

Middleton St Mary's Newsletter 2



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Monday 12th October 2020

Reception Beech	94.0
Reception Chestnut	97.5
1 Hazel	100.0
1 Sycamore	100.0
2 Oak	99.1
2 Willow	97.9
3 Poplar	99.6
3 Maple	98.3
4 Elm	98.2
4 Rowan	97.2
5 Spruce	86.8
5 Elder	92.4
5 Birch	100.0
6 Cherry	94.9
6 Ash	100.0
6 Holly	96.1
Totals	97.2

Attendance

Thank you to everyone for supporting your children for a safe return to school. Our attendance figures are around 96 - 97% each day which is fantastic to see. We really appreciate your patience at drop off and pick up times, and the care you are taking about parking on the nearby roads due to the closure of Moor Flatts Road during peak times. We do recommend adults wear masks at the school gates and keep themselves at the 2m distance from anyone else.

Year 5 and Year 6 staff have requested that children arrive as close to 8.20am as possible as children are missing vital maths work when they arrive at 8.40am which will mean they will struggle to catch up.

The procedures for illness are still the same. Please telephone the school before 9am and leave a message stating your child's name, class and why they are not at school (do not simply state ill, we need to know the illness). Not reporting absence will trigger a safeguarding visit by Mrs Southern, our Attendance Officer and Mrs Murray our Office Assistant to check that your child is safe.

Dogs

It is lovely to see that so many families are walking to school, with their dogs. However, not all parents and children are confident around dogs and we would ask that you respect this by keeping your dog on a short lead, under control, while you are in the queue for drop off and pick up times at any of our gates and whilst on Moor Flatts Road. Thank you.

Harvest 2020

This week we would have usually been celebrating Harvest in Church. Sadly, due to Covid-19 restrictions we cannot. In school, we will be giving thanks for the food we have. We would like to support our local community again this year and so are asking for food donations of tinned food, soap, dried food, cereals, longlife milk etc. which we can donate to Middleton Food Bank linked to St Mary's Church. We will have a box in the main entrance of school where your child can donate their items. Please check the dates. We would like to hand over the collection in one week (Tuesday 20th October).

School Photographs

We have had to move our school photographs from the Autumn term to the Spring term due to space in school. We do not have the space to take photographs for the whole school safely. We hope that individual and sibling photographs will now take place on Wednesday 24 February 2021.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We are currently looking for a new Parent Governor and would be delighted to hear from interested parents. If you are interested in this exciting voluntary role, please telephone the school and ask to speak to Mrs N Wood who can tell you more about the role.

Flu Vaccinations

The nursing team will be in school on **Monday 7th December** carrying out nasal flu sprays (vaccinations) for KS1 & KS2 **Consent will be required via a form from the nursing team. Children will not be given this without signed consent.**

Mrs N Wood, Headteacher.

Educational Visits

The Leeds Health and Safety Team have supported us with updating the Risk Assessments needed for Educational Visits over the summer (linked to Covid), including our minibus Risk Assessments. All staff have also had to carry out a pre-visit to their place. Thank you to our staff who have therefore enabled MSM to continue our fantastic educational experiences this term which have included: Y2 to Skipton Castle, Reception to Aldi and this week to Swillington Farm, Y1, a local walk in Middleton and Y4 have had a Roman Visitor in school. Year 6 have started their Bikeability training today, this will continue all week and next term, Y4 will have Road Safety Training. Y5 will experience the Space Wonderdome Planetarium later this half term and Y4 will speak to a Jewish visitor.

Please note, local visits (within 12 miles) permission is included within our data sheet permissions as children are either walking or are on school minibus. Other visits will need parental consent, this will now be via the texting service or on eduspot if paying for a visit.

Y2 Visit Skipton Castle

Year 2 had a brilliant time at Skipton Castle. The children were safe and respectful when walking around the castle and made the adults extremely proud. We really enjoyed seeing the different parts of the castle, testing out the arrow loops and drawing our favourite parts of the castle. It was a little dark and scary down in the dungeons where the enemies were kept. We have written some amazing information texts with all of our ideas from the visit. 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 look forward to our next visit. Miss L Verity, Mrs E Binks and the Y2 team.



Y4 Roman Day

Year 4 had a fantastic day, travelling back in time to be Romans and receiving a visit from the Centurion Agrippa! We practised battle formations as the Romans fought the fierce Celts, people who lived in Britain when the Romans invaded. We discovered how strict discipline and training made the Roman army the greatest in the world. Digging real Roman objects out of soil helped us to understand what archaeologists do, and how we can build up a picture of life in the past from all those ancient bits and pieces. We also learned how, despite their ruthless conquest, the Romans brought many great innovations to Britain, which improved the lives of people who lived here. We thanked Leigh for providing a truly memorable day, and we look forward to using everything we learned to enrich our History lessons. All children demonstrated the school values of **reSpect** and **learning** on this day.

Mr Hall, Mr Dove and the Y4 team.



Y3 Dress up as a rainforest animal day

On Friday 6th November. Y3 are being invited into school dressed up as an animal. Their topic this term is all about the Rainforest. It would be great to see some Orangutans, Tapirs, Spider Monkeys, Sloths, Hippopotamus or butterflies (they may just create a mask or paint their face for the day).

London

Sadly, overnight visits are not permitted due to Covid so we have had to cancel the Year 6 three-day residential to London in January. Instead, the Y6 team are planning some day visits linked to their curriculum.

