



# Middleforth Church of England Primary School

*Our Christian Value this half term is Respect*



**Friday 9th October 2020**

Today we were pleased to introduce our new staff member Lottie to school. Lottie is a cockapoo and will be a school dog/therapy dog. You will be getting a letter this evening with more details and asking for your consent for your child to engage in school with Lottie. School have conducted full risk assessments for Lottie to be in school through LCC Health and Safety team, so this does not change our policy that other dogs are not allowed on the school premises. The form will ask you to identify if you have any concerns about your child being around dogs.

It is hard for us all not to be able to share things together at this time but I do hope the contact at the gates and the photos on Seesaw are helping you feel you are still an important part of the school family. We miss so much being able to invite you in to events in school.

At the moment we are working hard on our plans for Harvest and Christmas and how we make them virtually special. I have to say the thing I am missing the most at the moment is hearing our children sing together, which is always so beautiful and such a lovely start to our day.

## **Nasal Flu Immunisations**

Nasal Flu immunisations will be taking place at school on 30th November for Reception children through to Year 6. Further information regarding this will follow in due course.

## **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.

## **School Meal Bookings – ParentPay**

Hot meals will be available from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Menus have been now been published online right up until week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> November and you can make your advance bookings via ParentPay.

**Please be aware that we have had to use pre-booked meals to determine order numbers for next week. We only have orders in for half of the children who will be having hot meals. These children will be served their choices first and children without orders but requiring a school meal, may not receive the meal of their choice.**

## **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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **Secondary School Applications 2021**

Parents of Year 6 pupils must apply for their secondary school choices by **31<sup>st</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021**. Please visit our website for links to the Lancashire County Council application form and further information.

Thank you again for your cooperation with following the current school arrangements due to Coronavirus. Have a great weekend and see you all on Monday.

*Mrs Adams*

## **Term Dates**

### **AUTUMN TERM 2020**

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|------------------|--|
| 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**

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| 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**

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| 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                     |