

# Middleton St Mary's CE (VC) Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We know that boredom is now kicking in for some families as we enter into week 6 of the school closure. We wish this could be different. Please try to stay positive.

Thank you for continuing to work through the homework activities. Today, we have put out our new weekly home learning packs in the main entrance for families to collect between 9am and 4pm daily.

Mrs Marston, our Assistant Head has worked hard over the last week to update our school website and has added a 'home learning' page on the **Year Group Pages tab**. This page has links to websites. Please take a look and click on the links. Our Year Group learning pages now have the non-negotiables for writing added also. Each time your child writes, please ask them to check for these! ☺ In school, we use a purple pen to edit our work.

Staff have also written and posted their Knowledge Organisers for this half term. Knowledge Organisers contain the key vocabulary and learning linked to the national curriculum for their history/geography and science topics. Remember to look back at Autumn 1, Autumn 2, Spring 1 and Spring 2 Knowledge Organisers to try to remember/revisit their learning, and if they have forgotten, to research the topic as they will need this knowledge to make links with future learning.

We have a number of nursery places available for September. If your child turns three between now and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 email [enquiries@msmleeds.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@msmleeds.co.uk). Working parents may be eligible for 30 hours free childcare if each parent earns £120 per week. Drop us an enquiry.

Sadly, we are still having a few issues with the government voucher scheme and I have now been in touch with families who have not accessed the vouchers. We will continue to receive food packs in school this Wednesday, please come and collect one between 10.30am and 12. Sandwiches will stop this Friday, with Friday being the last day to collect as almost all families now have the vouchers. If your circumstances have changed and you believe that your child is now eligible for Free School Meals please collect a form from the red folder in the main entrance, complete and push under the office hatch. To be eligible for free school meals, the maximum annual household earnings threshold is £7,400 after tax. This equates to £616 per month. If you need any support, please **text** the school on the school teachers2parents text line: **07786208446**.

Last week our teachers started making phone calls to homes to check in with the children in their class. This will continue to happen up to May half term when staff are in school. If you miss the call, do not return it as you will get the School Business Manager who is working at home. If your child is in school, you will not get a call. Please remember that the school phone number will only be picked up Monday – Friday between 9 and 3pm. Please direct your voucher queries to the texting service only, NOT the phoneline.

Thinking of you all in our prayers. Take care and stay safe.

*Naomi Wood*

Mrs N Wood, Headteacher.

