide up to £209 per pet for care and medication.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- Do you have any pets at home? Share your experience of keeping animals at home.
- Can you think of any examples of animals that people own that aren't pets? E.g., farm animals.
- Do you think the project, Vets for Ukrainian Pets is a good idea? Share your thoughts on the project. Do you think any more can be done to help the pets of the refugees?

Should pets be protected more than other animals?



Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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## School Term and Holiday Patterns 2021/2022

### SUMMER TERM 2022

May Day Closure

School closes on

Mid Term Closure

School re-opens on

School closes on

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 3.15pm

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

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022 at 2.00pm

## School term and holiday patterns 2022/2023

### Autumn Term 2022

Re-open on

School closes on

Mid-term closure

School re-opens on

School closes on

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 28 October 2022

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

### Spring Term 2023

Re-open on

School closes on

Mid-term closure

School re-opens on

School closes on

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

## **Summer Term 2023**

Starts

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023

May Day

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023

School closes on

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Mid-term closure

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023

School re-opens on

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023

School closes on

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023