

Middleton St Mary's Newsletter 4



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Thank you 😊

We would like to thank you all for supporting all of the fundraising events that we have had in school recently. Shine day, selling Poppies, the Bake Off and the Children in Need Fundraiser. We have raised £742.02 for Children in Need, £230.00 for the Bake Off, this money will support the school's cooking curriculum.

Our next big fundraiser is our School Fayre on **Wednesday 4th December**, we hope that you can support us by sending in donations.



School Christmas Fayre

We will be holding our school Christmas Fayre on **Wednesday 4th December after school** 3.30pm – 5pm. We hope that you can all come! We will soon be sending out raffle tickets to sell for our grand hamper!



On Friday 29th November, we will be holding a non - uniform day for the school Fayre and asking that every child brings a full bottle of something for our bottle tombola (bottle of pop, beer, wine, whisky, bubble bath etc.)

If you own a business or work for a company who donates prizes for fundraising events, we would love to hear from you, please call in at the school office.

We need your help! If you can send in any donations of unwanted gifts for our tombola, that would be great. We need:

- Unused toiletries for tombola and 'secret room' (bubble bath, soaps, gift sets, after shave, perfume)
- Unwanted gift sets
- Clean washed teddy bears and soft toys (teddy tombola)
- Boxes of mince pies or biscuits
- Cakes/buns (on the day)
- Christmas wrapping paper
- Chocolate for our chocolate game
- Bottles – wine, beer, spirits

If you own your own business and would like a 'table' at our Christmas Fayre, please contact the school office (tables £5 plus a gift donation for the raffle).

Diary Dates

Monday 18th November – Y6 Bikeability to start

Thursday 21st November – Y3 Drama Workshop

Sunday 24th November - St Cecilia's Day - tribute concert for Alan Makinson with Choir – **SOLD OUT**

Monday 25th November – Y6 London Visit – Parents' Meeting in the Hall 3.30pm start

Thursday 28th November – U11 Boys Football Match @ Clapgate after school

Flu Vaccination day – Reception to Y6

Friday 29th November – National Child Measurement Programme Day (Reception and Y6 only)

Non-Uniform Day – Bring a bottle for the School Christmas Fayre.

Monday 2nd December – Middleton Lights Switch on – Choir to attend 3.30pm – Parents to collect from Middleton Circus

Wednesday 4th December – School Christmas Fayre – 3.30pm-5pm.

Monday 9th December – Reception Nativity – school hall @ 2pm - Y1 Y3 Y5 & Beech class

Tuesday 10th @ 2pm - Y2 Y4 Y6 Cherry

Friday 13th @ 9.30am - Y6 Ash, Nursery & Chestnut

Wednesday 11th December – Christmas Pantomime

Thursday 12th December - Christingle in Church

1.15PM KS2 - Y3 Lead

2.15pm KS1 – Y2 Lead

Nursery Parents

It is now time to request your child's reception class place for September 2020.

If your child was born between **1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016** you have until the January 2020 to complete your application using the online system and you will be informed of their school offer via email on national offer day in April 2020. www.leeds.gov.uk/primaryschool.

Please remember to:

- use all 5 preferences, using only 1 or 2 preferences decreases the chances of being offered a place at a preferred school;
- any supplementary information needs to be provided by the closing date (this applies if a child is previously looked after, is seeking admission under exceptional needs or if a family wish to apply for their child to be admitted out of chronological age group)
- use the child's actual address. Using that of a friend, relatives, childminder or renting a property to gain a school place are all considered fraud and places can be withdrawn.

Mrs D Southern, Learning Mentor for Attendance will be in our Nursery Office Tuesday – Friday this week if you would like her to assist you with an online application.



Born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016? Primary school places, it's time to apply!

If your child is due to start primary school in September 2020 you should **apply** for a place from 1 November 2019.

The deadline for applying is 15 January 2020.

Even if your child is attending a school nursery or other early years provision or you have children at school already you must still apply for a place.

You need to make your application online at www.leeds.gov.uk If you need any more information please contact the admissions team on **0113 222 4414**.

We are child friendly Leeds



Nativity Play

Our Reception children will perform the school Nativity at Christmas.

The rest of the school will sing.

Performance dates are:

Monday 9th December - 2pm: Y1, Y3, Y5 and Beech Class parents/carers invited

Tuesday 10th December – 2pm: Y2, Y4, Y6 Cherry parents/carers invited

Friday 13th December – 9.30am: Y6 Ash, Nursery and Chestnut parents/carers invited



Reminder

Breakfast Club and School Dinner Payments must be paid for in advance.

We pay for our dinners to Leeds City Council and so we may need to ask you to move your child onto sandwiches for any failures of payments until the debt is cleared.

Lunch boxes



The above chocolate bars and sweets have been found in children's lunch boxes last week. These are not allowed for consumption in school as part of a child's snack or lunch during the school day. They do not follow school policy as they contain too much sugar. Any child with these at school will be asked to take them home and not be allowed to eat them. Children will be given a piece of fruit to eat instead. As a school we have a duty of care to our children.

September 2016, Universal Free School meals were introduced to all Key Stage one children. This is a FREE school dinner for every child aged 4-7 in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. This has saved a lot of time and money for so many families but lots of children do not take up this offer which could save families over **£500 per year**, we urge our families to take up this wonderful offer! Most children seem to enjoy the variety that a school meal offers, but unfortunately a school meal doesn't work for every child. Our school meals are cooked on site by Leeds City Council and follow the School Food Standards - Section 114A School Standards and Framework Act 1998 requires that food and drink provided to pupils at schools in England complies with certain nutritional standards. Please see our Food Policy on our school website.

Schools are allowed to set their own policies regarding the types of food consumed on their premises during the school day and, provided that the policies implemented by the schools do not breach the school's obligations under the Equality Act 2010 or any other relevant legislation, schools are free to determine what their pupils bring to school to eat during the day and, if their policies allow, to confiscate or challenge the inclusion of prohibited items within packed lunches.

Read more at <https://change4life.service.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>