



# Middleforth Church of England Primary School



*Our Christian Value this half term is Love*

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

It was lovely on Wednesday to be able to share the 2 minutes silence for Remembrance Day outside of school so we could be together but socially distanced.

Thank you all for your donations for Children in Need today. Children have enjoyed doing Pudsey activities in their classrooms today. We will count up the money next week after its period of decontamination!

We are so proud of our children for the amazing way they are coping in school and accepting everything being done in a different way.

Can I please remind you that it is crucial you inform us if you have a confirmed positive case of Coronavirus in your family, so we can follow our risk assessment and take advice if needed on what precautions we need to take.

## **Drinks in school.**

We place great importance on children staying hydrated throughout the day in school, but it is really important that everyone adheres to our rule of only providing water for your children for their classroom drink. It is causing problems in many of our classes that some children are bringing in different drinks. Sweet drinks cause us a multitude of problems, especially when they are spilt and they stain our carpets and soft furnishings or other children's work, leave sticky spills which attract ants and insects and cause a feeling of unfairness between the children.

## **Cycle Challenge**

Our fundraising balance continues to rise and our current total is £ 1,437!

We are so grateful for your generosity. We are currently costing up our improvements to the outdoor areas with a view to start some of the work next year.

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**

Just a reminder that you must ensure you return your ballot slips by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm. Thank you again to the parents who have put themselves forward for this important role in our school.

## **Christmas**

We have worked hard to put plans in place to make Christmas special this year, in a slightly different way to keep us all safe. Please read the attached letter for more details of our plans.

## **Free School Meals (Pupil Premium)**

Just a reminder that in addition to all infant children (Reception to Y2) being eligible for Universal Free School Meals, all children from **Reception to Year 6** may be able to get free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get).

In addition to your child receiving free school meals, schools receive valuable funding of £1,345 per pupil to help improve progress for children who may need it.

You can apply to check your eligibility at any time, as understandably, family circumstances may change and especially in the current uncertain times we are facing.

To apply please click here or speak to the school office if you need any help:

[https://lancashire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Free\\_school\\_meals\\_and\\_pupil\\_premium](https://lancashire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Free_school_meals_and_pupil_premium)

### **Road crossing**

Please can everyone crossing Marshalls Brow do so at the cone and wait for the Lollipop Man to safely walk them across. Over the past week there have been a few occasions where children have not waited and have put themselves and others at serious risk.

### **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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 started on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

**You may be eligible for tax free childcare through Gov.uk where you'll set up an online childcare account for your child. For every £8 you pay into this account, the government will pay an additional £2 to use to pay for your wrap around care. To find out more click [here](#).**

## **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 15<sup>th</sup> 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:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
16 <sup>th</sup> November	Deadline for Governor ballot papers – 2pm
30 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Vaccinations – Reception to Year 6
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 – Vision Screening
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day (Class celebrations)
Week commencing 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity performances to be viewed on-line
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner
18 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes for Christmas
4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	School re-opens
15 <sup>th</sup> January	Deadline for reception 2021 applications

## **Term Dates**

### **AUTUMN TERM 2020**

School closes on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

### **SPRING TERM 2021**

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**

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 re-opens on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021

School closes on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 2.00pm

### **AUTUMN TERM 2021**

Re-open on

Thursday 2nd September 2021

School closes on

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021 at 3.15pm

Mid Term Closure

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Re-open on

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021

School closes on

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 2.00pm

### **SPRING TERM 2022**

Re-open on

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022

School closes on

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 3.15pm

Mid Term Closure

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Re-open on

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022

School closes on

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 at 2.00pm

### **SUMMER TERM 2022**

Re-open on

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022

May Day Closure

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

School closes on

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

Mid Term Closure

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022

School re-opens on

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022

School closes on

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