

# Middleton St Mary's Newsletter 7



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Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021

## Bubble collapse...

On Sunday night, sadly we had to close the Reception bubble due to being informed about a positive case late afternoon. We spoke to the DfE before texting Reception parents to gain up to date guidance. They advised that **all** children who were in the setting would have to isolate. We have had an update today and have been informed that children can return to school on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March, isolating up until Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Most of the staff have not had to isolate due to either not being in work on Friday or not within 2m contact with the positive case. We are disappointed too, we want all children in school. However, we are now pleased that we will see them before Easter. As our Reception children will not be in school this Wednesday, we will celebrate World Book Day with them on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April. The rest of the school will celebrate this Wednesday.

Please note that Lateral Flow Tests cannot be used to take a child out of isolation. Once directed to isolate, you must isolate for 10 days following the positive case. **Remember, if anyone in your house has symptoms, your whole household must isolate for 10 days and notify school. The person with symptoms should take a test. Please notify school. If the result comes back positive or negative.**

## School closes for Easter

School will close on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> at 3.10pm for Easter. School will be closed on the Friday – Good Friday. School will re-open on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April. School will continue to operate its phased opening times.

## Free School Meal vouchers over Easter

On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March, parents whose children are in receipt of Free School Meals will be able to collect an Aldi Voucher or Asda Voucher (limited numbers) for each child eligible to the value of £30 to cover dinners over the Easter period. Parents who are eligible will receive a text on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March to collect the following week.

## It's a girl!

We are delighted to inform you that Miss C Wood, Y6 Ash Class Teacher and Assistant Head gave birth to a baby girl – Emilia Florence on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March. The arrival of Emilia came as quite a shock to mummy and daddy and the school as she was born 10 weeks early. Mummy and baby are doing fine. We cannot wait to meet her! We hope that you will join us in sending the family both happiness and prayers. We would like to thank Mr Leamey for holding the fort last week...we are currently looking for a supply teacher to continue teaching Ash class for the rest of the year.



## Arbor

Over the last term we have been transferring to a new administration system for registering children, data, emails, texting, school money and trips (when they can restart). This is fully GDPR compliant. Please bear with us, there are a number of issues. It has been a mammoth task for Mrs Leeming, our School Business Manager and the office team and will make things much simpler moving forward. The last thing to change was the money – dinner money, breakfast club etc. This was transferred on Friday. If you are struggling to download the Arbor app, please phone the school office after 9.30am and they will try to assist you.

## Parent Governor Vacancy

We are recruiting for the role of parent governor. If you are interested in this exciting voluntary role, please read the attached information sheet and telephone the school and ask to speak to Mrs N Wood who can tell you more about this role.

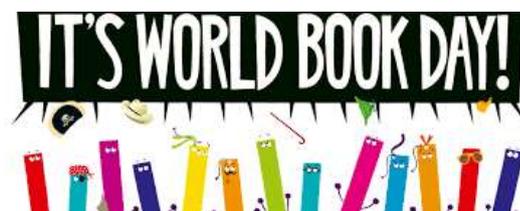
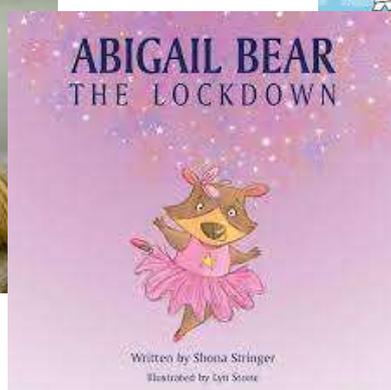
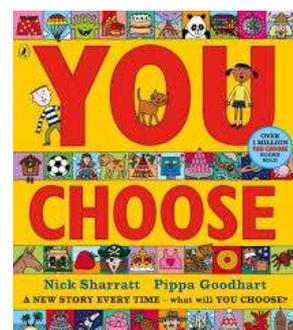
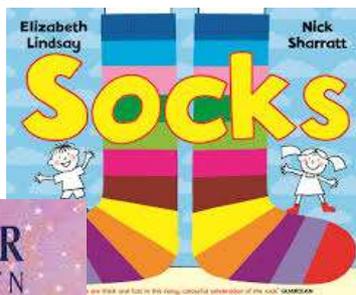
**Stay safe. Mrs N Wood, Headteacher.**

## World Book Day - Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021

On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March, we informed our parents and carers via email that we were postponing our World Book Day events from the 4<sup>th</sup> March to this Wednesday. This will be a **Dress Up Day on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March**. We'd love to see as many children as possible dressing up as their favourite book characters.

Throughout the day we will Google Meet with author and illustrator Nick Sharratt and local author Shona Stringer (an ex-pupil at Middleton St Mary's) with her book Abigail Bear

The Lockdown. We are very excited!



In school, some of the MSM staff will be taking part in **The Masked Reader**, reading stories to our children from behind a mask. Children will watch the stories in school and will have the chance to guess who our masked readers are!

As we did last year, we will also be having a **Dress a Potato Competition**. Please encourage your child to be as creative as possible in decorating a potato to look like a character from a book. They may wish to paint, glue or draw on their potato. We had some absolutely amazing entries last year and we look forward to seeing all your amazing potato characters this year. These should be sent into school by Wednesday so that our Head Girl, Boy and Deputies can select the winners!

Please try to listen to your child read everyday (and write in their reading diaries). Reading will help your child develop in all areas of the curriculum.

Thank you for your continued support.