



Middleforth Church of England Primary School

Our Christian Value this half term is Respect



Friday 18th September 2020

Promotional video

On Tuesday we had a professional videographer in school who is preparing a promotional video for the school which we will share with prospective parents for reception and nursery so that they can see a little of the school without coming into the building and compromising our safety in school. Once we have the video back we will be putting it onto our Facebook and twitter and also sharing on the website. We have also had several photographs taken and we will be uploading them onto our website over the next few months so keep an eye out for new photographs appearing. We are so pleased with the quality of them and how well he has captured the spirit of our school. Thank you so much to the parents who came into be recorded, we really appreciate your time doing this.

Celebration Assembly

Today we held our first Celebration Assembly of the year. It felt different just having year six in with us but a real joy to be able to announce our positions of responsibility for the year.

Head Girl	Olivia
Deputy Head Girls	Willow Hettie
Head Boy	Oliver
Deputy Head Boy	Archie

Football Captain	Lucia
Netball Captain	Emily

House Captains

Ruby	Lily and Cameron
Emerald	Stuart and Anna
Sapphire	Summer and Keira
Amber	Hannah and Maisie

Star of the week

At the moment we are not able to have whole school assemblies to share Star of the Week, so for the moment Star of the Week for each class will be sent via Seesaw to the parents of the children who have been awarded the certificate so you can celebrate this achievement with them.

Coronavirus arrangements

Thank you all so much for helping us with the new arrangements for coming in and out of school. We are so lucky to have parents who are supportive and who are helping us to keep everyone safe. From now on all our staff will wear masks or visors when they come out, not just those close to the gate, in the event they need to speak directly to a parent or visitor.

We are currently reviewing our lunchtime arrangements to move to having more children able to use the dining hall in a safe way. This does mean shifts in the hall with a clear space for cleaning in between.

Children will still all have the same amount of lunch hour but there are slight changes to the timings of their breaks to facilitate this.

Thank you to everyone for complying with the guidance for schools about keeping children at home and testing. Your support is really helping the school keep bubbles open and we pray that this continues to be the case for us. We are keeping up to date with guidance as it comes out and ensuring we make any changes in school to reflect updates.

Behaviour policy

We have updated our behaviour policy for school and there are some changes which reflect that we now have Ms Collins in school who can support behaviour. The policy has been shared with children in school and is now in place. The policy is on the school website under the policy section.

School Meal Bookings – ParentPay

Hot meals will be available from Monday 28th September. Menus have been now been published online and you can make your bookings via ParentPay. **Please can we remind you of the importance of booking meals in advance.** The kitchen need to have the number to place orders, which is especially important during these times when supplies can still be limited. It also helps from administrative point of view as it does generate a lot of extra work and eats into class learning time when we have to check what the children, who haven't pre-ordered, what they would like for their lunch.

Wraparound Care

Thank you all for adhering to the rules of booking a week in advance, this has been incredibly helpful and made such a difference in planning our staffing numbers. Please can you continue do this as we make our plans every Friday afternoon for the week following. Breakfast and After School clubs are booked online via ScoPay. It is best to avoid using the app and going directly to the webpage.

Foodbank help

We would like to restart our foodbank support to help the local foodbank and also anyone we come across through school who may need support during this very difficult time. We will have a box by the infant gate and on the key stage 2 playground at the end of each day. If you feel you are able to contribute anything please place your item into the box and once it has been in school for 72 hours we will distribute to the foodbanks or where appropriate. If you feel you would appreciate any support yourself in this way please can you contact Ms Collins in school and she will discuss any support she can offer.

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. 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.

Secondary School Applications 2021

Parents of Year 6 pupils must apply for their secondary school choices by **31st October 2020**. The link to apply via the Lancashire County Council online application form can be accessed on our website under 'Admissions'.

Reception Admissions 2021

Online applications for reception class 2021 need to be made by **Friday 15th January 2021**. Please visit our website for links to the Lancashire County Council application form and further information.

Parents evening

This year we will not be holding a face to face parents meeting in the Autumn term but we will be sending out a written report about your child. More details about this to follow nearer the time.

Parking

May we remind parents that parking on double yellow lines is not permitted and may endanger a child's life. We appreciate that school can be extremely busy during drop off and pick up times, but please be considerate of other parents and our children in order to keep everyone safe.

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.

Have a great weekend and see you all on Monday.

Mrs Adams

Term Dates

AUTUMN TERM 2020

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

SPRING TERM 2021

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

SUMMER TERM 2021

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