

Middleton Primary and Nursery School

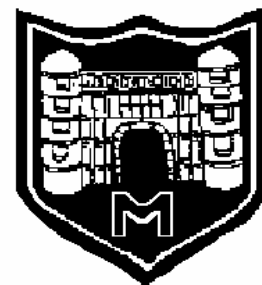
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Dear Parents/Carers

Star of the Week Award

As part of our new behaviour policy we have tried to increase the rewards we offer to children and the status they have within the school. Every Monday morning we now start the week with an **Achievement Assembly**. In this assembly, each class teacher puts forward one child, who has stood out in terms of good behaviour or hard work, and they become the '**Star of the Week**' for that class. Each child chosen comes to the front of the hall and receives their certificate and a badge they can wear for the week. Their teacher explains to the rest of the school **why they were chosen** and how pleased they are with them. This is a lovely, positive way to start the week and children gain praise over the next few days, as different people in school notice them wearing the badge. We are very proud of each and every 'Star of the Week', so do look out for your child receiving this award.

French Evening

Thank you to everyone who made our French Evening such a success. It was wonderful to see so many parents attend, I hope you all enjoyed the event. The staff and I were particularly impressed with all the children who took part on the night, they were certainly the stars of the show! The Eiffel Tower now has pride of place on our stage at least until our Christmas productions. French teaching is now in full swing across the school and the children seem to be really enjoying it - tres bien!

Attendance and Punctuality

Recently we have noticed an increase in the number of children arriving late to school. May we politely remind you that school begins at 8.45am and that children need to start their lessons promptly. Regular attendance is very important and we request that holidays are not taken in term time. If your child is ill, please inform us on the day if possible by phone or e mail (address above) or ensure that a letter is sent in with them on the day they return. Thank you.

Outcome of Report Questionnaire

Thank you to all those parents who returned the report questionnaire sent out in July. We had just over 100 returned which enabled us to gain a good indication of your opinions. Here are the findings and what we propose to do about them:

- **An extremely positive response to our new Foundation Stage reports - therefore we will stick to this format for future reports and we will adapt a similar style for our year 1 - year 6 reports**
- **62% of responses said they were happy with the report they received but would like to see a grade or level for English and Maths from tests carried out in the summer or an effort and ability grade - we will look at including this information on the next report**
- **38% of responses would certainly like to see reports changed in one way or another - we were already considering changes to the report format so we now have your opinions and ideas on which to build**
- **15% of responses were that the reports were too long and detailed overall - we will take this into account when devising our new format and attempt to lessen the amount of paper used on the Eco front as well!**

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- 27% of responses would prefer a report that gives greater detail for English, Maths, Science, ICT and General Comments and a simple statement/key points for other subjects - *this could also be considered as we look at our new format*

Your opinions are very important to us and to the future development of the school. There will be more questionnaires and opportunities for you to have your say on things we do well and things you would like to see improved. Please continue to respond to these so that we can be sure the views we receive, represent you all.

PTA Events

A reminder of these two evenings organized by our PTA, do try to come along if you can, they will both be great events!

- ❖ PTA Eid Celebration is taking place **this Thursday evening from 6-8pm.**
- ❖ PTA Fireworks Evening is on **Friday 2nd November**, the end of the week we return to school.

Reminder of Nursery Closure

Please remember that our Nursery will be closed for maintenance work on **Friday this week.**

INSET reminder

Please be aware that after half term the first Monday is our INSET day, so children will return to school on **Tuesday 30th October.**

Jeans for Genes

We raised £292 to help with research and treatments for children born with genetic disorders. Thank you to everyone who wore denim for the day and made their donation.

Parent Evening

Our Autumn Parent Evening dates are 6th and 7th November. Appointment letters will go out on the Tuesday after half term, so do look out for them.

Increase in Dinner Money

Please be aware that from **29th October** the cost of a school dinner will rise from £1.45 to £1.50 per day.

Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a midday supervisor within the school. If you would be interested in working with fantastic children and a friendly, happy staff then please contact our school office to find out more. This is a part time post (6.25 hours per week) from 12.00-1.15 each day. All appointments subject to an enhanced CRB check.

Wollaton Road/ Eton Grove Junction

Plea for help! Our children desperately need someone to be their School Crossing Patrol. This only involves 30 minutes in the morning and again at the end of the school day. Please contact the school directly if you would be interested.

School Travel Working Party

We are very keen to set up a working party to look at travel and traffic issues around the school. We have two governors who will be part of this group and we are keen to have good representation from parents. If you would like to be involved and have your say on future developments in this area, then please contact the school office. The commitment would not be too great, approximately one meeting per half term initially. Our first task will be to complete our School Travel Plan.

Yours sincerely

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