



Middleforth Church of England Primary School

Friday 25th November Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been yet another busy week in school, preparing for all of our Christmas productions and performances. I cannot believe it is nearly December already.

Our new Parliament met in school this week and we now have a Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and MP's from each class who all have different responsibilities, so watch this space as they have BIG ideas.

I know there have been a few issues with parking outside of school, please ensure you only stop in a safe, designated area when dropping off and picking up, for the safety of all our children and the community.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend, and we will see you all back at school on Monday.

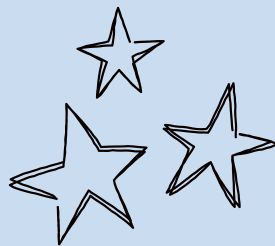
Mrs Pilkington



Stars of the Week



- Nursery - Neave
- Rec - Penelope & Annabelle
- Y1 - Jasmine & Felix
- Y2 - Hattie & Lois
- Y3 - Jenson & Amelie
- Y4 - Riley, Lexi & Eduards
- Y5 - Freya & Oliver
- Y6 - Darcey & Ruben



Target 96%

Reception	83.3%
Year 1	97.0%
Year 2	91.0%
Year 3	90.7%
Year 4	96.0%
Year 5	90.0%
Year 6	94.7%
Total	91.9%

Collective Worship - Our half term value is Trust



On Monday this week we talked about trusting God and not Gossiping. We looked at Proverbs 11.13 and how we can use the following rules to decide if news was gossip. Is it true? Is it kind? Is it helpful? Is it anything to do with me?

Rev Nick also came in on Thursday to talk about the start of Advent and our first advent calendar and the meaning of Advent leading up to Christmas for Christians.

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



Are some jobs more important than others?

In the news this week

Nurses in the Royal College of Nursing (RCN) union have voted for the union's first UK-wide strike in its 106-year history. The action will involve RCN members in more than half of hospitals and community teams, but emergency care will not be affected. Pat Cullen, who is the General Secretary of the RCN, has said nurses are getting an unfair deal and that 'members are saying enough is enough'. She also reports that the strike is for patients as well as workers, because staffing shortages are impacting access to healthcare across the UK. Nursing vacancies are at a record high, meaning staff are stretched and regularly working beyond the end of their shifts.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do you know anyone who works as a nurse or in another role within the NHS? What are some of the things they do as part of their work?
- > Can you think of a job you might enjoy doing when you're older? How does the job impact others and what impact does it have on society?

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 - Computing



Year 2 created spreadsheets and used formulas to calculate different outcomes. Year 1 have been busy sorting shapes in Venn diagrams using Purplemash. They can also practice this at home too.

Finally, year 5 have been amazing at creating algorithms during their coding sessions.

Christmas Tree Festival - St Leonard's Church



This weekend at Leonard's Church, there will be a Christmas Tree Festival, where our EYFS team have submitted an entry.

On Saturday 26th November from 10am to 4pm you can go and vote for your favourite tree. There will also be music by Two Note at 1:15 and 2:30.

On Sunday 27th November, you can visit from 12pm until 4pm. There will be music by Prestige Brass Quintet at 2pm and 3:13pm.

There will be refreshments in the Church hall and lots of Christmas activities. Please come and show your support and vote for our EYFS tree.



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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



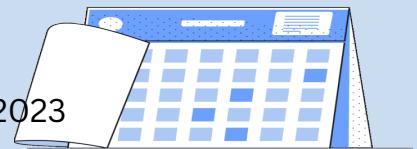
ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together

School term and holiday patterns

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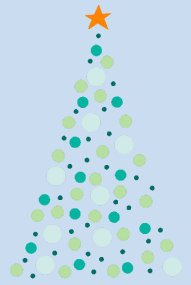
Friday 16th December 2022
 Re-open on Tuesday 3rd January 2023
 Friday 10th February 2023
 Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February 2023
 Monday 20th February 2023
 Friday 31st March 2023
 Re-open on Monday 17th April 2023
 Monday 1st and 8th May 2023
 Friday 26th May 2023
 Monday 29th May - Wednesday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





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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