



Middleforth Church of England Primary School

Friday 4th November Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

I cannot believe we have only been back a week, I feel like so much has happened already. This week was the final of the three parental workshops looking at how we can all work together to support our children as readers. Thank you so much for everyone who attended and for all your feedback. This week we also hosted Prevent training for parents and although a few people didn't turn up, it was still a success and the parents who attended thought it was incredibly useful so thank you.

I know it's only just November but we are in the process of finalising all our Christmas dates and will share this with you next week.

I hope you all have a brilliant weekend and enjoy the fireworks and bonfires. Please keep yourselves safe and I will look forward to seeing you all on Monday.



Stars of the Week

Nursery - Daniel
Rec - Isaac & Laney
Y1 - Patrick & Darcy H
Y2 - Lola & Sam
Y3 - Freddie & Jimmy
Y4 - Charlotte & Jack
Y5 - Amelia & Marissa
Y6 - Mathew & Emily T



Target 96%

Reception	97.4%
Year 1	96.5%
Year 2	95.5%
Year 3	96.6%
Year 4	97.4%
Year 5	97.5%
Year 6	97.1%
Total	96.9%

Collective Worship - Our half term value is Trust



On Monday this week we talked about Trust and what this means to us. We explored how we feel when we trust people and how we feel when trust is broken. Mrs Allton had to trust Mrs Gordon walking along a bench whilst blindfolded. We recognised that as Christians we put our trust in Jesus, knowing he won't ever let us down

Values at home - Talk Together About Trust

Trust is a really important value. It must be earned. If we do not trust someone it is very hard to build a good friendship with them. Talk together about:

- people who you know that are trustworthy
- practical ways that we can show others that we are trustworthy
- why it is important to be able to trust others when working together as a team

TAKEHOME



In the news this week

Animal rescue groups in countries around the world are seeing a jump in the number of animals being brought to their shelters, as household finances are squeezed. One of the main causes is thought to be the cost of living crisis, which has meant many different costs have increased. This includes pet food ingredients such as meat, grains, and micronutrients, all of which have become more expensive in recent months. The BBC reports that, 'The cost of pet food is up by 8.8% in the European Union, and 8.4% in the UK.'

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do you know anyone who has rescued an animal from a shelter? What do you think are some of the reasons people choose to do this?
- > Is there an animal shelter near where you live? What do you know about it?



Should more be done to help rescue pets?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Key Dates



Wednesday 9th November - Parents Evening after school

Thursday 10th November - Parents Afternoon on Zoom.

Wednesday 7th December - Whole school Yogi Mental Health Day

Thursday 15th December - Final Celebration Assembly

Friday 16th December - Whole School Church and Crib Service.

Subject Focus - PSHE

This half term each class will be looking valuing differences. Year have started by looking at what as a class is similar and what is different and how our differences make us special. Year 4 have started their unit by defining the terms 'negotiation' and 'compromise' and trying to understand how to manage conflict.



Staffing Update

We have some exciting news regarding staffing at Middleforth. Just before half term we appointed Mrs Knight, who will be joining us in January as our new Family Support Worker. In addition to this, we have appointed a new teacher for Year 1, Miss Morley, who will be replacing Mrs Garner. Mrs Garner has decided that she no longer wants to teach but still wants to support the families of Middleforth, therefore she will be starting a new role as a Teaching Assistant in Reception from January. Miss Morley, will be starting with us in Year 1 next week to get to know the children and work alongside Mrs Garner ready for January. Mrs Garner will be covering Miss Roe, who will be commencing her maternity leave at the start of December.

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE - MATTHEW 5:16

New Ways November 2022

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY



1 Make a list of new things you want to do this month

2 Respond to a difficult situation in a different way

3 Get outside and observe the changes in nature around you

4 Sign up to join a new course, activity or online community

5 Change your normal routine today and notice how you feel

6 Try out a new way of being physically active

7 Be creative. Cook, draw, write, paint, make or inspire

8 Plan a new activity or idea you want to try out this week

9 When you feel you can't do something, add the word "yet"

10 Be curious. Learn about a new topic or an inspiring idea

11 Choose a different route and see what you notice on the way

12 Find out something new about someone you care about

13 Do something playful outdoors - walk, run, explore, relax

14 Find a new way to help or support a cause you care about

15 Build on new ideas by thinking "Yes, and what if..."

16 Look at life through someone else's eyes and see their perspective

17 Try a new way to practice self-care and be kind to yourself

18 Connect with someone from a different generation

19 Broaden your perspective: read a different paper, magazine or site

20 Make a meal using a recipe or ingredient you've not tried before

21 Learn a new skill from a friend or share one of yours with them

22 Find a new way to tell someone you appreciate them

23 Set aside a regular time to pursue an activity you love

24 Share with a friend something helpful you learned recently

25 Use one of your strengths in a new or creative way

26 Try out a different radio station or new TV show

27 Join a friend doing their hobby and find out why they love it

28 Discover your artistic side. Design a friendly greeting card

29 Enjoy new music today. Play, sing, dance or listen

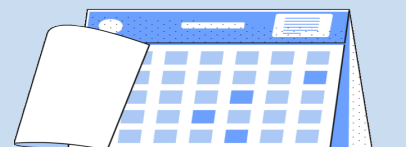
30 Look for new reasons to be hopeful, even in tough times



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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

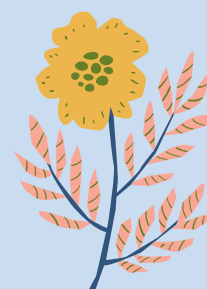
Re-open on
School closes on
Mid-term closure
School re-opens on
School closes on

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



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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

