



Middleforth Church of England Primary School



Friday 14th October Newsletter

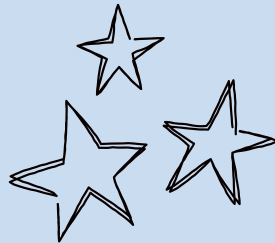
Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been yet another busy week in school. Year 6 have been to Priory on Wednesday for a taster day and thoroughly enjoyed all the activities including trampolining. Well done to all Year 6. On Monday afternoon, Year 5 visited Year 2 to share their instructions which they had written to use a 'Doodler'. This involved lots of collaborative learning and all the children were thoroughly engaged in their learning.

Polite reminder, if the children are coming through the main office after 8:55, you will need to sign them in on the inventory system as the registers have already been taken, thank you. Thank you all once again for everything you do to support our school community and I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

★ Stars of the Week ★

Nursery - Molly
Rec - Bella & Orson
Y1 - Oliver & Jasper
Y2 - Max & Marty
Y3 - Sid & Noah
Y4 - Phoebe & Andreas
Y5 - Arthur & Charlotte
Y6 - Emilie & Ava



Target 96%

Reception	92.7%
Year 1	89.7%
Year 2	87.6%
Year 3	98.6%
Year 4	94.0%
Year 5	99.6%
Year 6	97.3%
Total	94.0%

Collective Worship

As our value this half term is: Thankfulness

On Monday this week we talked about Mental Health and being thankful for what we have. We all dressed in yellow and raised awareness for youth mental health. The children then followed this up in class with creating positive affirmation cards and lots of other exciting work.

Time to say "Thank you"

Draw a clock face for your family to fill in together.

Choose one day and ask every one to think, as the hours tick by, about one thing in each hour that they would like to say thank you for.

Draw a picture of what you are thankful for in each segment.



TAKEHOME



**If we do something wrong,
who should decide the consequences?**



Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

In the news this week

All Lidl chocolate bunnies are to be melted after chocolate maker, Lindt, said they looked too similar to their own bunny shaped chocolate treat. The Federal Supreme Court of Switzerland said that regardless of whether Lidl's packaging was golden or a different colour, they had too much similarity. The ruling banned the supermarket from selling the bunnies and ordered ones already produced to be destroyed.

Things to talk about at home...

- > Do you think it was the right decision to make Lidl melt down all the chocolate bunnies? Can you suggest any different ways the issue could have been resolved?
- > Have you ever heard the saying, 'what goes around comes around'? Has anyone at home ever said it? What do you imagine it means and do you agree?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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Key Dates



Tuesday 18th October - Reception
2023 Open Day 1:30-2:30

Thursday 20th October - Harvest
Service in Church (**Parents Welcome**)

Tuesday 1st November - Individual
Photos

Wednesday 2nd November - Prevent
workshop for parents at 2:15pm

Wednesday 9th November - Parents
Evening after school

Subject Focus - MFL

This half term Y4 have learnt basic greetings in Spanish. They know how to say ¿Cómo te llamas? (What's your name?), Me llamo... (My name is...) and ¿Cómo estás? (How are you?)

Do you know anyone who speaks a different language to you? Perhaps you could ask them how to say hello and how to ask how someone is in their language.



Middleforth Football Team

Last night our school football team won 2-1 against Ashbridge and 2-0 against St Oswalds with goals from Ruben, Ethan and Dilan.

Well done everyone on your performance and sportsmanship.



LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE - MATTHEW 5:16

Optimistic October 2022

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

1 Write down three things you can look forward to this month

2 Find something to be optimistic about (even if it's a difficult time)

3 Take a small step towards a goal that really matters to you

4 Start your day with the most important thing on your to-do list

5 Be a realistic optimist. See life as it is, but focus on what's good

6 Remind yourself that things can change for the better

7 Look for the good in people around you today

8 Make some progress on a project or task you have been avoiding

9 Share an important goal with someone you trust

10 Take time to reflect on what you have accomplished recently

11 Avoid blaming yourself or others. Find a helpful way forward

12 Look out for positive news and reasons to be cheerful today

13 Ask for help to overcome an obstacle you are facing

14 Do something constructive to improve a difficult situation

15 Thank yourself for achieving the things you often take for granted

16 Put down your to-do list and do something fun or uplifting

17 Take a small step towards a positive change you want to see in society

18 Set hopeful but realistic goals for the days ahead

19 Identify one of your positive qualities that will be helpful in the future

20 Find joy in tackling a task you've put off for some time

21 Let go of the expectations of others and focus on what matters to you

22 Share a hopeful quote, picture or video with a friend or colleague

23 Recognise that you have a choice about what to prioritise

24 Write down three specific things that have gone well recently

25 You can't do everything! What are your three priorities right now?

26 Find a new perspective on a problem you face

27 Be kind to yourself today. Remember, progress takes time

28 Ask yourself, will this still matter a year from now?

29 Plan a fun or exciting activity to look forward to

30 Identify three things that give you hope for the future

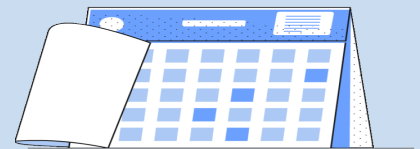
31 Set a goal that brings a sense of purpose for the coming month



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together

School term and holiday patterns 2022/2023



Autumn Term 2022

School closes on
Mid-term closure
School re-opens on
School closes on

Friday 21st October 2022
Monday 24th October - Friday 28 October 2022
Monday 31st October 2022
Friday 16th December 2022

Spring Term 2023

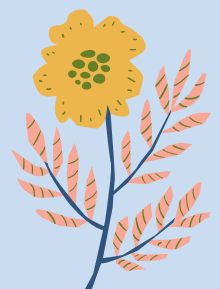
Re-open on
School closes on
Mid-term closure
School re-opens on
School closes on

Tuesday 3rd January 2023
Friday 10th February 2023
Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February 2023
Monday 20th February 2023
Friday 31st March 2023

Summer Term 2023

Starts
May Day
School closes on
Mid-term closure
School re-opens on
School closes on

Monday 17th April 2023
Monday 1st May 2023
Friday 26th May 2023
Monday 29th May - Wednesday 7th June 2023
Thursday 8th June 2023
Friday 21st July 2023



LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE - MATTHEW 5:16

Are you eligible for tax-free childcare?

What is tax-free childcare?

Tax-free childcare is government support towards the cost of childcare and early education for children aged 11 or under (or 17 and under for disabled children).

How does tax-free childcare work?

To access the scheme, you will need to pay your early years fees via an online government account. For every £8 you pay in, the government will pay in an extra £2, up to £500 every three months (or £1,000 for disabled children).

Who is eligible for tax-free childcare?

If you are in work and expect to earn the equivalent of 16 hours a week at the national minimum or living wage over the next three months, you should be eligible (this applies to both parents in dual-parent households). You may also be eligible if one member of your household is on leave (e.g. sick, maternity, paternity, parental or adoption) or is eligible for certain disability benefits.

Can I use tax-free childcare and the 30-hours offer?

Yes. However, you cannot use the tax-free childcare scheme and claim working tax credits or child tax credits at the same time.

Visit www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare
for more information

