

## Middleton Primary and Nursery School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to thank you for all your support this term. It has been really lovely to see so many of you coming in to support the school in so many different ways! Middleton One World Group, Toddlers, School Lunches, PTA fireworks, Parents Evenings, Phonics sessions and many, many more! The children love to see their adults coming into school and we believe this partnership between parents and school is vital in ensuring children's success. I look forward to seeing you again over the next few weeks for our Christmas performances that the children have been working so hard on. I am sure we are all in for a treat!

### Children in Need

We were overwhelmed by support you showed to our Children in Need day by sending in biscuits and cakes. The children looked fabulous in their spotty clothes and we raised a huge £775.29! Thank you very much!

### PTA Events

Our PTA firework event was another amazing success where over £1600 was raised. This money goes directly back into school to be spent on your children. The PTA have decided to spend some of this money on a playground clock as requested by the children and more outdoor playground equipment such as large board games. The next PTA event is our PTA Christmas Music Morning on Thursday 22 December at 9am, where the children in the choir and those who have instrumental tuition will be showcasing their talents! As always I would like to say a massive thank you to our PTA for all their hard work and dedication to the school and thank you to everyone who supports their events by attending.

### Road Safety/ Parking

Our children have been learning about crossing the roads safely during Road Safety Week on Mon 21-Fri 25 November. This is made more difficult by some very inconsiderate parking by our parents when dropping off and collecting children from school. The safety of children walking to and from our school should be the highest priority for us all so please think carefully when parking near the school. Our Community Police Officer, PC Bampton, is very concerned about our parking situation and has also alerted us to incidents of dangerous driving that may be caused by some of our parents. Some drivers have been turning right at the end of Harrow Road onto the ring road and cutting across the ring road near a pedestrian crossing to avoid using the roundabout. PC Bampton has been conducting surveillance of this situation and will be taking action against these drivers.

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## Absences

Please can we remind you to contact school before the start of the school day if your child is going to be absent and for each subsequent day of absence.

## School lunch info - lunch visitors

Our parents' school lunches were a great success with over 100 parents joining us over the 2 days. The children thoroughly enjoyed having dinner with their parents in school and many of you stopped to tell me how much you enjoyed the experience. We will be repeating this opportunity next year and, due to the popularity of the event, we will look to stagger meal times and reduce the queues! A big thank you for waiting so patiently. If you want to find out more about school meals and gain access to children's resources and games please visit: [www.myschoollunch.co.uk/nottingham](http://www.myschoollunch.co.uk/nottingham) and use the password **Cyril**.

## Christmas performances

Our Christmas performances start this week with our KS1 performance on today. I have overheard some beautiful singing emanating from the hall and I am sure, like me, you cannot wait to see the final performances. The children have all been working so hard on their parts and your support at home with learning song words or lines has also been very much appreciated!

## Parental Questionnaires

We have had a fantastic response to our parental questionnaires and again I would like to thank you for the time and effort you have taken in providing us with this feedback. We take all your views and suggestions for improvement into consideration, some of these we can act quickly on and others need greater planning but we always really value your opinions and perspective.

## Cold Weather

The weather seems to have suddenly got very cold so please ensure your child comes to school with a 'named' warm winter coat and is well wrapped up. We assess the safety of the playground each day when the weather is cold and will close it before school and during the school day to have indoor playtimes if we feel it is unsafe. Mr Mehew does a brilliant job by gritting the main pathways and the perimeter of the playground when it is icy so that you can access the site safely.

## Coffee Mornings

Our Learning Mentor, Mrs Harne, has started holding coffee mornings every other Friday morning in the community room 9-10.15. This is an opportunity for you have a chat with her about your child, raise any issues you may want support with or just come and socialise and get to know other parents. All are welcome.

## Website

Please remember to keep checking the school website [www.middletonprimary.com](http://www.middletonprimary.com) for regular updates. We will endeavour to ensure the latest news is published at the earliest available opportunity.

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## Diary Dates

Fri 9 December -	Year 5 at Fernwood School - 5 a-side tournament Mrs Harne's coffee morning - Comm Room - 9.00am
Mon 12 December -	FS Christmas performance - 2.00pm
Tues 13 December -	FS Christmas performance - 9.30am
Mon 19 December -	Nursery Christmas party 9.30am & 1.30pm KS2 performance 9.45am F2/Y1 & Y2 Christmas party (pm)
Tues 20 December -	Theatre production for F1 and F2 (am & pm) Toddler Group Xmas Party - 9.00am-11.00am KS2 performance 6.00pm
Wed 21 December -	Panto in school (Cinderella)
Thurs 22 December -	Musical morning - 9.00am
Fri 23 December -	Mrs Harne's coffee morning - Comm Room - 9.00am Xmas lunch School closes today until Monday 9 January 2012

Yours sincerely

**Mrs C Sadler Penn**  
Acting Head Teacher



*We believe that safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility.*

At Middleton we are committed to keeping our children safe from harm. Mrs Sadler Penn and Mrs Morrell have responsibility for safeguarding and child protection. If we have any concerns reported to us we will always take action to protect a child and inform the relevant agencies.

