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NEWSLETTER Autumn Term No 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, welcome back to a new school year and a BIG Middlefield welcome to our new EYFS children and families. I am delighted to say that all staff and children have settled back into school life very quickly!

At Middlefield, we welcome Mrs Wright in Year 4 who is our new Deputy Headteacher and Miss Gardner as a year 5 teacher. We also have Mrs Larson in Year 2 who is covering for Mrs Goodwin. I am sure we will make them all feel very welcome.

Curriculum Newsletters

You have recently received a newsletter about what your child is going to be learning in school this term. EYFS are going to be learning about themselves, Years 1 and 2 about Castles, Years 3 and 4 about the Tudors and Years 5 and 6 about British Empire and Explorers.

Please talk about all learning that is taking place in school at home. Support at home is so vital in order for your child to progress and reach their potential.

Learning

It has been so very enjoyable to walk around the school and see lots of lovely cross curricular learning taking place. I have seen children carrying out lots of practical activities in the Ice Zones and I have particularly enjoyed observing the children in their PE, Dance and Drumming lessons. Most of all the children are having fun which is great to see!

Year 1 and 2 Castle Day

The Year 1 and 2 children had an amazing 'Castles Day', spending the day immersed in Middlefield Castle life!

During the morning, they made leather purses, scented soap balls, pastry pies, candles, braids, illuminated letters and parchments written on with quills. The children learnt how to defend their castle, training as archers, shield bearers and pike wielders. In the afternoon we held a fantastic banquet, at which the children performed short entertainments of dancing, juggling jesters, jousting and a play about St George and the dragon.



Year 3 and 4 Tudor Day

All the children in year 3 and 4 had a fantastic day learning what life was like as a Tudor. In the morning, they participated in a range of activities such as candle and soap making, sewing, handwriting, hunting for food and learning how to make remedies and antidotes for headaches or sore legs. In the afternoon, there was a Tudor feast. The children participated in singing, dancing, performing plays and serving food to everyone. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day which will be followed up by lots more Tudor learning in the ICE Zone.

RHS Big Soup Share

On Wednesday 10th October, we will be having a "Big Soup Share" in the hall. All are welcome to come and share some lovely homemade soup that would have been made by your children.



School Council

I am delighted to say that Middlefield School Council is up and running already. We have 12 new members who are spokes people for their class. Issues are discussed in classes and then the year school councillors feed the information back at meetings. Very importantly, issues are solved and solutions are found.

This month, we have been thinking about lunch times and how we can make them better. More information will follow shortly!



Homework

Homework will be a project this term. Please support your child with this. Please also hear your child individually read as well. If you find Homework a challenge, please speak to your class teacher and they will be more than happy to talk to in relation to supporting learning at home.

Uniform

The children have started the year looking really smart in their school uniform. Children need to have their P.E. kit, a pair of wellies, waterproof coat and a water bottle in school at all times. We suggest children bring their PE kit to school on a Monday and to take it home on Friday so they don't get caught without it. Please name every item of your child's school uniform. All school bags must be long handled and not rucksacks.

As a reminder , the standard uniform consists of:

- **WHITE** or **BLUE** Polo Shirts
- **ROYAL BLUE** Sweatshirt/Cardigan (with school emblem available from Orchard Clothing)
- **GREY** trowsers/skirt/pinafore (knee length Skirt)
- **GREY** or **WHITE PLAIN** Socks
- **BLACK** Shoes (No Trainers or heeled shoes)
- **PE KIT** – White t-shirt & Black/Navy Shorts
- Summer Alternative: **Girls** – Checked blue & white Dress
Boys – Grey Shorts

Uniform letters will be issued in KS2 for not wearing the appropriate uniform and having P.E. kit in school. If your child receives 3 or more uniform letters in a term they will not be invited to wear their own clothes on Reward Day.

PTA

It seems a very long time ago now but the school fete raise £5052.05. This money will be spent in school on the children to support their learning. We will keep you informed on how we have used this money. Thank you very much to the PTA for raising such a great amount of money. It is very much appreciated!

Data Collection Sheets

We are still waiting for personal information about your child. If you have not returned the form, please send this back as soon as possible. Thank you.

Picking up children

It is really important for all staff in school to know who is allowed to pick up your child at the end of the day. A letter was sent out to all parents and carers asking for this information last week. Please return as soon as possible. **We will not send your child home with an adult if they are not on our records.**

Email - Schoolcomms

We use schoolcomms to communicate with parents by email or occasionally a text message. I hope that everyone will remain in the scheme as this will save a lot of money currently being spent on paper and photocopying which can then be spent on the children and resources. Please ensure that your email address and mobile telephone number are kept up to date with the school office. If you are not receiving email copies of letters please speak to the school office.

Black Post Box in Office Reception Area

Envelopes and forms should be posted in the black quick drop post box in the office reception area, please ensure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name and class. We encourage you to use this facility to save you time unnecessarily waiting.

Lunch time staff

We are looking for more lunch time staff to supervise and care for our children. If you would like to know about this very important position, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Asthma/Allergies

Health and Safety is our number one at our school. It has come to my attention that some children who suffer from allergies still do not have the appropriate inhalers in school. If your child suffers from asthma or has an allergy, please can you make sure that school as soon as possible has an inhaler/epi pen **that is in date.** These must be in a named box and marked with the child's name and class on.

PE and earrings

Cambridgeshire County Council regulations say that earrings must be removed for PE.

Taping is not allowed. This means if children cannot take earrings out they will have to sit out of PE until they can remove their earrings. This should be no longer than half a term as PE is a legal requirement. After this time children should come to school not wearing earrings or remove them themselves before the lesson.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who came to our Macmillan Coffee Morning and also donated cakes as well. Thank you to those who attended and we raised £98.68.





IQ Christmas Cards

This week your child has been busy creating a Christmas card master piece. Shortly you will receive information on how to turn your Childs Christmas creation into Christmas cards. A donation is received by the school and this money will be spent on buying new books for the children to take home.

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to updating you about Middlefield's exciting news in October!

Dates for your diary

October 
4 October Individual Photographs 10 October – Big Soup Share 17 October- Parents Evening 3.30pm- 7.00pm 18 October- Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6.00pm 22-26 October – Half Term 29 October – Staff Training Day – No School
November 
1 November – SEND Parents Evening 2 November- IQ Christmas card final collection 5-7 October – Bikeability Year 5/6 17 November- PTA Family Bingo. 3.30- 6.30pm 22 November- PTA- Middlefield at the Movies Afternoon
December 
10 December- KS1 Performance at 2.00pm and 6.00pm 11 December-KS1 Performance 11 December- KS2 Performance at 6.00pm 18 December- Reward Day 19 December- End of Term

