



Middleton St Mary's News



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Newsletter 1: Welcome Back!

10th September 2018

Welcome back to you all. The summer has been very busy for Mr Baldwin, our Site Superintendent again, I am sure that your child has told you...or you have seen for yourself our wonderful improvements. We have had major alterations to the front of school on Moor Flatts Road to increase safety to our pupils. We have a new front door and the main entrance for parents/carers or visitors no longer passes past classrooms, instead the entrance to the office is now opposite the main doors and we have two locked carparks one for staff and one for deliveries and visitors to access. The parents access to the playground has been widened and altered and we have painted the front of school building to reflect the school colours – blue, main corridor to the hall repainted and nursery. In the hall, we have had our values tree printed and photographs of pupils displaying the school values around the top of the hall in the window panels as well as new door signs with the values tree. New smartboards have been installed in the Year 1 classrooms and the nursery has had a full refurbishment! It looks fabulous!

School Uniform

We are so pleased with all children who have turned up to school this week wearing the correct school uniform, they look so smart... children are really taking pride in their appearance ☺. Prior to breaking up, we asked that children come to school wearing black/navy school shoes as in other schools (plain black/navy shoe-like trainers allowed). The uniform policy is available on the school website. If your child does not yet have black/navy footwear, please ensure they have by Monday 17th September. Thank you.

PE Days

We are so pleased to announce that Middleton St Mary's have appointed our own PE Coach. Miss Dawn Kellett is an experienced coach who was appointed just before we broke up for the summer. She will lead and teach PE lessons in Rec-Y6 and lead after school clubs across the school. ALL CHILDREN TAKING PART IN AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS MUST BRING THEIR OWN PE KIT AS THEY GO HOME IN THIS STRAIGHT FROM THE CLUB.

As for last year, we have provided our pupils with a logo'd coloured PE t-shirt. Children in Y1-Y6 have been given a t-shirt based on their house. This is either red (St George), blue (St Andrew), green (St Patrick) or yellow (St David). Please ensure your child has a named pair of navy blue/black PE shorts, navy/black joggers or leggings, named *pumps or trainers for PE*. *If your child has a verruca, your child can still take part in PE. If in Year 4, they must have it treated to attend swimming lessons.*

Children must remove earrings and jewellery for PE lessons (see policy online). Please aim to send your child without them on PE days.

PE days are outlined below. Please ensure your child's PE kit remains in school all half term. Y4 Elm will go swimming to Rothwell baths every Thursday until February half term. From February half term, Y4 Elm will go swimming.

Y1 Sycamore & Hazel – Wednesday (outside) & Friday
Y3 Maple & Poplar - Tuesday and Wednesday (outdoor)
Y4 Elm - Wednesday (outside) and Friday
Y5 Holly - Tuesday (outside) and Thursday
Y6 Cherry - Wednesday and Thursday (outside)

Y2 Oak & Willow- Monday and Friday (outside)

Y4 Rowan - Thursday (swimming) and Friday (outside)
Y5 Birch - Monday (outside) and Thursday
Y6 Ash - Wednesday and Friday (outside)

Water Bottles

We are providing your child with a school water bottle this week free of charge. Monitors will be allocated per class to fill bottles at lunch time and first thing in a morning so that they can have access to water during the day at school. New bottles can be purchased from the school office for £1.50. Only water may be put in bottles in line with government guidelines.



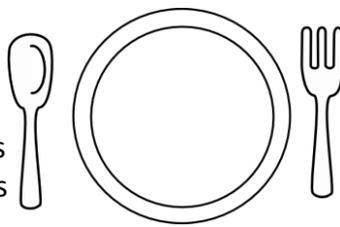
Swimming – Y4 Rowan – Thursday - Don't forget your kit!

Children will need a towel, swimming trunks (not long shorts)/swimming costume. Parents/carers must sign consent letter. **EARRINGS MUST BE REMOVED**



School Dinners...

Weekly menus can be viewed on classroom doors /online. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any concerns about meal times.



All Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children receive a FREE school dinner under the Government's Universal Free School Meals initiative. Other children Y3-Y6 have to pay for their meals (**priced at £2.40**).

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- *Income Support*
- *income-based Jobseeker's Allowance*
- *income-related Employment and Support Allowance*
- *support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999*
- *The guaranteed element of Pension Credit Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)*
- *Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit*
- *Universal Credit*

Please speak to the school office for further information about our school meals.

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VACANCY:

Supervisory Assistant (Lunchtime Assistant) required 6 ¼ hours per week 11.45-12.45pm. You will be assisting children cut up their food and be supervising and playing with children during the lunchtime period with some of our youngest children.

Please ask at the school office for an application pack. Closing date **Monday 17th September.**

Attendance

Attendance at school is extremely important. Children must attend school every day and on time. I cannot authorise holidays in term time however you must inform us by completing a form from the office/main entrance. Our whole school attendance target from the South Leeds Cluster is 97%. Sadly, last year, we did not meet this target though we moved closer with 95.7%. It is important that we do this year. **Attendance trophies are awarded weekly to the class for the best attendance that week. Certificates are presented for 100% attendance each half term to individual pupils.**

If your child is ill, you **MUST** contact the school office before 9.20am on the first day of absence giving a reason for the absence on 0113 2717206 or text messages only to 07926389946

If we do not hear from you, Mrs Southern, Attendance Officer or Mrs Murray, Office Attendance will contact you and then make a home visit. If your child is absent for a long period, please keep us informed. We can also arrange for some work/reading books to be sent home if your child is well enough.

Y3 Greek Day

On Thursday, the Y3 children absolutely loved our visitor, Poly, who time-travelled all of the way back from Ancient Greece for us to launch our Greek Topic. The children first learnt about democracy and had a vote of their own. After hearing Miss Reynolds and Mrs Willetts' speeches about having a tuck shop at school, the children surprisingly voted 'No' to the tuck shop! Some children then took part in acting out a Greek Myth, the rest of the children made a very enthusiastic and respectful audience and showed excellent listening skills. After break, the children used their team-working skills to complete an ancient Greek puzzle and quiz.

In the afternoon, the children looked at Poly's ancient Greek armour and weapons and how heavy the shield was!

Finally, it was time for our own Middleton St Mary's Greek Olympics and our School House St Andrew's took the victory.

It was a very educational and fun day for all of the children. Thank you to parents/carers for your efforts at dressing your child up in some fantastic costumes!

We really appreciated it.

Miss Reynolds, Mrs Willetts & Mrs Ferraby

