



# Middleforth Church of England Primary School

*Our Christian Value this half term is Respect*



## Friday 16th October 2020

We have had another busy week in school and lots of great things going on. This morning I loved having a visit to my window from the Year 2 class who gave me a great performance of their class story with actions in a Covid friendly way. Lottie has had a great week in school this week and has loved meeting all of the children. Sorry this week there is lots of information to add to our newsletter.

### **House points - Ruby are the winners!**

House points have been added up since September and Ruby are this term's winners! Well done to the children and staff in Ruby House. As a reward they can wear their own clothes next Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

### **Fund raising**

This year we are not able to do our usual fundraising activities such as cake sales and Christmas Fairs which help us fund valuable projects in school. So, our staff have all agreed that we will work together on one fundraiser for this term and the money raised will contribute to some improvements to our outdoor areas. We desperately need to resurface our reception area and put in some new playground equipment in there. We would like to extend and develop outdoor areas for Year one and Year two, who have really enjoyed having their own area recently, but we now realise would benefit from a larger area. In key stage two our trim trail is constantly in need of repair and needs replacing and some new items purchasing. These are all very expensive projects and will be our focus for the next few years for improving the school. School are putting in the first £10,000 from allocated funds for building in school, but the projects we would like to do will cost significantly more than that.

### **Bike Challenge**

During the first week back from half-term, which is week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> November, our staff are going to take part in a combined challenge to cycle from Preston to Paris. (Sadly, this will be on a static bike in school rather than a real trip!). Each staff member will take a turn on the bike, kindly loaned to us by Penwortham Leisure Centre (Circo), from Preston to Paris which is a whopping 522 miles!

Each member of staff will take turns to complete the challenge (with Covid guidelines being adhered to at all times). We will be updating the children on our virtual journey as we travel through the UK and over to France, which should create a lot of fun in the school for all. As we take on this challenge, we would be very grateful for any donations to help us raise funds and we have set up a Crowdfunding page for you to donate on:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/middleforthcofeprimaryschool>

### **Poppies**

We now have a range of poppy related items in school. Each class has their own box of items which they can purchase from Monday. Poppies are for a donation. We also have zip pulls 50p, wrist bands £1, reflectors 50p, snap bands £1.50.

## Reception Class Photograph

The Lancashire Evening Post have been in today to take a picture of our new Reception class which will be in the paper on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

## Nasal Flu Immunisations

Nasal Flu immunisations will be taking place at school on 30<sup>th</sup> November for Reception children through to Year 6. Parents should have received an email this week with the link to book your child on, however you can also do this through the link below. The link will close on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at midnight. If your child has already had the Nasal Flu vaccine since September 2020, please disregard this. If you have any problems accessing the link please telephone 0333 358 3397, option 6.

<https://www.nhsimms.uk/FLU/information?Id=119382&Type=FLU>

## Tempest

Tempest are coming in for individual and family photographs on 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Sadly, because of Covid restrictions this year, only children attending school will be able to have their photographs taken, and only children who are siblings will be in the family photographs.

Children who have PE that day should wear polo shirts and jumpers but with their PE trousers, as these will not be visible in the photograph.

## PE Kit

This half term we have trialled children coming into school in their PE kits and this has been really successful. Children get to have much longer PE lessons and we are spending much less time finding different items of clothing after the lesson. We have, therefore, decided to carry this on for the foreseeable future. In order to keep a sense of uniform we are now formally extending our school uniform for PE to include black tracksuit bottoms or leggings and suitable trainers. We do not expect anyone to buy new items, but for future purchases can you please buy black.

## Foodbank help

We would like to restart our foodbank support to help the local foodbank and also anyone we come across through school who may need support during this very difficult time. We will have a box by the infant gate and on the key stage 2 playground at the end of each day. If you feel you are able to contribute anything please place your item into the box and once it has been in school for 72 hours we will distribute to the foodbanks or where appropriate. If you feel you would appreciate any support yourself in this way please can you contact Ms Collins in school and she will discuss any support she can offer.

## School Meal Bookings – ParentPay

Hot meals will be available from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Menus have been now been published online right up until week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> November and you can make your advance bookings via ParentPay.

**Please be aware that we have had to use pre-booked meals to determine order numbers for next week. We only have orders in for half of the children who will be having hot meals. These children will be served their choices first and children without orders but requiring a school meal, may not receive the meal of their choice.**

## Wraparound Care

Thank you all for adhering to the rules of booking a week in advance, this has been incredibly helpful and made such a difference in planning our staffing numbers. Please can you continue do this as we make our plans every Friday afternoon for the week following. Breakfast and After School clubs are booked online via ScoPay. It is best to avoid using the app and going directly to the webpage.

## **Attendance/Absences**

Please can we remind you of the importance in contacting school if your child is going to be absent on a school day. **If your child is going to be absent due to illness, you must contact the office before 9.00am.** If you are reporting outside of school hours or the phonenumber is busy, you can email, text or leave a message on the answerphone. If we have not heard from or been able to make contact with a parent/carer at the time of registration, we are obliged by LCC to report that child as missing.

If your child is going to be absent from school for a medical appointment, please advise the office of the date and time. Ideally, making appointments outside of school hours would be advisable, however, where this is unavoidable we need advance notification.

If you are taking your child out of school for any other reason, such as a holiday or celebration etc, you must complete a LCC leave of absence form which are available from the school office.

## **Parking**

May we remind parents that parking on double yellow lines is not permitted and may endanger a child's life. We appreciate that school can be extremely busy during drop off and pick up times, but please be considerate of other parents and our children in order to keep everyone safe.

## **Secondary School Applications 2021**

Parents of Year 6 pupils must apply for their secondary school choices by **31<sup>st</sup> October 2020**. The link to apply via the Lancashire County Council online application form can be accessed on our website under 'Admissions'.

## **Reception Admissions 2021**

Online applications for reception class 2021 need to be made by **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021**. Please visit our website for links to the Lancashire County Council application form and further information.

Thank you again for your cooperation with following the current school arrangements due to Coronavirus. Have a great weekend and see you all on Monday.

*Mrs Adams*

## **Term Dates**

### **AUTUMN TERM 2020**

Re-open on	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2020
School closes on	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2020 at 3.15pm
Mid Term Closure	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2020
Re-open on	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2020
School closes on	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 2.00pm

### **SPRING TERM 2021**

Re-open on	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
School closes on	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 3.15pm
Mid Term Closure	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 19 February 2021
Re-open on	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2021
School closes on	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 2.00pm

**SUMMER TERM 2021**

Re-open on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
May Day Closure Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021  
School closes on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 3.15pm  
Mid Term Closure Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021  
School re-opens on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021  
School closes on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 2.00pm

**AUTUMN TERM 2021**

Re-open on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021  
School closes on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021 at 3.15pm  
Mid Term Closure Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021  
Re-open on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021  
School closes on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 2.00pm

**SPRING TERM 2022**

Re-open on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
School closes on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 3.15pm  
Mid Term Closure Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022  
Re-open on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022  
School closes on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 at 2.00pm

**SUMMER TERM 2022**

Re-open on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
May Day Closure Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022  
School closes on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 3.15pm  
Mid Term Closure Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022  
School re-opens on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022  
School closes on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022 at 2.00pm