



Middleton Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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This week:

A BIG welcome back! We hope you had a great Summer and are ready for the new academic year! Please check out our new school website www.middletonprimary.net, this is fantastic and very easy to use and help you find out all the latest news and events which are happening in school! We also have a Facebook site which will be updated frequently with information for parents/carers.

For the whole of this week and next week, it will be Safety Week in school.

Year 6 will all be at Buckden in Kettlewell next week on their week-long residential and will be taking part in a variety of outdoor activities! This is for ALL Year 6 children and we only charge £50 (full cost £250) – so if your child hasn't signed up –there is time to do that this week via your child's parent pay account.

MPS Summer School 2019!

We held a 2-week Summer School over the holidays and this was attended by 60+ pupils. They took part in physical activities and healthy eating. This was free to any child that wanted to attend and all children were provided with a healthy lunch (which they all helped to prepare!) Thank you to the staff who ran this – Miss Hales, Miss Sowden, Miss Caley, Miss Brookes and Mrs Lynn – we hope you enjoyed it!

Safety Week!

This week and next week, is Safety Week in school. Each year group has a key focus around how to stay safe:

Reception – House Safety; Year 1 – Road Safety/Stranger Danger; Year 2 – People Who Keep Us Safe; Year 3 – Road Safety; Year 4 – Water Safety; Year 5 – Stranger Danger; Year 6 – E-Safety

We also have an external agency that comes into school and works with our children also. These are called D-Side and they cover the following topics with each year group – they come in every year – so as your child moves through school, they will cover all of these topics.

Reception – Different feelings and emotions/Taking care of our body/Medicine chat

Year 1 – How our body works/Healthy lunchboxes/Medicine chat/Exercise and rest

Year 2 – How we are different to our friends/How our body works/Being special

Year 3 – Smoking and the effects on our body/What is a cigarette/Passive smoking/Why people smoke

Year 4 – Alcohol and effects on the body/Alcoholic drinks/Why people do or don't drink/Role play

Year 5 – Solvents/Volatile substances and effects on the body/Risk Taking/Safe and unsafe household products/Keeping safe

Year 6 – Cannabis and effects on the body/Drug discussion/Drug Goggles

We always talk to our children about keeping themselves safe, but our themed weeks means there is a real focus. The children will share what they have learnt in assemblies for parents/carers next Friday.

PLEASE READ - DATES TO REMEMBER - EVENTS CALENDAR – AUTUMN 1 (updated weekly):

Key Events for Autumn Term 1:

2nd September: Safety Week (runs into next week)

9th September: Buckden House Residential for all Year 6 children

Reception children intake - Each child will have their own start date which was issued at your home visits, please note that all children will finish each day at 1.30pm for the next two weeks.

13th September: Safety Assembly for parents/carers - KS1 – 9.10am & KS2 – 10.00am

14/15th September: Richard O'Neill in – Dialect Days with an Oracy and Writing Focus

16th September: SCHOOL CLOSED TODAY FOR ALL PUPILS – TRAINING DAY

September: Jeans for Genes Fund Raising Day – Wear jeans for a £1 donation - date TBC

September: McMillan Coffee Morning for staff to raise funds for this charity – date TBC

September: National Fitness Day – date TBC

30th September: Black History Week – parents/carers invited in to Assemblies

October: Wear It Wild, Harvest Festival and Halloween Disco – date TBC

25th October: 100% Attendance and Punctuality Assembly.

25th October: School closes for half term at 3pm today and will re-open on Monday 4th November

SCHOOL WILL CLOSE ON FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2019 AT 1PM – we are advising you now of early closures so arrangements can be made for your child to be collected on time. Thank you.

Training Days – the following Training Days have been agreed

Mon/Tues, 2nd/3rd September; Mon 16th September; Friday 6th December; Friday 26th June; Monday 20th July

A copy of 2019/20 Calendar is available on our website and can be collected from our School Office.

HEALTHY SCHOOLS VALIDATION

As you know, we had our Healthy Schools Validation on 10th July. This was a full day moderation – where Mr Body interviewed staff, parents, pupils and governors to see if what we said about ourselves was true! We had a successful day and received validation – Mrs Stockdale Megan Mead and Lewis Garland went to the Award Ceremony to receive our award. This is not awarded to many schools, so we are really proud of this! It recognizes all the work we do around Healthy Eating, Physical Activity, Social, Emotional and Mental Health and Physical, Social and Health Education – thank you all for your contribution to this day!

UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If your child has just moved from Year 2 into Year 3: Please note they will no longer automatically have a Free School Meal. All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive a Free School Meal, regardless of your income status. These are **Universal Free School Meals!!**

If you think your child is entitled to a FSM in any other year group, you will have to apply or should have proof of this, which the school office will need to see. If you are unsure then please seek advice at the St Georges Centre, (near the Asda in Middleton). School meals will need to be paid for on Parent Pay weekly, if you do not wish for your child to have a paid school lunch please ensure you provide them with a packed lunch each day.

Many thanks



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Domestic Abuse – Affects your children too!

They can grow up more likely to - suffer health problems - struggle at school - be involved in crime - use drugs - have abusive relationships

It's never too late to change

Call the 24 Hour National Domestic Abuse Helpline

0808 2000 247

Our school uniform and PE kit is compulsory, we value your support in ensuring your child is wearing the correct uniform for school - Thank you.

Navy Blue School Logo Jumper or Logo Cardigan

White or Red Polo Shirts (can be with or without School Logo)

Black School Trousers, Skirts and Pinafore Dresses

Red or Blue Summer Dresses and Black Shorts (summer months only please)

Black Shoes/Black Trainers

No Jogging Pants or Hoodies!!

(Unless Joggers are for P.E only and hoodies are being worn as a hooded coat and taken off when they come into school)

Logo Jumpers/Cardigans and Red & White Logo Polo shirts are available to order via Parent Pay and collect in our school office.

School Shields can be purchased for 50p from our school office for those who wish to sew these onto plain Navy Blue Cardigans or Jumpers!!!



PE Kit

Black shorts/jogging bottoms, plain white t-shirt and trainers, which suit both indoor and outdoor activities.



Uniform items available from school can only be purchased via parent pay

Our Weekly Jigsaw Themes, Autumn 1:

Our Jigsaw Theme for the whole half term is 'Being Me in My World'. Our weekly focus is as follows:

Week 1: I can be part of the Middleton Team

Week 2: Help others to feel welcome

Week 3: Try to make our school community a better place

Week 4: Think about everyone's right to learn

Week 5: Care about other people's feelings

Week 6: Work well with others

Week 7: Choose to follow the Learning Charter

The Jigsaw focus is shared in a weekly assembly and then children take part in a Jigsaw lesson in class.

Attendance & Punctuality

We had a great number of children achieve 100% Attendance and Punctuality last year. What an achievement! These children went to Lightwater Valley! This is not an easy target to achieve so, a big 'well done' to all of those children who achieved this!

All children who achieved our target of 96.5% this year – what an achievement! These children went to our Green BBQ! Well done!

After School Clubs

Please note that there will be no after school clubs for the next few weeks, when these start, letters will be sent out with reply slips, can we please ask you ensure your child brings home a acceptance slip for any clubs this will inform you they have a place.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

REMEMBER – IN THE LINE AT FIVE TO NINE, START YOUR LEARNING BANG ON TIME!

This is a new year and, therefore, a new challenge – can you be 100% on time and in school all year? Can you meet our target of 96.5%? The challenge is on!

Please can we urge you ensure children do arrive to school on time and are also collected on time, any lateness either am or pm really does affect the start and finish of the child's school day.

The late collection charge will still apply for any children not collected on time.

We do value your support in this matter. Thank you.

GOOD LUCK AND THANK YOU!

We said 'Goodbye' to the following people at the end of the Summer Term:

Mr Burmo – who has worked with us for several years!

Mr Edwards – he was with us for 2 terms to cover Year 5

Miss Hartley – she has worked with us for a number of years as 1:1 support and is now training to be a teacher!

Mr Green – our Asst Site Supervisor was with us for 8 years!

Mrs Clayton – who worked with us for over 30 years!

We have 2 new members of staff who have joined us this year:

Miss Morton – working in class 4, Year 1

Mr Russell – working in class 12, Year 5 – welcome to both of you!

We take safety very seriously at our school

If you have any concerns or observations regarding Health and Safety please contact:

Ms Williams, Mr Szefer or Mrs Bullock

If you have any concerns or questions regarding Child Protection issues, please contact:

Ms Williams, Miss Reilly, Mrs Bradley, Mrs Kennedy, Mrs Lamptey and Mrs Tiffany