



19th October 2018

NEWSLETTER Autumn Term No 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow, what an exciting and very busy half term this has been and I know that next term will be even busier.

The children have been learning lots and I am sure that they deserve a rest at half term.

Thanks to Ben in Year 5 winning a prize on the local radio station, the children ended their half term today with "Ernie's Show". It was very exciting and the children enjoyed the show.

Middlefield's Improvement plan

Now, I have been in the school for half a term, I feel that I know it much better now. Every year, schools try and make learning better and the way that we are going to do this at Middlefield is as follows.

- 1) To develop the learning environment.
- 2) To improve teaching and learning so all groups of children perform well.
- 3) To improve effectiveness of leadership and management.
- 4) Develop the Ice Zones to develop the wider curriculum to engage learning.

Half term update

This half term (Weather permitting), the playground games will be being painted and also the gym trails will be as well.

The Big Soup Share

A huge thank you to everyone who came to the "Big Soup share." £68.00 was raised. Mrs Jarvis is going to spend this money on resources for the outside area.



Harvest

The children celebrated with a great harvest assembly on Monday where they got to sing and hear lots of information about Harvest. We were also very lucky to have Reverend James join us as well.

In assembly, we saw the amazing amount of food that has been kindly donated. Mrs Collier has very kindly offered to take the food to "Food Bank" where it will be used in the local St Neots community. I am sure that they will very much appreciate it so thank you very much.



Parents Evening

It was lovely to see so many of you this week at parents evening. I hope that you found these very useful. Supporting your children at home is very important to consolidate the learning that has taken place in school. We look forward to the SEN parent's afternoon after half term as well.

Staff Update

Mrs Larson in Year 1 is continuing to do a very good job of teaching in Year 1. Mrs Goodwin is going to be having an operation on her knee and hopefully all being well; she will be back at some point next half term.

We are also very sorry to be losing Mrs Goodsall today. Thank you very much for all that you have done in your 6 years of service. We wish her the best of luck in her new job.



School Council update

The school council have met and there was a discussion on playtimes and lunch times. The children have decided to adapt lunchtimes and they would like play leaders to help run fitness activities. They have also written to Mrs Connell to ask for funding to buy some new equipment. If successful, the children will be ordering more equipment to use outside. Watch this space!

PE football results

The sporting calendar has already begun at Middlefield with the Year 5 and 6 girls participating in the first event of the Year. Children took part in a Girls Football tournament at St Neots FC alongside 15 other schools. It was a wonderful afternoon, filled with great teamwork, spirit and plenty of exciting game play. The girls came second in their group and played two further matches. A final draw saw them finish 5th overall. The children had a fantastic time and played their hearts out. Well done to everybody for representing the school so well.

Twickenham Rugby Stadium

Some of our Year 3 children, Freddie, Charlie, Stanley & Evie play for St Neots Rugby Club. Recently, they were very lucky and they played Rugby at Twickenham. What an amazing experience that they will always remember and never forget. Well done Children!



Truly Trusted Award

Every Year 6 child has the opportunity to earn their 'Truly Trusted' award during the year. It is awarded when the children have shown that they can be trusted, they are responsible, respectful and reliable. They also need to show that they are excellent role models for the rest of the school. It is expected that children show these qualities throughout the whole day, including in lessons, assemblies and at break times.

Tesco's

A huge thank you to Tesco's staff who visited our school on Tuesday and gave up their own time to improve our outside Ice Zone environment. Many thanks!

"Say Thank you week"

After half term, the children will be learning about World War One and commemorating hundred years since the end of the First World War. They will be taking part in writing activities and producing wonderful works of art. If you have any family stories of WW1, please discuss these with your child during the holidays. Thank you.

Poppy Half Term Homework



In relation to the above, please can your child produce a poppy work of art on A4 size paper. Paints, pastels, pens, wool and mixed media can be used. Please bring these into school on Tuesday 30th October and return them to the school office. Thank you.

School Photos

School photo proofs are coming home with children today so please check your children's book bags for these. If you are ordering through school these need to be returned by **Thursday 1st November** alternatively you can order on their website. All details are on the proof card.

Parking outside school

May I just remind you that when dropping off and picking your children up , please be courteous about where you park. We are in a housing estate and we should not be parking over peoples driveways. May I just remind you not to block the school gates as well as this is an emergency access into school and it should not be blocked at any time. Childrens safety is our number one priority and this will not be tolerated.

Have a lovely and safe half term and I look forward to seeing you all, safe and well on **Tuesday 30th October.**

Dates for your diary

November



1 November – SEND Parents Evening
5-8 November – Year5/6 Bikeability
7 November- EYFS Phonics Parent Workshop at 9.00am – 9.45am
7 November- Year 1 and Year 2 Parent Workshop on reading and handwriting- 2.45- 3.15pm
8th November- Years 3 – 6 Parent Reading and handwriting Workshop from 10.00am
17 November- Family Bingo
27 November- Year 6 Royal Opera House Trip

December



5 December- Christmas stories, Hot chocolate and marshmallows. 5.00pm – 6.00pm.
10 December- KS1 Performance at 2.00pm KS2 at 6.00pm
11 December Year 5 Royal Opera House Trip
12 December- KS1 Performance at 10.00am
KS2 Performance at 1.30pm and 6.00pm (**Note change of day**).
18 December- Reward Day
19 December- End of Term