



Middleforth Church of England Primary School



Our Christian Value this half term is Courage

Friday 29th January 2021

Dear Parents

This week has brought us snow and the news that we will not be returning fully to school until at least the 8th March, and I am sure that has brought on mixed emotions for us all to deal with this week. I hope the letter I have sent out with this newsletter will help reassure you that we will get through this together, and for now we should focus on staying strong and well and trying not to worry too much.

February half-term

Following guidance from the Department for Education school will not be open over the February half-term for key workers or vulnerable children. If you require support to find local provision please contact school.

Online worship

Next week we will be starting to put daily worships onto Seesaw and also onto social media for everyone to share with us together. We hope this might be a further way to help keep us all in touch with each other. Each day there will be a short worship which will have a short story or talk, a prayer and maybe a link to a song for you to listen to. School staff will be leading next week, but we would love it if some of our children would get involved in helping us to lead future online worships. Child led worship is really important to us in school and it would be great if we could look at doing this remotely too. Please contact worship@middleforth.lancs.sch.uk if you would like to get involved.

Express yourself Day – Friday 5th February

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and we will be including this in our weekly worship plan, and on Friday we would like to invite you all to take part in the Express Yourself Day. This invites children to dress to express how they are feeling and we will explain this through our worship session. Please take photos and send them into us or share on our Facebook page. We look forward to seeing you all dressing up and enjoying having some fun together creating your outfits.

School Meals – Moving to Tucasi/ScoPay from ParentPay

We have set the wheels in motion to move our school meal ordering program from ParentPay to Tucasi. This will mean that all of our booking/ordering and payment systems are in one place to save logging on to two different systems. You will still be able to make your meal bookings online, details of how to do this will follow at a later date. The new system won't be implemented for parents until around Easter time, so we have plenty of time to make sure that the transition is as easy as possible for everyone. In the meantime, **please could log on to your ParentPay account, before the half term break (Friday 12th February), and check that all outstanding balances are paid and any refunds are requested** - this will ensure that everything is clear before we close ParentPay down.

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.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Adams

Outdoor area and playground fundraising link:

<https://chuffed.org/project/middleforth-preston-to-paris-cycle-fundraiser> (also on our FB page)