



Middleforth Church of England Primary School



Friday 18th November Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week I have been lucky enough to spend time in most classroom and those which I didn't make it to, I will be there next week. It has been a honour to see our staff and children hard at work and so engaged in their learning. Year 1 were re-writing the story Zog with their own character, Year 6 were hard at work dividing fractions and Year 4 were predicting the next chapter from Rumaya. Over the coming weeks, there are a lot of different events taking place, which are listed later in the newsletter. Please make sure you have access to Seesaw as more and more messages will be shared on here.

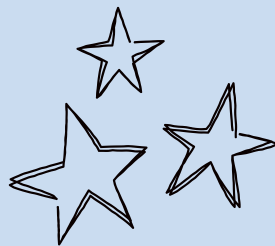
Last week I shared the link to the survey about parents evening. If you haven't already completed it, please could you take 2 minutes to share your feedback with ourselves.

<https://forms.office.com/r/5TLG34SdgT> .



Stars of the Week

- Nursery - Eva
- Rec - Ivy & Ilinca
- Y1 - Isabelle & Theo
- Y2 - Alex & Oliver
- Y3 - Dolly & Joshua
- Y4 - Emily & Chloe
- Y5 - George & Mia
- Y6 - Sophie & Isla C



Target 96%

Reception	92.3%
Year 1	98.0%
Year 2	94.8%
Year 3	94.7%
Year 4	96.0%
Year 5	95.7%
Year 6	96.0%
Total	95.3%

Collective Worship - Our half term value is Trust

On Monday this week we talked about always being able to trust God and rely on his promises. We looked at a couple of worries or problems and decided which of God's messages from the Bible would help us. Rev Janet also came in on Thursday to talk about the true meaning of Trust and what that looks like for us.



Values at home - Build a Boat

This term's Home School Value has a watery theme. The challenge is to use scrap materials to construct a boat that floats and has a working sail. Create a draught (eg by blowing or using a lilo pump) to check that the sail really does catch the wind and move the boat across the water



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TAKEHOME



In the news this week

The men's FIFA World Cup 2022 has started in Qatar and will run until 18th December. It is the 22nd edition of the competition, and the first played in the Arab world. The 64 matches of the tournament will take place across eight venues in the country. Usually, the event takes place in summer but because of the extreme heat at that time of year, it has been moved to a November-December winter slot, though temperatures will still reach about 25°C. The decision to stage the tournament in Qatar has been criticised because of concerns over the country's poor treatment of the large number of workers from other countries, employed to help them prepare for the tournament.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Have you been watching the World Cup so far? Share your thoughts on the tournament.
- > As the World Cup is held in different countries, do you think it provides an opportunity for people to learn about life in other parts of the world?



What can football teach us about the wider world?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Key Dates



Wednesday 7th December - Whole school Yogi Mental Health Day

Thursday 15th December - Final Celebration Assembly

Friday 16th December - Whole School Church and Crib Service. School Closes at 2.00pm.

***Please read further on for Christmas dates.**

Subject Focus - English



Year 5 have been focusing on the Historical text 'Oliver' and have fully immersed themselves within the text and producing some really creative writing from it.

Year 4 have been reading 'Rumaya' and again, they are thoroughly enjoying how full of action it is and using the creative vocabulary to write their own stories.



Children In Need

The last couple of years have been incredibly hard for children and young people. Living through Covid has caused feelings of anxiety, fear and hopelessness in too many children; and the cost of living crisis is now pushing even more families into hardship. Children in need support a lot of families in ways we don't even realise. If you would like to find out more information about the work they do then click here <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

As a school we decided to come to school in non uniform and ask for a small donation. Today we have raised a grand total of £191.75. Thank you so much to everyone for all your kind donations.



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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

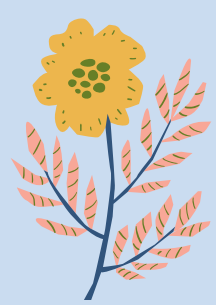


ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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School term and holiday patterns

School closes on Spring term 2023	Friday 16th December 2022
School closes on Mid-term closure	Re-open on Tuesday 3rd January 2023
School re-opens on	Friday 10th February 2023
School closes on Summer Term 2023	Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February 2023
May Day & Coronation	Monday 20th February 2023
School closes on Mid-term closure	Friday 31st March 2023
School re-opens on	Re-open on Monday 17th April 2023
School closes on Autumn Term 2023	Monday 1st and 8th May 2023
Mid-term closure	Friday 26th May 2023
School re-opens on	Monday 29th May - Wednesday 7th June 2023
School closes on Spring Term 2024	Thursday 8th June 2023
Mid-term closure	Friday 21st July 2023
School re-opens on	Re-open Monday 4th September 2023
School closes on Summer Term 2024	Monday 23rd October - Tuesday 31st October 2023
May Day	Wednesday 1st November 2023
Mid-term closure	Friday 22nd December 2023
School re-opens on	Re-open on Monday 8th January 2024
School closes on	Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February 2024
Spring Term 2024	Monday 19th February 2024
Mid-term closure	Thursday 28th March 2024
School re-opens on	Re-opens on Monday 15th April 2024
School closes on Summer Term 2024	Monday 6th May 2024
May Day	Monday 27th May - Monday 3rd June 2024
Mid-term closure	Tuesday 4th June 2024
School re-opens on	Friday 19th July 2024
School closes on	





Christmas & Advent

Important Dates 2022



Date	Event	Time
Friday 18 th November	Non-Uniform Day, 'Children in Need', Voluntary Donations please	All Day
Friday 25 th November	Non-Uniform Day, Donations for Christmas Raffle please, (see separate poster attached)	All Day
Monday 5 th December	EYFS Dress Rehearsal	1.30pm
Tuesday 6 th December	KS1 Dress Rehearsal	1.30pm
Monday 12 th December	KS2 Dress Rehearsal	1.30pm
Thursday 8 th December	KS1 Performances 'Are We Nearly There Yet?'	1.30pm 3.30pm
Friday 9 th December	EYFS Performances 'Everyone Loves A Baby!'	1.30pm 3.30pm
Tuesday 13 th December	KS2 Carol Service at St Leonard's Church	2.00pm 4.00pm
Wednesday 14 th December	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumpers/Accessories	All Day
Thursday 15 th December	Whole School Christmas Parties & Santa's Grotto	All Day
	Whole School Celebration Assembly & Raffle Draw	9.00am
Friday 16 th December	Whole School Christmas Worship St Leonard's Church, Parents/Carers invited to attend	9.00am
	School Closes until Tuesday 3 rd January 2023	2.00pm



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Non-Uniform Day 25th November 2022

For our Christmas raffle prizes this year, we will be making a hamper for each class which will be filled with goodies of the same colour. Each class has been allocated a colour and we kindly ask that on non-uniform day, children bring in a donation of that colour for their class hamper.

So for example, if your class colour is red, you could bring in a packet of Maltesers or a bottle of red soap perhaps...anything that is red or has a red packet.

We will sell raffle tickets to each class and then announce the winners in assembly on 15th December 2022.

Thank you for your continued support

PTFA

Nursery & Reception: Red Y4: Purple
Y1: Green Y5: Yellow/Gold
Y2: Blue Y6: White/Silver
Y3: Pink



ST LEONARD'S CHURCH

Marshall's Brow, Penwortham

CHRISTMAS TREE

FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 26th NOVEMBER 10am — 4pm

Music by Two Note at 1.15 & 2.30pm

SUNDAY 27th NOVEMBER 12.00 - 4.00pm

Music by Prestige Brass Quintet at 2.00 and 3.15pm

Followed by Songs of Praise at 4.15pm

ADMISSION £2.00 (Accompanied under 16's free)

REFRESHMENTS IN THE LARGE HALL

Christmas Activities

If anyone would like to display a Christmas Tree or Crib, please speak to
Laraine or phone her on 07949 220989



The Federation of Children's Book Groups
Charity No. 268289

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