

Middleton Primary and Nursery School

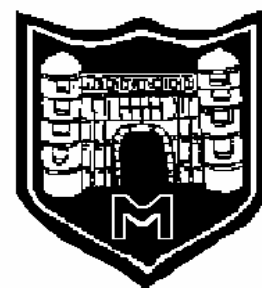
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Dear Parents/Carers

Staff Changes

After 22 years of dedicated teaching at Middleton, Mrs Cundy is retiring at the end of this summer term. We are of course very pleased for her, she has some exciting plans ahead but we shall certainly miss her a great deal. She is a very valuable staff member who has a wealth of knowledge and experience and has shown wonderful commitment to our school over the years. Please contact the office if you would like to contribute to her leaving gifts.

As I am sure you are aware Mrs Khalique and Mrs Cundy have taught Year 5 as part of a very successful job share arrangement. From September, Mrs Khalique will teach the class for three days each week and Mrs Bouttell will teach them for two days. Mrs Bouttell currently teaches in the other Year 5 class alongside Mrs Sadler Penn and will continue to do this too. This will ensure good continuity between both Year 5 classes.

Mr Gilman will also be leaving us at the end of this term. We would like to congratulate him on his appointment of deputy head teacher at College House Junior School. We wish him every success and we would like to thank him for his outstanding contribution, hard work and enthusiasm throughout his time at Middleton.

Some of the children were involved in the interview selection for Mr Gilman's post within the school. I am pleased to inform you that Mr Denman will join our staff from September and will be the team leader for Year 5 and Year 6, teaching a Year 6 class and leading mathematics across the school. Mr Denman will hopefully be available to meet parents on our Summer Open Evening.

Open Evening

Our main Open Evening this term will be on Tuesday 8th July. From 3.30 onwards the PTA will be serving refreshments in the school hall. There will also be an opportunity to purchase school uniform for September and there will be a second hand uniform stall too. All lost property will be out in the hall with the hope of reacquainting it with its owners!

I have also arranged for the school catering service to provide taster sessions in the hall to allow parents to sample some of the meals that are on offer to the children. This was one of the requests which came from our school lunch questionnaire and I hope that parents will come along and have a try.

Both myself and a member of the school governing body will be available in the school hall all evening, should you wish to ask any questions or give us any feedback on how you think the school is progressing. I hope the evening will also be an opportunity for you to see the work completed in our school hall, we are very pleased with the results to date.

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PTA Table Top Sale

Another reminder that the PTA are holding a Table Top Sale this **Saturday 7th June from 10-12 midday**. We hope you will try to come along and support this event.

Punctuality

We have seen a big improvement in punctuality across the school with the vast majority of children now being on the school playground at 8.45am when the whistle is blown. Thank you very much for your support with this.

Parking

Could we please request that parents who drive their children to and from school park sensibly and always avoid the yellow zig zag lines outside the school. If at all possible, please try to park a little distance from the school and walk your child down the road, as this does reduce the congestion at the start and end of the day. Our Year 2 children currently swim on Thursday afternoon and the bus often struggles to get down Harrow Road because of parking on both sides of the road. Please consider parking a little further from the school to help us, the children's safety is always our priority.

Wollaton Road/ Eton Grove Junction

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. We would love to see safety improved for our children at this crossing point. Please contact the school directly if you would be interested. This position could be shared, morning only or afternoon only would be considered.

Reminder of Diary Dates for Summer Term 2008:

2nd-6th June Maths Week
7th June PTA Table Top Sale
10th/11th June Nursery and F2 Parent Evening
11th and 12th June Book Fair in the hall- everyone welcome at 3.30pm
**The PTA Middleton Café will be open on this day
and new and second hand uniform will also be on sale.*

16th-20th June School Grounds Week/Charity Week
24th June Key Stage 1 Sports Day
25th June Key Stage 2 Sports Day
26th June Nursery Sports Day

Friday 27th June Inset Day - school closed for children

4th July Annual Report to Parents
5th July PTA Summer Fair
8th July Open Evening for Parents
18th July Last day of Summer Term for children

21st July INSET Day

Yours sincerely

Miss R Plaskitt
Head Teacher

