



Middleforth Church of England Primary School



Friday 26th January Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, what another busy week in school. The children have enjoyed making use of the PE benches, with thanks to the PTFA for purchasing them.

As Year 5 parents will know, Mrs Murphy has now begun her maternity a little earlier than expected but it was lovely to say goodbye and wish her well in celebration assembly this morning. Miss Morley is now teaching full time in Year 5 with Mr Day.

As we continue to develop OPAL, it is essential that everyone has waterproofs and wellies. If you are struggling to get any please come and speak to a member of staff and we will see what we can do to help. If you have any old waterproof or wellies which no longer fit your children please could these be donated to school.

Have a lovely weekend everyone,
Mrs Pilkington

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Stars of the Week

Nursery - Grayson & Vinnie
Rec - Kai & Sophie
Y1 - Freddie & Ivy
Y2 - Roman & Olivia W
Y3 - Esmee & Reggie
Y4 - Ethan H & Harriet
Y5 - Joe & Jacob R
Y6 - Charlotte & Valentina

WELL DONE



Target 96%	
Reception	98.0%
Year 1	99.3%
Year 2	96.0%
Year 3	98.2%
Year 4	88.6%
Year 5	94.5%
Year 6	97.8%
Total	96.1%

Collective Worship

Half termly theme: **People Jesus Meets**

Focus this week: : **Luke 2.41-50 The Teachers In The Temple**



This week we talked about when Jesus parents were extremely anxious when they found that he was not in the group that was making its way home at the end of the Passover festival. Like all 12 year old Jewish boys he had been taken to the temple to begin preparing to take his place in the religious community the following year. Jesus felt completely at home in this environment, calling it 'my Fathers house', indicating a deep awareness of his unique relationship with God. The teachers were amazed by the wise questions Jesus was asking.

We then challenged ourselves to spot other children this week asking wise questions and nominate them for our What Would Jesus Do (WWJD) awards.

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE - MATTHEW 5:16

TAKEHOME



Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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In the news this week

A new BBC television programme, called Style It Out, gives nine young promising fashion designers from all over the UK the chance to compete in designing different outfits. The winner will have their clothes showcased at London Fashion Week. The main focuses of the challenge are creativity and sustainability, with the contestants having to use second-hand materials. As people's awareness of the impact of fast fashion increases, sustainable clothing is becoming more at the forefront of shoppers' minds.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Can you remember the last item of clothing you bought or were given? Where was it from and what was it for?
- > What does 'being fashionable' mean to you? Is it important to you? Talk to others at home.
- > What do you do with the clothes that you no longer need or that no longer fit?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Key Dates



WC 29th January - National Storytelling week.

Thursday 1st February - NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe worship

Thursday 8th February - NSPCC Speak out Stay Safe workshops

Tuesday 5th March - Parents Evening Rec-Year 6

Wednesday 6th March - Parents Evening Nur-Year 6

Subject Focus - EYFS



This week we have been looking at what the word 'mass' means, what we could use this for and why it might be useful in our lives. We used cubes to 'estimate' then find out how much things weigh, balancing the scales. We have also been designing our very own vegetable soup.

Rock Steady

On Thursday morning all of the children came to the Rock Steady launch assembly and then attended the workshop after. You should have received a letter home about weekly lessons where your child can enjoy the magic of music by learning to play in their very own band through weekly in-school rock and pop lessons. It's the perfect chance to learn new musical skills, while having fun along the way. Parents often find that Rocksteady lessons also boost children's confidence, wellbeing, life skills and even academic achievement. Your child will progress through the Rocksteady curriculum and collect up to 300 different musicianship, performance and instrument skills along the way.



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Happier January 2024

SUNDAY



MONDAY

1 Find three things to look forward to this year

TUESDAY

2 Make time today to do something kind for yourself

WEDNESDAY

3 Do a kind act for someone else to help brighten their day

THURSDAY

4 Write a list of things you feel grateful for and why

FRIDAY

5 Look for the good in others and notice their strengths

SATURDAY

6 Take five minutes to sit still and just breathe

7 Learn something new and share it with others

8 Say positive things to the people you meet today

9 Get moving. Do something active (ideally outdoors)

10 Thank someone you're grateful to and tell them why

11 Switch off all your tech at least an hour before bedtime

12 Connect with someone near you - share a smile or chat

13 Take a different route today and see what you notice

14 Eat healthy food which really nourishes you today

15 Get outside and notice five things that are beautiful

16 Contribute positively to your local community

17 Be gentle with yourself when you make mistakes

18 Get back in contact with an old friend

19 Focus on what's good, even if today feels tough

20 Go to bed in good time and allow yourself to recharge

21 Try out something new to get out of your comfort zone

22 Plan something fun and invite others to join you

23 Put away digital devices and focus on being in the moment

24 Take a small step towards an important goal

25 Decide to lift people up rather than put them down

26 Choose one of your strengths and find a way to use it today

27 Challenge your negative thoughts and look for the upside

28 Ask other people about things they've enjoyed recently

29 Say hello to a neighbour and get to know them better

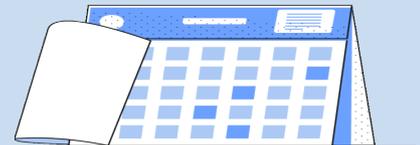
30 See how many people you can smile at today

31 Write down your hopes or plans for the future



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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School term and holiday patterns

Spring Term 2024

Mid-term closure

School re-opens on

School closes on

Summer Term 2024

May Day

Mid-term closure

School re-opens on

School closes on

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

