

Middleton Newsletter 4

Middleton Primary and Nursery School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful break. It was a very late finish for the Christmas holidays and the children and staff were all very tired but having a full week off after New Year has left everyone feeling very refreshed and looking forward to the term ahead!

Punctuality

School starts promptly at **8.45am** and this is the time the classes are led off the playground. We ask that you bring your child to school **a few minutes before** the start of school so that they can line up when the whistle goes and be led in with their class. When the KS1 classes have been led inside the building the external doors are closed and locked. Children or staff cannot then open the doors to allow latecomers in. This is in line with our security policy. If you are a few minutes late then you need to ensure you take your child to the school office to be signed in and registered.

Good attendance and punctuality are two key issues which have a huge impact on children's achievements and progress in school. We want to avoid a late, unsettled start to the day for all our children and look for your support with this.

Charity Week Wednesday 1 – Friday 3 February

Our annual charity event is a really lovely event where we look to our Key Stage 2 and Year 2 children to plan, organise and run their own stalls to be visited at breaktimes on the Wednesday and Thursday by the rest of the school. In previous years the children have come up with some really innovative ideas and raised huge amounts of money on their stalls. You may wish to send your child to school with some pocket money on these days so that they can make a donation buy a cake, take part in a competition or play a game that has been set up. The children have decided that money raised from the stalls will be split between two charities: 'Dogs for the Disabled' who visited us last year and led an assembly telling us about their wonderful work, and 'Ben's Challenge' a charity that Mrs Bishop spoke about during Remembrance Assembly. We round off our charity week with a non-uniform day where we ask for a minimum donation of £1 if you wish to dress in your own clothes in aid of UNICEF's Day for Change Day.

Parent Link Coffee Mornings

Parent Coffee Mornings will recommence from this Friday 20 January, from 9am-10am in the Community Room. Coffee mornings are open to all, please come and join us.

Residential Visits

We are delighted that we are now able to offer three residential trips to our pupils during the course of their time at Middleton. In addition to our Year 6 Kingswood week, we have introduced an overnight stay at Wollaton Camp for the Year 2 pupils and for the first time this year, our Year 4 children will be spending two nights away at Ilam Hall in Derbyshire. The next meeting for the Year 4 parents about the Ilam Hall trip is **Tuesday 31 January at 3.30pm in class 8**. The Year 2 parents meeting about the Wollaton Camp trip will be on

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Wednesday 7 March at 3.30pm in Class 4. The Year 5 parents meeting to start discussing Year 6 Kingswood trip is on **Thursday 9 February at 3.30pm in Class 11.** Additional information will be sent out to individual year groups prior to these meetings. These residential trips provide the children with the opportunity to gain confidence, build independence and further develop excellent team building skills outside the classroom and they are always thoroughly enjoyed by staff and children alike.

Football Success

Our football team had great success last year when they took part in a Nottingham Schools Football Association Under 11 Indoor 5-a-side Final on 8 Dec. They managed to come second, beating seven other schools in their matches! As a result of this, on Saturday they have been invited to play in the final against Seagrave Primary at half-time during the Notts County V MK Dons match! I know many of you have applied for tickets for this match so I hope to hear you all cheering loudly for Middleton! A huge thank you to Mr Nason and Mr Elliott who are in charge of the team and Good Luck!

Second Hand Uniform Sale

To help support our ECO status, Mrs Trout is organising a 'second hand uniform sale' after school on **Tuesday 31 Jan** outside the Community Room. Come and bag a bargain or two!

Safeguarding Children

We believe that safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility.

At Middleton we are committed to keeping our children safe from harm. We have three identified staff in school with responsibility for safeguarding and child protection, they are Mrs Sadler Penn, Mrs Morrell and Mrs Harne.

If we have any concerns reported to us we will always take action to protect a child and inform the relevant agencies. If we are alerted to anything thought to be suspect or unusual in our local area, we will notify you immediately by newsletter or signs around the school.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Sadler Penn
Acting Head Teacher

This Term's Diary Dates

Jan

Mon 9	Children return to school
Tues 17	Parent & Toddler Group (every Tues 8.45-10.15am – Comm Room)
Fri 20	Parent Link Coffee Morning – 9-10am – Community Room
Sat 21	Football Match @ Notts County
Tues 24	Year 2 visit to St Mary's Church – Wollaton Year 6 SATs Parents' Meeting
Tues 31	Year 4 Parents' Meeting for Ilam Hall 3.30pm in Class 8 Second Hand Uniform Sale – 3.30pm outside Community Room

February

Weds 1 / Thurs 2	Charity Event with stalls in hall at breaktime – pocket money required
Fri 3	UNICEF Day for Change non-uniform – minimum £1 donation Parent Link Coffee Morning – 9-10am – Community Room
Thurs 9	Year 5 parents meeting to discuss Kingswood 3.30 in class 11

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Mon 13 – Fri 17

Mon 20

Fri 24

Tues 28

Wed 29

March

Thurs 1

Fri 2

Weds 7

Fri 9

Mon 12-14

Thurs 15

Fri 23

April

Mon 2-13

Half Term

INSET – school closed to pupils

Parent Link Coffee Morning – 9-10am – Community Room

Parent Evening - late (appointments between 3.30-6.30pm)

Book Fair – 3.30pm School Hall

Parent Evening – early (appointments between 3.00-5.30pm)

World Book Day – dress up as favourite book character

Book Fair – 3.30pm School Hall

Year 2 parents meeting for Wollaton Park Camp 3.30 in Class 4

Parent Link Coffee Morning – 9-10am – Community Room

Year 4 residential to Ilam Hall

Individual School Photographs

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Easter Holidays school closed

School reopens Monday 16 April