



Middleforth Church of England Primary School



Our Christian Value this half term is Courage

Friday 8th January 2021

Dear Parents

It is hard to believe it has only been one week with all that has happened this week isn't it? Thank you all for your patience this week as we have tried to get everything in place. Can I also take this opportunity to say a genuine and heartfelt thank you from all of the staff for the wonderful and uplifting messages of support for us all as we have navigated our way through the week. It has been so lovely to get your messages of support and it really kept us going. As always, we will continue to do our very best for you throughout this period of lockdown. School is open and all of our staff are in school working full-time to ensure the best possible provision for our children and families, whether your child is in school as a key worker or remote learning. We have already put in lots of new systems for home learning and have really appreciated your feedback on these.

Home learning

Our teachers are ensuring that work for each day is on Seesaw each morning for your child to access so that you have something in place for them each day. Where possible it is good to have a routine in place for their home learning, but we understand that not everyone can achieve this. Teachers will be checking, especially with older children, what they are doing at home, as they should be able to complete their work independently and access learning regularly. We know that some of you are working from home and managing your workload and supporting your child can be a challenge. Please know that we are here to support you, not judge you. If you are unable to support work on some days we understand.

We love seeing what the children are doing at home so please continue to share with us on Seesaw.

Keeping in touch

It is really important to us that we keep in touch with everyone whilst we are in lockdown. Teachers will be checking in with you through Seesaw, and if you respond to say all is well and your child is accessing learning at home fine then we won't bother you with a phone call as well. If, however, you have anything you wish to talk through with us please ask for a call if you need one and someone will get back to you. We are here to support you.

If your child hasn't accessed work for a few days we will potentially call you just to check things are OK at home and if we can support differently.

Teachers are looking at all the ways they can keep in touch with the children and we hope these will help keep relationships strong between the children and the teachers during our further lockdown. If you have any questions or concerns you wish to raise please feel free to contact me directly and confidentially and if you are struggling with anything please do ask for help. As always, if we can help with provision of additional food please let me or Ms Collins know. Please do not be embarrassed to ask as we will do this discretely and we want to ensure we do everything we can to support you all during this period. We will keep in touch with a weekly newsletter and also through Facebook and Twitter. If you are not already linked to us in this way please look us up.

Contacts

Please send any requests for places, changes to your requests, questions about Parentpay, Scopay or receiving emails and texts from school and any general questions to: covid@middleforth.lancs.sch.uk or telephone the office on 01772 746024.

Please do not send requests about places, changes of routine directly to class teachers so they can focus entirely on teaching and learning – your class teacher will support you if you have questions about your child's learning at home. Please direct any technical/IT questions to Mr Swindells on d.swindells@middleforth.lancs.sch.uk.

Reporting Covid

Please continue to let us know if your child has tested positive for Coronavirus or has been in contact with a positive

case regardless of whether you are home learning or in school. Please email covid@middleforth.lancs.sch.uk.
If your child is due to be in school please stay at home to isolate as per the guidelines and notify school immediately.

Free School Meals

If your child is in receipt of free school meals, they will continue to receive their lunch in school, if attending. For the children who are remote learning from home, we will be providing food packs to be collected from the school office for the first two weeks followed by vouchers for the remainder of lockdown.

School meals during lockdown

Due to reduced numbers in school, school meals will be changing from next Tuesday 12th January. Children in school will receive a school made packed lunch or Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings. A school packed lunch consists of a sandwich, fruit, tortilla chips and a choice of cake/biscuit or yoghurt for dessert. We will offer a hot sandwich option twice a week, Wednesdays will be a Hot Barm (beef, turkey, pork etc.) or Cheese Panini and on Fridays we will have a choice of Sausage Barm/Beef Burger or Fish Finger Wrap. The children will be asked each day to make their meal choice. Please pay as usual via Parentpay for children not in infants or in receipt of free school meals.

Wraparound Care

For this half-term wraparound care is available from 7.30-4.30pm. Please book and pay as usual online via ScoPay.

Preston to Paris Cycle Fundraiser – REFUNDS

Thank you so much to everyone who has re-donated their refunds from the Justgiving page so far, this is hugely appreciated. Everyone who previously donated via Justgiving will now have received their refund back into their account. Please can you help us by contacting any of your family or friends who also kindly donated via the Justgiving page to let them know. Many thanks for all your support with this. **Refunds can be donated in cash or to our new fundraising page:** <https://chuffed.org/project/middleforth-preston-to-paris-cycle-fundraiser>

Attendance/Absences

If your child is due to be in school through the critical worker or vulnerable places, and they are going to be absent you must contact the office before 9.00am.

Reception Admissions 2021

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

Mrs Adams

Term Dates

SPRING TERM 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 re-opens on	Wednesday 9 th June 2021
School closes on	Friday 16 th July 2021 at 2.00pm

AUTUMN TERM 2021

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