



Middleton St Mary's News 8



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HAPPY NEW YEAR

We hope that you've had a happy and relaxing Christmas. The children are certainly ready to be back and have settled into learning over the last two weeks with all classes having some planned exciting learning opportunities.

Sadly, many children are arriving late to school on a daily basis, this is impacting on their learning and well-being as they are entering the classroom sometimes 20 minutes late and are quite embarrassed and then they struggle to catch up. School doors close at 9am.



Monday 21st January 2019



We have also welcomed two new families to Middleton St Mary's, Jake to Cherry Class, Queenie to Maple Class, Anastasia to Sycamore Class and all of our new children to nursery. We have also welcomed two new Higher Level Teaching Assistants to Year 6 – Miss N Ali and Miss S Mitra. We wish them all happiness and success at Middleton St Mary's. 😊

London

Year 6 went to London for three days, staying two nights at St Paul's Cathedral Youth Hostel, visiting MadameTussauds Wax Works, the Houses of Parliament, The National Art Gallery, The Natural History Museum and the Lyceum Theatre to see the Lion King. The children's behaviour was exceptional. I felt very proud to be their headteacher.

Thank you to the governing board for agreeing to heavily subsidise this visit to enable the visit to be affordable to all our children and to Mrs Whiteley, Miss Wood, Ms Gott, Mrs Little and Mr Kirk for planning and organising the event and for accompanying the children on the visit and being there 24/7!

Bronze Age Workshop

Last Friday, Year 3 had some visitors from Herd Farm for our topic **Tribal Tales**. We started the morning with an archaeological dig where we learned how to use a magnifying glass, a scale and how to record our findings as if we were on a real dig! We found a skeleton and found out what we could learn about the person from their bones. In the afternoon, we learned about how tools developed from the Stone Age to the Bronze Age and what the tools were used for. We then took part in a recreation of a Bronze Age burial where we all acted as different people from the village and buried different gifts with our tribal leader.

Mrs Willetts, Y3 Teacher



Diary Dates 2019

Wednesday 23rd January – 9am – Reception Parents App Launch Event

Friday 1st February –£1 Charity Donation – **Wear Red Day**

Tuesday 5th February – Safer Internet Day

Thursday 14th February – **Valentines Disco** with DJ – £1 donation Non-Uniform

1pm-2pm – Rec/Y1 and Y2

2pm-3pm – Y3 and Y4

4.30pm-6pm – Y5 and Y6 (tuck shop available)

Friday 15th February – 3.10pm, SCHOOL CLOSERS FOR HALF TERM

Monday 25th February – SCHOOL CLOSED TRAINING DAY 2

Tuesday 26th February – SCHOOL OPENS

Parents' Pupil Progress Meetings 2pm-6.30pm

Wednesday 27th February – Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6

Thursday 28th February –YR, Y1 & Y2

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day - Dress up

SEND Sports Hall Athletics – Leeds Finals

On Thursday 17th January 2019, children from Middleton St Mary's took part in a Sports Hall Athletics Event, this was held at the John Charles Sports Centre within the bowling centre. Children took part in the following activities: Shuttle runs, javelin, target throwing, Hi steppers, chest push, standing long jump, balance challenge, hurdles and speed bounce. The children showed great skills, determination and teamwork throughout the event, this resulted in the team being selected to compete in the West Yorkshire School Games Finals, which will be held at Leeds Beckett Park on Wednesday 27th March 2019.

Miss D Kellett, Sports Coach



Wear Red Day

On Friday 1st February, our school will be taking part in Wear Red Day again. We are raising money for Children's Heart Fund Surgery. This is a charity that supports children and adults across Yorkshire who are born with congenital heart disease and is based at the Leeds General Infirmary.

On Friday 1st February, we are asking children to wear red clothing and bring a donation of £1 with them to school.

Thank you for all of your continued support.

Miss Reynolds



Dear Parents,

With **online payments** on the rise, Eduspot (as providers of SchoolMoney) would like to remind you to be extra vigilant when making payments.

Recently, there have been a small number of reports of attempts to defraud parents whilst using SchoolMoney. We thoroughly investigate all reports of attempts to defraud parents using our system (including separate, independent checks) and can confirm that we found that no fraud, data breach or malicious attack had occurred.

We believe however, that it important to remind parents to be extra vigilant when making payments online. NEVER give out your ATM pin to anyone – no system or person should ever require this to complete an online transaction. If something looks suspicious, do not complete the payment, close down your browser and start again making sure you are using a genuine website.

You should also ensure all system and app updates are applied to your PC or mobile devices and that they have reliable, up-to-date anti-virus software installed. Increasingly, mobile devices are the targets of malicious software so it's important that these also have adequate protection.

Eduspot remains committed to protecting your online security and providing you with an easy to use solution to securely make payments to your schools. If you spot something that doesn't look right relating to SchoolMoney, please contact us at support@schoolmoney.co.uk.

The Eduspot Team

Parents' Pupil Progress Meetings

Our next Pupil Progress Meetings will be just after February half term on **Wednesday 27th February** (Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 2pm –6.30pm) and **Thursday 28th February** (Rec, Y1, Y2: 2pm –6.30pm)

You will be able to view your child's books and talk to your child's class teacher about their progress and targets. Again, these will be held in the hall and you will have the opportunity to sign up from **Monday 11th February**.

Remember, if you have any concerns about your child's learning, speak to your child's class teacher before this date either first thing in the morning or by phoning the school office to make an appointment.

