



Middleforth Church of England Primary School



'Let your light shine!'

Our Christian Value this half term is forgiveness

Friday 29th March 2019

First of all a HUGE thank you to everyone who has been so very generous in your donations of eggs and bottles towards our raffle prizes for tonight's Bingo. We really appreciate your generosity. Every penny of the money raised tonight, at our toy and book sale last week, and our cake sale next week will be going into the savings pot, which will be added to by our fantastic FMS group's contribution, to raise money to replace the screens in some of our classrooms. Last year we managed to replace two screens but we would love to be able to update these in all the classrooms and as school's budget gets tighter every year these things become more and more difficult to afford. We have to rely on the generosity of our wider school family to contribute to these events to raise money for necessary items.

What a lovely week this has been in school! Our Mother's Day lunches were great to be a part of. I really enjoyed seeing all the Mums and other family members sharing this special time with their children. Thank you for joining us and sharing this lovely occasion with us.

It was also lovely to see everyone at Parent's evening. It is so special to see parents sitting together with their child celebrating their achievements and reading their stories together.

We look forward to enjoying a really special evening together. The teachers are all prepared for the Bingo night tonight and having some laughs and fun with you all. There are some amazing prizes to win. Crates of Easter Eggs and crates of drink for the adults. If you can't join us but would like to enter the raffle tickets are on sale tonight after school.

Please buy your tickets for the Bingo night from the office after school, but if you can't get in you are welcome to turn up at school and pay on the door. £3 pays for 6 games of bingo with prizes for a line and full house. We look forward to seeing you there.

I would like to say a very big thank you this week to the volunteers in school who come in every week and do so much for us to help prepare for events like the Mother's Day lunches, Parents evenings and Bingo nights. We really value all you do for us.

In a morning most of the class teachers are on their own in class until after worship. They all start work with the children as soon as the door is opened, making the most of every minute of teaching time. If you have something you wish to share with the teachers can I please ask you pass on a message via the office or come and speak to me on the year two door and I will pass on a message rather than asking for them to come out of class. We are always happy to make appointments with parents but please understand we cannot ask teachers to come out of class during the day to take phone calls or speak to parents. Staff will happily call you back to make an appointment at a mutually convenient time.

Thank you to everyone who supported our toy and book sale organised by the school council. We raised an amazing £108.80 which will be split equally between the school ICT pot and Seeds of Grace Charity)

Don't forget next Friday we close at 2pm for the Easter break.

Don't forget to bring your Bags to school on Monday for the collection, A list of suitable items further down the newsletter.

Have a great weekend

Mrs Adams

Our stars of the week this week 22nd March are;

Nursery	Sophie
Reception	Diyan & Lexi
Year 1	George P & Erin
Year 2	Natalie & Grace
Year 3	Theo & Ruby
Year 4	Connor & Keira H
Year 5	Alex & Lewis W
Year 6	Elvi & Charlie



KS2 Merit Badge Winners

Class	Red – Ruby	Blue – Sapphire	Green - Emerald	Yellow – Amber
Y3	Dylan	Freya	Albert	Harry
Y4	Sophie	Summer	Anna	William
Y5	Millie	Veer	Alex	Angel
Y6	Elvi & Charlie	Chloe	Emily	Thomas P

End of Term Closure

School closes next Friday at 2pm for the Easter Break and re-opens on Tuesday 23rd April. Due to the early finishing time, there won't be any after school clubs running on Friday afternoon. Any bookings that may have been made, will automatically be cancelled and refunded on account.

Booking & Payment Reminders – Thank you ☺

A HUGE thank you to all our parents for their patience, co-operation understanding whilst the office has been short-handed. It is a great help when school meals (ParentPay) and before/after school (Scopay) bookings are kept up to date, particularly after a weekend or half-term break. It is extremely helpful to us if you continue to monitor your accounts and keep bookings and payments up to date. Thank you ☺

Staff Car Park

Can we please again remind parents that the staff car park should only be used by parents up to 8.30am and after 4pm. If you are using the staff car park in these times please only use the designated car parking spaces and DO NOT park along the fences at any time. If there is not a space in the designated spaces please go back onto the road and park your car there. Teaching staff need to be able to load and unload heavy bags of books and resources each day and also get out of school in an emergency and this is getting increasingly difficult.

The disabled spaces at the front of school should not be used by any parents unless there is a specific need which has been identified to school. Mr Trice has been asked to manage this for us as we are very concerned about the safety risk of parking and speeding on the school car park.

After School Club – 07988 924426


If you need to contact after school club staff we now have a mobile number that you can use. The phone will only be switched on between the hours of 3pm and 5.45pm This is for emergency use only and will be a great help to parents who may be running late at the end of the day. It is easier for staff if you send a text message and only call them if it is urgent. ***This number is not to be used for general office enquires or to make bookings***, this should be done in the usual way.

Special Lunches



After half term and leading up to the Easter break there are a few themed lunches that the children might like to join in with. These should be booked on Parentpay in the usual way. **Please be aware**

that if you have already made lunches choices for these special days, the new choice will have overridden it and you will need to re-book those days.

Thursday 4th April Easter Lunch	Roast Turkey or Quorn Fillet with all the trimmings <i>Or</i> Jacket Potato <i>Or</i> Cheese Panini Easter Nest <i>or</i> Fruit & Yoghurt	
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School Council Events

Thursday 4th April – Easter Themed Day! Bake Off & Afternoon Tea

Traditionally we have an Easter Bake off organised by the School council, with a small charge of £1 to enter. The best cake will win a prize! It will be judged by the School Council, Mr Noblet and Mr Swindells ☺

This year we thought it would be a great idea to host a tea party during the afternoon for our families and friends, where we will be selling the cakes from the Bake Off competition. There will be a charge of £1 admission during the afternoon, again all proceeds are to raise funds for our school council. We are expecting this to be well attended so any extra donations of cakes would be greatly appreciated.

May Day 2019

Letters have gone home about our May Day celebrations, we need replies in by Monday morning please, as we will have to sort the tickets out ready for when we return after the Easter break.

Bags 2 School - Monday 1st April

Bags have now been sent home. Please return your bag on the morning of 1st April by 9am. Unfortunately, we do not have space to store them so we can only accept the bags on that day. If it's not raining, please place the bags against the wall outside the office in the marked off area. If one bag is not enough, please place extra donations in black plastic bags. Many Thanks, Mrs van Zyl.

We accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- 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)

We DO NOT accept:

- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (*including bath, shower and toilet mats*)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off-cuts, yarns or threaded material

BIG Battery Hunt

Battery boxes have now been sent home. PLEASE help us with this campaign. Every year over 20 000 tonnes of batteries end up in landfill sites! Please note we can only accept the following batteries:

Please could we ask that any batteries which have two terminals be covered with a piece of sticky tape.

This year we will be entering the **BIG** battery hunt competition. This initiative helps encourage young people in schools across the UK to think about the importance of recycling, and then challenges them to collect as many used batteries as they can. The aim is for each pupil to contribute to an overall total. So as soon as they arrive, each child will receive their own recycling battery box which they can fill and bring into school. Not only will we be helping promote the importance of recycling, this is a competition and as a school we stand to win one of these wonderful prizes:

- A 2-night class trip to the sustainability centre
- A 3-year subscription to MyMaths worth £1,000
- £2000 worth of school equipment vouchers
- iPads

All battery boxes to please be returned to school by the 1 June. Happy recycling! Mrs van Zyl.

Dates for your Diary 2018 – 2019

Friday 29th March	Easter Bingo 6pm-7.30pm
Monday 1st April	Bags to School
Thursday 4th April	Easter Bake off
	Easter Lunch
	Easter Tea Party 1.30pm-2.30pm, £1 entry
Thursday 9th May	May Day Celebrations
Friday 10th May	
Week commencing 13th May	Key Stage two SATS tests
Monday 17th – Wednesday 19th June	Y6 Residential Trip to Tower Wood
Tuesday 2nd July	Sports Day
Friday 5th & Monday 8th July	Life Bus in school
Week commencing 8th July	Healthy bodies, Healthy minds week
Thursday 11th July morning	Leavers service in school for year 6
Thursday 11th July evening	Year six prom
Friday 12th July	Reports out
Thursday 18th July	End of year church service

Term Dates 2019

SPRING TERM 2019

School closes on Friday 5th April 2019 at 2.00pm

SUMMER TERM 2019

Re-open on Tuesday 23rd April 2019

May Day Closure Monday 6th May 2019

School closes on Friday 24th May 2019 at 3.15pm

Mid Term Closure Monday 27th May – Tuesday 4th June 2019

School reopens on Wednesday 5th June 2019

School closes on Friday 19th July 2019 at 2.00pm