

Middleton St Mary's Newsletter 9



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Summer Term

We hope that you had a relaxing bank holiday. We have made a great start back to the school this term. Children seem happy to be back and back into routines. Mrs Delcassian and Mrs Hart are now teaching Y6 Ash due to Miss Wood being on Maternity Leave.

I need to remind parents that uniform is not a choice, it is compulsory and I have been making phone calls to parents/carers of children who are not in uniform.

PE days are the only days when children can come to school not in uniform, children can wear a track suit, leggings, t-shirt etc. but on other days, children **MUST** be in uniform. Year 4 and Y5 Elder have swimming off site and so should **always** be in uniform. All parents/carers have signed a home-school agreement to agree to this. Please come and speak to me if you are struggling.

PE days:

Monday: Year 5 Spruce and Birch (not Elder – they go swimming and must be in uniform)
Wednesday: Year 6 and Year 3
Thursday: Year 2
Friday: Year 1

Read, Read, Read! ❤️

In school, we are having a big drive on reading. The School Council members have surveyed their own class to find out if children like reading, don't like reading and why? In response to this, staff are revamping their classroom reading areas and we have purchased lots of new books and continue to do so weekly. We want to engaged ALL children into becoming confident readers.



We have added a 'My Reading' slot after lunch for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 children – a time to quietly read their own reading book and increase their engagement time. Lots of children have really embraced this and have read more books and quizzed more on Accelerated Reader (KS2) already achieving their target! This is amazing! Well done! I have raised targets this weekend to be achieved before we break up for the holidays at the end of the month. Prizes will be awarded for the child in each class with the highest percentage of their points achieved, they do this by reading and quizzing! In Years 1 and 2 children continue to have a tracking sheet in their reading records. When 100 books, 200 books and 300 books have been read, certificates and prizes will be awarded also.

We need ALL children to bring their reading book, reading record and bookbag to school with them every day and would like all children to aim to read to an adult at home as well, with the adult signing their reading record. It is vital that your child brings this with them every day!

Our Y1-Y3 children are having a weekly visit to our school library and borrowing a book of their choice, they are really enjoying this! We hope to roll this out to other year groups soon.

Mrs N Wood, Headteacher.



TT Rockstars

On Friday, we relaunched TT Rockstars (Times Tables Rockstars) with KS2 with a dress as a Rockstar day! Thank you to our parents for supporting this day!

During our Celebration Worship, a nominated child from each class competed against each other in a face-off battle! Harry in Y6 and Jayden in Y4 won their battle.

All children in years 2-6 will be given a Times Table Sticker Collector Card to collect Stickers on when they confidently know their 2x, 3x, 4x, 5x, 6x, 7x, 8x, 9x, 11x and 12 x tables.



Please support your child at home in learning these to support with fluency. You could do this on the way to and from school, in the car or in the bath starting with 2x, 10x and 5x. Start by counting in 2s, 10s and 5s, when they can do this quickly, ask them, "What is 2 x 5, 2 x 6 etc.

Attendance and Parents Appointments

It is vital that your child attends school every day, and on time. We have a number of children whose attendance is a little ad-hoc at the moment and this is very worrying as children have missed so much school over the last year due to Covid-19. Many children have slipped behind in their learning creating gaps in their learning. Children in school everyday are closing these gaps through carefully planned sequences of learning and some revisiting of learning objectives. The children not attending school are becoming less confident in class adding to their worries. Our Attendance Officer will contact all parents/carers where their child's attendance is a concern via a phone call and letter this half term.

We will be setting up telephone parents' appointments for the week beginning 24th May to enable you to speak to your child's class teacher. Bookings will be online.

If your child has to isolate due to Covid-19, we will drop home learning at your home the following school day. This must be completed and handed back to be marked by your child's class teacher on their return. It is really important that this happens.

Please try to book all appointments e.g. dentist and optician appointments out of school time. Any routine appointments will not be authorised. Holidays cannot be approved.

School Times

We will be returning to our usual school hours **after** May half term.

Nursery: 8.30am-11.30am/12-3pm

Reception and Y1-Y6: 8.45am-3.10pm

Please ensure that your child is on time, some children are missing vital learning each

Breakfast Club will be based back in the school hall and children must enter through the hall doors, not via the main entrance any more. Parents/carers must still sign the hall door and sign their child in.

All Breakfast Club payments must be paid weekly, failure to do so will result in the p

