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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to school and a new academic year! We hope you all had an enjoyable and restful summer break. It was lovely to see all of the children arriving safely for school on the first morning in their smart school uniforms. As always, we have been very busy over the summer holiday making further improvements to our school. A new perimeter fence around our playground is almost complete and we have installed new electronic gates in the car park to keep our children as safe as possible. Please remember that there is no pedestrian access to or from our school via the car park. You will also have noticed that some major building work is taking place outside Class 6 which will provide a much needed community/extended school room.

Eid Mubarak! عيد مُبارك عيد مبارك

To all our families celebrating this weekend!

Uniform Reminder

Could we please remind you to ensure that all items of school clothing are **clearly named**. The children look so smart and it is such a shame to see a growing mountain of lost property every year, which we can not return to the owner because we don't know who it belongs to!

Please also remember that we have a **no jewellery policy** in school. Children are not allowed to wear **any** earrings, necklaces, bracelets, etc due to health and safety reasons. No nail varnish either please. Footwear should be sensible shoes which the children can fasten and unfasten themselves. Boots and Trainers should not be worn, although in rain and snow children may bring wellington boots to change into if necessary. Headbands and socks/tights should be of plain design in black, grey, white or school green. A named PE kit (plimsoles, green or black shorts and a white T-shirt) should be kept in school for sport sessions. We thank you for your support in this matter.

Mathematics Curriculum Evening

Every year we hold an information/curriculum evening for parents in the Autumn Term to keep you informed and up to date with what is happening in school. This term, in response to many requests received from parents, our focus will be on sharing **calculation methods** in mathematics. Each year group will hold a workshop to share the way we teach calculation methods to children. This will provide opportunities for you to see the most modern methods currently being used and try them out for yourself. It will also enable you to support your child at home should you wish to without being told, "that's not the right way!"

This event is scheduled for **Thursday 14 October at 6pm** and we hope that it will be a popular and informative evening for all.

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Pakistan Flood Devastation - How can Middleton help?

Pakistan has been affected by the worst floods in living memory - around 20 million people have been affected. The people of Pakistan are now facing the largest humanitarian crisis in their history as worsening floods are affecting even more people than the Boxing Day Tsunami and Haiti earthquake combined. The floods have destroyed homes, schools and crops leaving millions of children with no shelter or food. The stagnating water and sweltering temperatures are also creating perfect conditions for the spread of life-threatening diseases including malaria, acute diarrhoea and cholera. We would like to do all that we can to support Unicef's call for help.

We have decided to hold a 'Film Afternoon' on **Friday 17 September**. Each teacher will show a different film in their class and children can choose and sign up for the one they would like to see. The fund raising will come from a £1.00 entry donation for each child to see their film choice, should parents want to give a larger donation then they can. We also hope that parents may be able to support this further by providing snacks/cakes etc which can also be sold at sensible prices during the afternoon. We hope that this will prove to be a successful and enjoyable way to raise funds for this vital appeal.

Choice Advice Meeting for Year 6 parents

We will once again be hosting a 'Choice Advice' session for parents of children in Year 6 from **9.00-10.00am on Thursday 23 September** in the school hall. The purpose of this meeting is to provide information and support to help parents make the decision about which secondary school to choose for their child. We think this session will be very helpful as this is a complicated process and expert advice will be available. There will be a selection of school prospectuses, school benefit information, school transport information and advice on registering preferences and filling out the forms. To ensure this meeting is as useful as possible we have also asked for a representative from Fernwood Secondary School to attend and offer advice regarding their current admission policy.

Inset Dates 2010/2011

Inset Autumn Term 2010: Monday 6 September and Monday 1 November
Inset Spring Term 2011: Monday 17 January and Monday 28 February
Inset Summer Term 2011: Monday 6 June and Monday 4 July

Our Diary dates for the Autumn Term are as follows:

September

Tues 7	Children return to school
Fri 17	Film Afternoon - Pakistan Disaster Fund-Raising Event
Mon 20	6.30 PTA AGM meeting at school - all welcome
Thurs 23	Y6 Choice Advice Session in Hall
Fri 24	Macmillan Coffee Morning in Hall - 8.45am please join us!

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October

Thurs 7

Middleton One World Meeting 8.45am School Hall

Thurs 14

Mathematics Curriculum Evening

Mon 18-Fri 22

Kingswood Residential Week for Year 6

25-29

Half Term Week

November

Mon 1

Inset Day

Tues 2

Children return to school

Fri 5

PTA Firework Party 6-8pm

Mon 15-Fri 19

National Anti-Bullying Week

Tues 16

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

Thurs 18

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

Fri 19

Children In Need - Non-Uniform Day

Mon 22

Ragtex Clothing Collection (please save your old clothes, bags, etc)

Nursery Coffee morning and afternoon

Mon 22-Fri 26

Road Safety Week

December

Thurs 9

KS 1 Christmas Performance to Parents at 9.30am

Mon 13

Foundation 1 & 2 Christmas Performance at 1.30pm

Tues 14

Foundation 1 & 2 Christmas Performance at 9.30am

Wed 15

KS2 Christmas Performance to Parents (am)

Thurs 16

PTA Christmas Coffee Morning in School Hall
with the Choir and Orchestra performing

KS2 Evening Christmas Performance at 6pm

Fri 17

Y3/4 Christmas Party (pm)

Mon 20

Foundation and KS1 Christmas Party

Tues 21

'Robinson Crusoe' Pantomime for children (am)

Y5/6 Christmas Party (pm)

Wed 22

Last day of Autumn Term

Please see term dates and holiday pattern for this academic year overleaf.

Yours sincerely

R Plaskitt
Head Teacher

		August 2010					September 2010					October 2010				
M		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25
T		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26
W		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27
T		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28
F		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29
S		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30
S	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31

		November 2010					December 2010					January 2011						
M	1	8	15	22	29			6	13	20	27			3	10	17	24	31
T	2	9	16	23	30			7	14	21	28			4	11	18	25	
W	3	10	17	24			1	8	15	22	29			5	12	19	26	
T	4	11	18	25			2	9	16	23	30			6	13	20	27	
F	5	12	19	26			3	10	17	24	31			7	14	21	28	
S	6	13	20	27			4	11	18	25			1	8	15	22	29	
S	7	14	21	28			5	12	19	26			2	9	16	23	30	

		February 2011					March 2011					April 2011					
M		7	14	21	28			7	14	21	28			4	11	18	25
T	1	8	15	22			1	8	15	22	29			5	12	19	26
W	2	9	16	23			2	9	16	23	30			6	13	20	27
T	3	10	17	24			3	10	17	24	31			7	14	21	28
F	4	11	18	25			4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29	
S	5	12	19	26			5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30	
S	6	13	20	27			6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		

		May 2011					June 2011					July 2011				
M		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25
T		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26
W		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27
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School holidays



Public holidays



Administration days

This pattern gives 195 working days for staff, including the administration day on Monday 6 September 2010. A total of 4 in-service training days for staff will be taken by each school from the 194 term days given above, leaving 190 term days for pupils.