



Wednesday 10th November 2021

Playground Safety

A number of children are arriving to school very early each morning and playing in the school playground. They are unsupervised and so are unsafe. They are taking play equipment from the playground store and kicking balls across the playground, accidentally kicking them into children and parents who access breakfast club. We have spoken to these children today. They should not be in the playground at this time, they should be at home. Please could parents reinforce this at home also. Children should not be at school in the playground before 8.40am unless accessing a booster club. The classroom doors open at 8.45am. Staff will not be in the playground until this time.

Non-uniform Day - Children in Need

Next Wednesday 17th November, children are invited to come into school in non-uniform for our Pudsey Bear Dress Up Day. Yes, children may wear Pudsey Items/their pyjamas or dress up. We are asking that children donate £1. Staff will have buckets to drop this in. We will also be selling merchandise at breaktimes from Monday, please send in correct cash. Pudsey Pin badges £1, Pudsey rulers £2, Pudsey Ears £2.50, Pudsey Wristbands £1.00



Covid Updates

The number of cases around Middleton and the local area is quite high and still rising. We have had 5 cases in our school community this term, although only two of these cases were in contact with anyone at school.

Please book a COVID test for your children if they have a cough, a temperature or a loss of or change in taste or smell. Children can return to school when the test result is negative. We cannot accept negative lateral flow test results, as these tests are not for people with symptoms.

Photographs

Orders can still be placed online with Tempest Photography.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We still have a parent governor vacancy on our Governing Board. Parent governors play a vital role on governing bodies, holding the unique position of having a parental viewpoint of the school...parent governors are representative parents rather than representatives of parents. Being a governor is a "hands off" role – decisions made by the board influence the whole school, but governors are not responsible for, or involved in, the day-to-day running of the school. If you are interested in finding out more about this voluntary role, please telephone the school and ask to speak to Mrs Wood who can tell you more about the role.

Dates for meetings have been set for the year, they are usually 4pm-6pm. The next meeting is on Tuesday 23rd November, 4pm-6pm.

Mrs N Wood, Headteacher

Diary Dates

Wednesday 17th November - Children in Need Dress Up Day. £1

Friday 26th November – Non-Uniform Day – Bring a full bottle of something (can wear Christmas jumpers)

Wednesday 1st December – Christmas Dinner Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Craft Day, Christmas Fayre 3.30pm-5.00pm

Friday 10th December – Year 1 Nativity Play – Year 1 Parents/carers may come to watch 9.30am-10am

Wednesday 15th December – Reception – Year 6 Christingle in Church 1.15pm and 2.15pm (tbc)

Thursday 16th December – Christmas Pantomime

CHRISTMAS PARTIES – NON-UNIFORM

Monday 13th December – Reception, Year 1 & 2

Tuesday 14th December – Year 3

Wednesday 15th December – Nursery

Thursday 16th December – Year 4

Friday 17th December – Year 5 & 6



Every child in Key Stage 2 has a log-in to TT Rockstars, this is glued in their reading diary along with their Accelerated Reader log-in. Remember to keep visiting TT Rockstars to improve your child's times tables skills! The KS2 children with the fastest time in their class will be chosen to represent their class in the head-to-head challenge each Friday in Worship! We know that this is not for everyone and it does take a lot of confidence to stand up in the hall. Children not wanting to stand up do not have to compete. This week, your child's homework is to learn their 2s, 5s and 10 x tables by logging on to TT Rockstars or by practising orally at home.

Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

On **Wednesday 1st December**, children can come to school in their Christmas jumper. This day will also be our Christmas Dinner day in school. Children who usually have a hot dinner **will have one on this day as usual**. Any child who would like a Christmas dinner who usually has a packed lunch can order through Arbor, Clubs, Christmas Dinner to give your consent and **pay £2.40 online** by Fri 19 Nov.

Main: Roast turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, roast potatoes, vegetables & gravy.
Vegetarian: Veggie sausage, stuffing, mashed potatoes, roast potatoes, vegetables & gravy.
Dessert: Ice Cream tub or fruit.



On this day, children will be involved in a Christmas themed day making Christmas crafts. It is also the date of our afterschool Christmas Fayre. There will be no after school clubs on this day.

School Christmas Fayre

We will be holding our school Christmas Fayre on **Wednesday 1st December too!**
After school – 3.30pm – 5.00pm. We hope that you can all come! We will soon be sending out raffle tickets to sell for our grand hamper!



Santa will be visiting school on this day too! He will be at the fayre. Your child can have their photograph taken with him and receive a gift for £2. Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will do this during the school day to cut down the queue (please log onto Arbor and pay through Clubs, Santa Photo & Gift).

On Friday 26th 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.). Children may wear their Christmas jumper.

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). All of this will be collected at the Fayre on the day.