## Middleforth Church of England Primary School

*Our Christian Value this half term is Courage*

Friday 31st January 2020

Over the last year we have been working hard to develop outdoor learning in school even more. This week three of our pupils attended an ECO conference at Brockholes, and we look forward to hearing about the work they will be doing to improve things in school to make us more environmentally aware. We have also increased our Forest School sessions to include more children each week, and we are now focussing on improving the outdoor learning environments for nursery, reception and year 1 and year 2, so look out for some changes to the outdoor areas over the next few months as we put in new resources to encourage learning outdoors. Our parental questionnaires in the Summer supported school in improving learning through the outdoors and improving our environmental awareness and we are delighted that those improvements are moving forwards.

This week has been as busy as ever in school. Our year sixes had a fabulous day working with a drama company exploring Macbeth and producing their own version of the play at the end of the day. It is so amazing to see the quality of the children’s work on this very difficult text.

Yesterday we took a group of children along to the Manchester Arena to be part of the Young Voices concert, and we even made a small appearance on BBC news at 6pm! What a fantastic event to be part of.

I would like to say a really big thank you to our parents who this week have really shown us how fortunate we are to have such a supportive group of people. Several teachers have had some great conversations with parents who have given us some lovely feedback and we have had some lovely emails thanking us for the great job we do. Thank you so much for this feedback and support, you have no idea how much it means to us when we get encouragement from you. As always, if you have any concerns please come in and speak to me and raise them with us so we can work to resolve any issues in school.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Adams

**Our stars of the week this week are:**

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| **Reception** | Jenson & Amelie |
| **Year 1** | Joe & Jack |
| **Year 2** | Riley & Leo |
| **Year 3** | Natalie & Ted |
| **Year 4** | Albert & Jennifer |
| **Year 5** | Hugo & Thomas |
| **Year 6** | Marvyn & Lewis W |

**KS2 Merit Badge Winners**

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| **Class** | **Red – Ruby** | **Blue – Sapphire** | **Green - Emerald** | **Yellow – Amber** |
| **Y3** | Oscar | Archie | Grace | Ewan |
| **Y4** | Lucie | Caitie | Thomas | Charlotte |
| **Y5** | Lily | Harvey | Beau | Lucia |
| **Y6** | Lewis W | Alex | Jessica | Owen |

**Bags to School – 26th February 2020**

Please start collecting the following items in preparation for a Bags 2 school collection on the 26th February. We will send more details nearer the time. Please do not bring anything in before the 26th February as we have nowhere to store the bags. Many thanks.

They accept the following **‘good quality’** items for RE-USE\*:

* Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
* Handbags
* Hats
* Bags
* Scarves and ties
* Jewellery
* Lingerie
* Socks
* Belts
* Soft toys
* Household linen
* Household curtains
* Household towels
* Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)
* Men’s, ladies and children’s clothing

**FMS Loose Change Challenge!**

Today we have started the Loose Change Challenge. Each class including nursery will have a 1 litre plastic bottle with a coin slot in it. If families have any loose change they can donate to school, the children can place it in their class bottle.

At the end of the month, the class with the largest cash amount will win a prize for their class, which will be a learning resource or a book. The bottles at the end of the month will be emptied and started again. The class who has collected the most over the challenge time, will also receive a special class prize! Please read the FMS newsletter that was emailed earlier this week for more information on events and the amount raised so far.

**Dates for your Diary – Spring Term 2020**

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| **3rd February 3.30 – 5.30pm** | Parents evening  |
| **6th February 1.30 – 4.00pm**  | Parents afternoon  |
| **7th February** | Y3 Class Trip ‘World Museum’ Liverpool |
| **12th February - evening** | Young voices concert in school |
| **14th February 1.30pm** | FMS (PTFA) Easter Bingo planning meeting |
| **5th March**  | World Book Day. Come dressed as a character from a book  |
| Special ‘World Book Day’ Lunch, (details to follow) |
| **6th March** | Y5 Harry Potter Trip |
| **17th/18th/19th March** | Mother’s Day lunches, (details to follow) |
| **20th March** | Non-uniform day for Easter Bingo donations |
| **27th March** | Easter Bingo evening |
| **2nd April**  | Easter Bake off and cake sale |

**Term Dates**

**SPRING TERM 2020**

School closes on Friday 14th February 2020 at 3.15pm

Mid Term Closure Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February 2020

Re-open on Monday 24th February 2020

School closes on Friday 3rd April 2020 at 2.00pm

**SUMMER TERM 2020**

Re-open on Monday 20th April 2020

May Day Closure Friday 8th May 2020 **(Please note change of date from Monday 4th May)**

School closes on Friday 22nd May 2020 at 3.15pm

Mid Term Closure Monday 25th May – Wednesday 3rd June 2020

School reopens on Thursday 4th June 2020

School closes on Friday 17th July 2020 at 2.00pm

**AUTUMN TERM 2020**

Re-open on Wednesday 2nd September 2020

School closes on Friday 23rd October 2020 at 3.15pm

Mid Term Closure Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October 2020

Re-open on Monday 2nd November 2020

School closes on Friday 18th December 2020 at 2.00pm

**SPRING TERM 2021**

Re-open on Monday 4th January 2021

School closes on Friday 12th February 2021 at 3.15pm

Mid Term Closure Monday 15th February – Friday 19 February 2021

Re-open on Monday 22nd February 2021

School closes on Friday 26th March 2021 at 2.00pm

**SUMMER TERM 2021**

Re-open on Monday 12th April 2021

May Day Closure Monday 3rd May 2021

School closes on Friday 28th May 2021 at 3.15pm

Mid Term Closure Monday 31st May – Tuesday 8th June 2021

School reopens on Wednesday 9th June 2021

School closes on Friday 16th July 2021 at 2.00pm