



Middleforth Church of England Primary School



Friday 9th February Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another incredible half term full of exciting learning taking place. Year 4 have had a fun half term in forest school and next half term it will be Year 3 on a Friday morning. On a Monday afternoon the children who have enrolled in the Rock Steady will be starting their sessions and you should have received all the information from them about your child's session and updates. We are also looking forward to starting our swimming session after half term. Please can you make sure you have read the letter on dojo and your children have all the correct equipment.

Thank you all for your continued support this half term. I hope you all have an enjoyable half term and I cannot wait to hear all about it when we return on Monday 19th February.

Mrs Pilkington

Stars of the Week

Nursery - Nathan
Rec - Emilia & Charles
Y1 - Isaac & Theodore N-T
Y2 - Patrick & Darcy H
Y3 - Florence & Ava
Y4 - Evelyn & Jimmy
Y5 - Lexi & Jorja-Lily
Y6 - Charlotte & Leo

WELL DONE



Target 96%	
Reception	98.7%
Year 1	96.3%
Year 2	96.0%
Year 3	97.9%
Year 4	96.6%
Year 5	95.8%
Year 6	95.7%
Total	96.7%

Collective Worship

Half termly theme: People Jesus Meets
Focus this week: : Candlemas and Nathaniel



This week Fr Nick started off the week talked to us about how Candlemas and how this is a celebration of how Jesus is the light of the world. 3C's then came to the front with their candle holders which they made and provided a focal point for our prayer at the end of worship.

Year 2, led an amazing worship in Church on Tuesday for the whole of key stage 2 and some parents and grandparents about the true meaning of Hope.

On Thursday we shared the story of Nathaniel and The Extraordinary Day when he met Jesus and was called to be apart of his community.

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE - MATTHEW 5:16

TAKEHOME



In the news this week

Pupils in England will have the choice to take a GCSE exam in British Sign Language (BSL) from 2025. BSL is a form of communication using hand gestures and other movements. Pupils, who take the subject, will learn around 1,000 different signs. Fairfield High School (pictured in this week's poster) already runs a successful extracurricular club in response to pupils' interest in learning BSL.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Have you ever used sign language or seen it being used by others?
- Is sign language a language you would like to learn? What do you think are some of the advantages of learning sign language?
- Are there any other skills or subjects you believe would be useful to learn at school?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Key Dates



Tuesday 27th February - Three pupils attending Children conference in Chorley

Tuesday 5th March - Parents Evening Rec-Year 6

Wednesday 6th March - Parents Evening Nur-Year 6

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day

Monday 11th - Wednesday 13th March - Y6 Residential

Communication with school



Just a reminder for any parents who still use our text messaging service, this is no longer in use. You should still continue to ring the school office if your child is unwell and cannot attend school. You can contact class teachers and all other staff, including the office and Mrs Pilkington directly through Class Dojo. All office messages are now being sent to parents via Dojo by Mrs Boughey and Mrs Hardman.

Karibuni Children Fundraiser

Thank you all for your donations and support towards the Karibuni Children Charity this week! We have managed to a raise over £90 pounds which is a fantastic achievement and is going to make a real difference. The money we have raised as a school will be able to pay for 9 children from a project in Meru to receive breakfast and lunch each weekday for 1 month. Year 2 learnt about some of the children and their families living in Meru and just how much this will support them. I would also like to say a special thank you to year 2 for all of their efforts organising and promoting the fundraiser. Congratulations to our "Guess the name of the Animal" winners

KS1 - Patrick Y2

KS2- Emma Y3



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Friendly February 2024

MONDAY



5 Make time to have a friendly chat with a neighbour

12 Focus on being kind rather than being right

19 Share something you find inspiring, helpful or amusing

26 Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones

TUESDAY



6 Get back in touch with an old friend you've not seen for a while

13 Smile at the people you see and brighten their day

20 Make a plan to connect with others and do something fun

27 Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them

WEDNESDAY



7 Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others

14 Tell a loved one or friend why they are special to you

21 Really listen to what people say, without judging them

28 Give positive comments to as many people as possible today

THURSDAY

1 Send a message to let someone know you're thinking of them

8 Share what you're feeling with someone you really trust

15 Support a local business with a positive online review or friendly message

22 Give sincere compliments to people you talk to today

29 Acknowledge someone's problem or pain rather than trying to fix it

FRIDAY

2 Ask a friend how they have been feeling recently

9 Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you

16 Check in on someone who may be struggling and offer to help

23 Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise

SATURDAY

3 Do an act of kindness to make life easier for someone

10 Look for good in others, particularly when you feel frustrated with them

17 Appreciate the good qualities of someone in your life

24 Tell a loved one about the strengths that you see in them

SUNDAY

4 Invite a friend over for a 'tea break' (in person or virtual)

11 Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost

18 Respond kindly to everyone you talk to today, including yourself

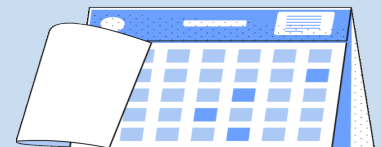
25 Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together

School term and holiday patterns



Spring Term 2024

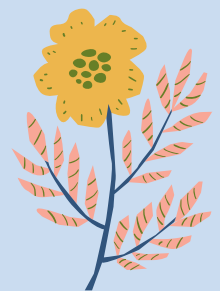
Mid-term closure
School re-opens on

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



2024-2025

Autumn Term

School re-opens
Mid-term closure
School re-opens
School Closes

Tuesday 3rd September 2024
Monday 21st October - Monday 28th October 2024
Tuesday 29th October 2024
Friday 20th December 2024





Sat 10th February

Pancake Day & Lent

10am-12noon

Craft, Mess, Play, Worship

Eat & Drink

All are welcome

