

Middleton St Mary's Newsletter 2



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School Uniform

We are so pleased with all children who have turned up to school this term wearing the correct school uniform, they look so smart... children are really taking pride in their appearance 😊. Some children have purchased the new school tree logo'd jumpers and cardigans and look very smart! 😊 This uniform is not compulsory for 2019-20 but should be worn from September 2020. Uniform is available via eduspot. Please order and pay online.



Prior to breaking up, we asked that children come to school wearing black/navy school shoes as in other schools (plain black/navy shoe-like trainers allowed). The uniform policy is available on the school website. On PE days, children must come to school wearing their school shoes, not their PE trainers. They will be asked to change into a pair of spare school pumps if they do.

Attendance

Attendance at school is extremely important. Children must attend school every day and on time. I cannot authorise holidays in term time however you must inform us by completing a form from the office. Our whole school attendance target from the South Leeds Cluster is 97%. We achieved 96.4%, this is the highest it has been in the last 5 years. **Attendance trophies are awarded weekly to the class for the best attendance that week. Certificates are presented for 100% attendance each half term to individual pupils.**

If your child is ill, you **MUST** contact the school office before 9.20am on the first day of absence giving a reason for the absence on 0113 2717206 or text messages only to 07926389946.

If we do not hear from you, Mrs Southern, Attendance Officer or Mrs Murray, Office Attendance will contact you and then make a home visit. If your child is absent for a long period, please keep us informed. We can also arrange for some work/reading books to be sent home if your child is well enough.

Inhalers and medicines

If your child has asthma/seasonal asthma (with the recent change of weather), please ensure that we have your child's inhaler in school. Inhalers must be in the original box with the original pharmacy label on the front displaying your child's name. For any new inhalers, parents must complete a form. Please speak to Mrs Southern, Learning Mentor for further information or view our managing medicines in school policy on the school website.

If your child needs medication due to recent illness, we can administer medicines that are prescribed 4 times per day (not three, as this can be administered at home). All medicines must be taken to the school office and in original packaging and a form must be completed, they cannot and must not be handed to classroom staff and given to children to hand in.

Mrs N Wood, Headteacher

Reminder:

Photographs - Wednesday 23rd October 2019

Diary Dates

FOOD DONATIONS TO BE SENT IN BEFORE WEDNESDAY PLEASE

Thursday 10th October – Y4 ROMAN DAY/WORKSHOP – Children are invited to dress up

Musical Performance in Hall - Skylar's Missing Note Y1 and Y2

Tuesday 15th October - Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 – Parents' Appointments 2pm – 6.30pm in the School Hall.

Wednesday 16th October - Rec, Y1, Y2- Parents' Appointments 2pm – 6.30pm in the School Hall.

Thursday 17th October –RE day Respect -Hand to Mouth

Tuesday 22nd October - Girls football match V Woodlesford (Home game)

Wednesday 23rd October 2019 – School Individual Photographs

Friday 25th October – School Closes – Half term

Monday 4th November – SCHOOL CLOSED – TEACHER TRAINING DAY



This week Harry in Year 3 Poplar won the Key Stage 2 TT Rockstars Battle in Family Worship. Well done! 😊



In June 2020, Y4 children all over England will have to sit an online multiplication check online. The national curriculum specifies that pupils should be taught to recall the multiplication tables up to and including 12×12 by the end of Year 4. TT Rockstars will help to prepare your child for this.

Every child in Key Stage 2 has a log-in to TT Rockstars, this is glued in their reading diary along with their Accelerated Reader log-in. Remember to keep visiting TT Rockstars to improve your child's times tables skills! The KS2 children with the fastest time in their class will be chosen to represent their class in the head-to-head challenge in Friday worship!

We know that this is not for everyone and it does take a lot of confidence to stand up in the hall. Children not wanting to stand up do not have to compete. We also want to improve our average time as a school as we are currently in 21st place on the local TT Rockstars leadership board.

Y3 Visit Tropical World

Year 3's topic this term is What a wild world so the staff planned an exciting visit to Leeds Tropical World to enhance their learning experience. Whilst there, the children explored the different habitats in the desert, rainforest canopy, rainforest floor, aquarium, nocturnal area and the butterfly house. The children were very enthusiastic when they saw Nemo and Dory! A particular favourite of the class were the cute meerkats posing!

In the woods, children had a habitat workshop. The workshop started with a leaf hunt and then children investigated how old and how tall trees were using tape measures and metre sticks. The children then went on a mini-beast hunt where they collected worms, spiders, beetles, centipedes and other creatures in a magnifying glass to carefully observe them. The children absolutely loved getting stuck in and did much better at collecting the creatures than the adults did!

The Year 3 team felt very proud of their classes because they were all extremely sensible and showed the school value of **RESPECT** at Leeds Tropical World. Well done!



Miss Reynolds, Mrs Ferraby and Mr Hemming

Y2 Visit Skipton Castle

Year 2's topic this term is 'Towers and Turrets' and the children were lucky enough to visit Skipton Castle to enhance their learning. Whilst at the castle, children were given guided tours of the castle by two brilliant guides. A particular favourite part of the tour was down in the deep dark dungeons. We had lots of brave children when the lights went out! The children learnt lots of new and exciting things about castles which will really support them with their writing. The Year 2 team were extremely proud of both classes because they all showed the school values of **respect** and **responsibility** and were very safe and sensible throughout the visit. We can't wait for the next trip! Well done Year 2!

Miss Verity, Miss Walker and Mrs Marston

