



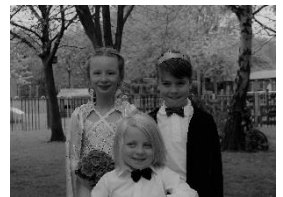
Middleforth Church of England Primary School

'Let your light shine!'

Our Christian Value this half term is Hope.

Friday 11th May 2018

This week it has been so wonderful to enjoy our May Day celebrations. The children all looked fabulous, a big thank you to parents for the lovely outfits and posies. The dancing was delightful and the children were a credit to us. It was lovely to see how much they enjoyed the dancing. Thank you to the staff, who have worked so hard to organise this event and rehearse the dances with the children. Thank you to everyone who came along to support the event, how lovely to see so many past May Queens joining us for the event. What a lovely tradition to continue in our school. Congratulations to Jasmine, this year's May Queen, Jasper, Crown Prince, Arthur, Crown Bearer and attendants Keeva and Beaux. At the end of the Grace on Wednesday which was led by our Crown Prince, Jasper, he said "squeeze". I thought it would be lovely to share with everyone why the children in year two say this. At the end of each day the children finish with a prayer: some days a child leads it, some days it is the Lord's Prayer and some days they say the Grace. When it is the Grace they stand in a circle, hold hands and at the end as they say squeeze, they gently squeeze the hand of the person next to them to share God's love around the circle. Next week our year 2 and year 6 children will be starting their SATS tests. We wish them all the best of luck. Parents, please support us in helping to not stress the children about the tests and remaining calm and positive about them. Breakfast for year 6 children will be in the library with myself, Mrs Van Zyl and Mr Swindells from 8am each day. On Sunday 20th May Reverend Sharon will be retiring from service at St Leonards and our children and families are invited to attend the service to say goodbye to her. It would be lovely to see you there.



Mrs Adams

St Leonard's Prayer Spaces



Year 2 enjoyed visiting St. Leonard's this week as part of their RE topic on the 'The Church'. A huge thank you to Reverend Sharon who showed the children all the different features found in the church the children found it so interesting and learnt so much about God's house. The visit was extra special because the children were able to participate in the various prayer stations set up as part of the Thy Kingdom Come prayer week. A special thank you to all the volunteers at St. Leonard's for all their hard work and for making us feel so welcome. For dates and times of

more interactive prayer stations in church this week please go to [Community Events](#) at the bottom of the newsletter.
Mrs Van Zyl

ATTENDANCE

Lancashire County Council set targets for all children's attendance, based on figures from the Department for Education. Their expected standard for attendance at school is 96% or above and they have set a threshold of 91% or below as a level of concern for children missing valuable time in school and when it becomes below this level the attendance team may be asked to support families in improving their attendance.

School Lunches



The current lunch menu and pre-ordered meals will end on Friday 18th May. The new menus will not be going out as the usual hard copy, they will be available for you to make your own online selections via the ParentPay system. If you have not yet activated your account, you will need to do this as soon as possible so that you can access the lunch ordering system. Please be aware, as with the previous ordering system, that if you do not pre-order a lunch for your child (ren), it is not guaranteed that they will get the meal of their choice.

You also need to note, that if you pay for school meals, the ParentPay system will prompt you to pay for what you are booking, so please ensure that you can allocate the necessary payment for the amount of meals you are ordering.

There are now only **two weeks** to go before you need to have new orders in place, therefore if anyone is having difficulty trying to access the online option, please call into the school office.

Future Events

Week commencing 14th May 2018

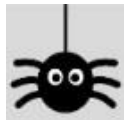
Monday	Y6 SATS week Christian Aid week Governor Meeting, Buildings, Health & Safety committee 3.45pm
Tuesday	Fab Fitness pm (15 x KS1 children) Y5 Flute – pm Netball Practice
Wednesday	May Day Presentation 1.30pm (Doors open at 1pm for refreshments) Y3 Swimming Get Messy 3.15pm-4.30pm
Thursday	Middleforth Minis – pm Guitar Tuition – pm
Friday	Y2 Church Building Afternoon in school hall 1pm Drum Tuition – pm Fencing 3.15pm-4.15pm

Important dates for your diary

Check the 'Spider' app on your smartphone
Or look at the school calendar on the website
You can either click 'Events' at the bottom of the home page or go onto your child's class page and click on an event - it will take you back to the calendar.

Once you are on the calendar, click on an event for more details.

- St Leonard's Church Fair – Saturday 12th May 11am
- Penwortham Methodist Spring Fair 11am with Maypole Dancing at 12 noon
- SATS Week – from Monday 14th May
- FMS discos - Thursday 24th May
- School closes for half term at 3.15pm – Friday 25th May



Links to the website

Home Page

<http://www.middleforth.lancs.sch.uk/>

Class Pages (including class newsletter for the summer)

<http://www.middleforth.lancs.sch.uk/class/eyfsreception>

<http://www.middleforth.lancs.sch.uk/class/year-1>

<http://www.middleforth.lancs.sch.uk/class/year-2>

<http://www.middleforth.lancs.sch.uk/class/year-3>

<http://www.middleforth.lancs.sch.uk/class/year-4>

<http://www.middleforth.lancs.sch.uk/class/year-5>

<http://www.middleforth.lancs.sch.uk/class/year-6>

Christine Adams (Headteacher)

If you have any comments or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at school or via email

Community Events

<p style="text-align: center;">St Leonard's God of Light</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Interactive prayer stations, or just sit for a while</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 12th May 11am – 1pm Sunday 13th May 1-2pm Monday 14th May 9.15am – 12noon Tuesday 15th May 9.15am – 12 noon & 1-2pm Wednesday 16th May 1-2pm Thursday 17th May 9.15am – 12 noon & 6-7pm Saturday 19th May 10am – 12noon</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">St Leonards Church Marshall's Brow Penwortham PR1 9JA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Spring Fair Saturday 12th May 2018 From 11am in the Church Hall</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Refreshments, Children's Arts and Crafts, Cake Stall, Plants, Handicrafts, Raffle, Fun Games, Tombola and much, much more! Come and join us!</p>
<p><u>Spring Fair at the Methodist Church</u> <u>10.30 – 1.30pm Saturday 12th May</u></p> <p>The Key Stage 1 children have been invited to the Penwortham Methodist church to perform some of their May Pole dances at the Spring Fair. Please could those children dancing arrive at 11.45am. Everyone is welcome to come along.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">St Leonards Gilbert & Sullivan Group Presents</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Yeoman of the Guard At Leyland Methodist Church Hall Wednesday 23rd May – Saturday 26th May 2018 7.30pm</p> <p>Tickets £10 (Under 12's free when accompanied by an adult) www.stleonardsgands.co.uk For tickets or more information please ring 01772 612030</p>