



Middleforth Church of England Primary School



Our Christian Value this half term is Love

Friday 6th November 2020

Welcome back! It is great to have everyone back safely in school. As we now move into a wider lockdown, we wanted to update you on how things are operating in school. We have a wide range of robust and detailed plans and procedures that are in place. These are designed to keep every member of the school community as safe as possible.

Measures include the bubble system, whereby one class does not come into direct contact with another. More rigorous cleaning protocols are in place including increased cleaning throughout the day and before and after school, and regular handwashing and sanitising also occur at regular intervals during the school day. School staff wear face coverings at any point they are in communal areas and some staff may choose to wear a face covering when working with children. As we move forward, we will continue to implement these procedures and revise them if necessary based on new information or any further guidance that may be published.

What is crucial now is that you support us and follow the new lockdown restrictions to keep our whole school community safe. When you are picking children up from school please socially distance from each other and please ensure you wear a face covering during drop off and pick up and communicate this to anyone providing childcare. Please also ensure you are following the new laws around the new lockdown and children are not meeting up outside of school under the current regulations.

The most important message, at present, is that we are open for all children and it is vital that they are in school each day where they can get the best possible education. Before and after school club will continue as normal and the structure of the school day will be maintained as it is now.

Please ensure that you continue to follow the guidance around isolation and inform us immediately of any positive cases so we can take the appropriate action. Please be assured that we have very strict guidelines to follow regarding closure of bubbles and the communication of this, and a team are involved in every decision to ensure that we are always fully compliant. Where necessary we involve Public Health England to help us make the correct decisions.

We pray that we can maintain as much normality as possible this half term as we approach Christmas and keep as many of us safe, healthy and in school as possible.

Cycle Challenge

We made it! This morning we completed the cycle ride into Paris. The video of us arriving at the Eiffel tower is on Facebook and twitter so you have evidence we completed. We have all loved taking part in this and are overwhelmed with how much we have already raised. At the time of writing it is £1179 and we would like to say a really big thank you to everyone who has donated.

Next week we are carrying on.....we want to see how far through France we can get!

If you wish to sponsor us the link can be found on our Facebook page or by following the link below. <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/middleforthcofeprimaryschool> or we can accept donations at the gate in a bucket which we decontaminate before counting!

Governor ballot

Nominations for the post of school governor have now gone out. Please ensure you return your ballot slips by 16th November. Thank you so much to the parents who have put themselves forward for this important role in our school.

Christmas

We have now made our plans for Christmas which are Covid compliant and we will send out the information in a separate letter with the information for you. Things will be different this year but, as always, our great staff team are putting in lots of effort to ensure we make it as special as we can in school for everyone.

School Video

Don't forget if you have not yet had a look at our new school video you can view it on the school website (<http://www.middleforth.lancs.sch.uk/>). If you have friends or family who would like to join our nursery and attend Middleforth reception class from September 2021, please let them know about the video as it gives a real insight into our fantastic school.

Scout Safe – Year 3

On Monday 9th November Year 3 will be having a Scout Safe training session delivered by South Ribble Borough Council Bike Ability staff, and the aim of the day will be to improve your child's confidence and stability whilst riding their scooter. Children **MUST** bring in a helmet. If your child has their own scooter, we encourage them to bring it on the day too, but there will be some spares available adhering to Covid guidelines.

Remembrance Day

Thank you to everyone who had kindly made donations to the Poppy Appeal. We will be marking this occasion in school during the day. There is the template to colour a poppy for your windows at home at the end of the newsletter.

Christmas Cards for Schools



Tonight we have sent home your child's Christmas Card design for you to return with your order by Monday morning please.

Unfortunately, Orders received after the deadline date will not be processed.

As we explained before half term, there is a very tight turn around for orders to ensure that they are delivered in good time for Christmas.

Below is a guide to the prices of the items available. A payment item has been created on ScoPay for you to enter the payment amount that corresponds with your order form total. This should update overnight and appear by tomorrow morning.

Products available to order	Price
Christmas Cards (per pack of 12)	£5.00
Mugs – Individually boxed (price each)	£5.00
Coasters (price each)	£2.50
Gift Tags 'Card-Style' (per pack of 6)	£1.50

Children in Need

This year's Children in Need is next Friday 13th November. We are holding a non-uniform day in school. We are very conscious that we have already asked for donations to our bike ride and to the Christmas card order so please only send in a voluntary donation of £1 if you are able to do so.

Foodbank help

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. **We do have food available for our school families. 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.**

Nasal Flu Immunisations

Nasal Flu immunisations will be taking place at school on 30th November for Reception children through to Year 6. The link will close on Thursday 26th November 2020 at midnight. If your child has already had the Nasal Flu vaccine since September 2020, please disregard this. If you have any problems accessing the link please telephone 0333 358 3397, option 6.

<https://www.nhsimms.uk/FLU/information?Id=119382&Type=FLU>

School Meal Bookings – ParentPay, ‘New Menus’



The Autumn/Winter menu starts on Monday 9th November and will run into the Spring term. Please remember to continue keeping your bookings up to date via ParentPay, as far as you possibly can as it really is a great help.

Christmas Dinner for Wednesday 16th December is being added to ParentPay. Apologies, but if you had previously made a booking for this day, you will need to rebook for Turkey or Quorn Christmas Dinner. There are no other menu choices available on this day,

children can still bring their own packed lunch from home and sit with their friends for lunch.

Please be aware that we use pre-booked meals to determine the kitchen food order numbers for the following week. Children who don't have a pre-booked 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.

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 to view our new school video.

Thank you as always for your continued cooperation and support with following the current school arrangements due to Coronavirus. Have a great weekend and keep safe.

Mrs Adams

Dates for your diary:

Date	Activity
9 th November	Year 3 – Scoot Safe – Bring a helmet
9 th November	Deadline for returning Christmas card orders
13 th November	Children in Need – Non-uniform day
16 th November	Deadline for Governor ballot papers – 2pm
30 th November	Flu Vaccinations – Reception to Year 6
8 th December	Year 1 – Vision Screening
18 th December	School closes for Christmas - 2pm
15 th January 2021	Deadline for reception 2021 applications

Term Dates**AUTUMN TERM 2020**

School closes on Friday 18th December 2020 at 2.00pm

SPRING TERM 2021

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

SUMMER TERM 2021

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

AUTUMN TERM 2021

Re-open on Thursday 2nd September 2021
 School closes on Friday 22nd October 2021 at 3.15pm
 Mid Term Closure Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October 2021
 Re-open on Monday 1st November 2021
 School closes on Friday 17th December 2021 at 2.00pm

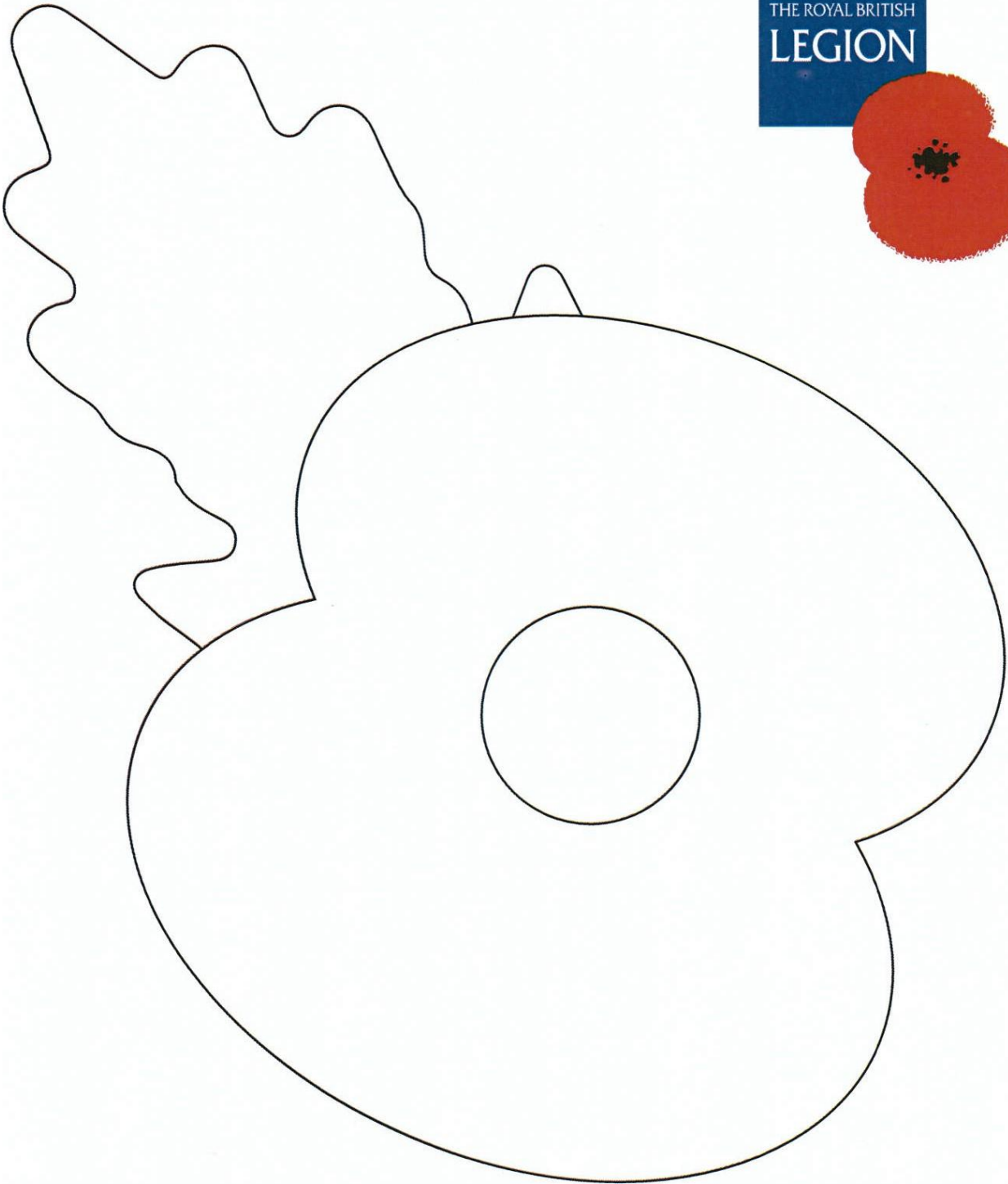
SPRING TERM 2022

Re-open on Wednesday 5th January 2022
 School closes on Friday 11th February 2022 at 3.15pm
 Mid Term Closure Monday 14th February – Friday 18th February 2022
 Re-open on Monday 21st February 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 – Wednesday 8th June 2022
 School re-opens on Thursday 9th June 2022
 School closes on Friday 22nd July 2022 at 2.00pm

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