

Middlefield Primary Academy

Head's Weekly Newsletter

Friday 10th January 2025

'Be the best you can be!'



Dear Parents and Carers,

Blwyddyn Newydd dda! How can it possibly be 2025 already? The children have returned to school with lots of stories from their holidays, and it's clear that they had a lot of fun.

We have a packed and exciting half term ahead, filled with exciting opportunities for our children including Young Voices, Safari Stu, History Off The Page and Year 5 class assembly where the children will showcase their learning in a fun and creative way.

I hope your child has shared with you our new focus for the year: three very important words – **Ready, Respectful, and Safe**. These words will serve as a mantra for both staff and children. We are currently in the process of updating our behaviour policy. We ask for your patience as we work through these changes, and we will keep you informed along the way.



As the weather continues to get colder, we kindly remind you to ensure that your child has the appropriate warm clothing for school. Please ensure your child has appropriate PE kit for outdoors PE in school on their PE days.

PE days—EYFS—Friday, Year 1- Thursday, Year 2—Monday , Years 3-6 Tuesday.

We are excited to welcome Mrs. Norris, who has joined us as a Midday Supervisor. Mrs Norris has already fitted into the Middlefield team wonderfully! We also welcome back Mrs Skipwith :)

Earlier this week, I sent out emails regarding attendance letters. Please do not be alarmed if you receive one - it is simply part of our policy. We believe that good attendance is essential for a child's success and learning. Additionally, punctuality plays a crucial role in creating a positive school experience. Arriving late to class can sometimes cause embarrassment for the child and disrupt their learning, as well as that of their peers.

Yesterday, Year 5 participated in a workshop led by the Mental Health Support Team. The session focused on mental well-being, providing students with valuable tools and strategies to manage stress and emotions. It was an informative and engaging experience that aimed to promote positive mental health among our children.



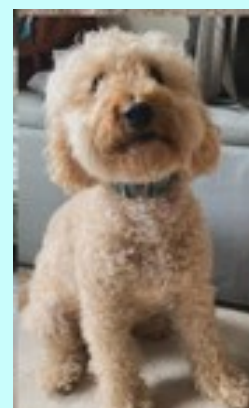
It was wonderful to seeing our Year 6 children getting ready for the upcoming Young Voices concert at the 02! They have been practicing their singing and dancing moves with great enthusiasm, and it's clear they have some serious talent. The energy and excitement in their rehearsals have been contagious; I didn't want to leave the classroom! Young Voices is always a fantastic experience, and this year promises to be no exception.

IT'S CENSUS DAY

Next Thursday is Census Day, an important day for the school as it helps determine funding. To support this, we have our 'Eat with the Teacher' to encourage as many children in EYFS and KS1 as possible to have a school hot lunch that day. The more children who have lunch, the more funding the school will receive! Please see Census lunch menu attached to this email.

Best Wishes and keep safe,

Mrs Besant and all of Middlefield Children and staff and, of course, Pippa.





OUTDOOR LEARNING



We have started the new term as we always do by doing two activities, the first called 'Middlefield Rangers'.

This activity includes litter picking, and checking for any risks within our outdoor learning environment. Some of the items we found were definitely rubbish and put in the bin, while other items were items blown around over the Christmas break, these were returned to their rightful

place.

The second activity we do alongside Middlefield Rangers is 'Season Spotters'. The children noticed the tips of daffodil leaves starting to emerge, a cluster of snowdrops and catkins appearing on the twisted hazel. We discussed evergreen and deciduous trees as we walked the perimeter of the

field and the children identified many different tree types.

Just before the Christmas break, Waresley Park Garden Centre kindly let us purchase a rooted Nordmann Fir at a reduced price. We now have a Christmas tree all year round in our meadow/orchard area! We're already looking forward to decorating it for next Christmas!

Miss Jarvis



Family Advisor

Lorraine Simon

Education Inclusion Family Advisors offer you an opportunity to ask for information, advice and support on any issue affecting your family life in a relaxed and confidential environment. These areas include:

- Challenging behaviour
- Routines
- Supporting emotions and wellbeing
- School transitions
- Parenting strategies
- Building resilience and confidence
- Any other family challenges you might be facing

Appointments in school

Individual Appointments for Middlefield Primary Academy parents:

Appointments available on the following Mondays, from 9am.

14th October 2024

13th January 2025

12th May 2025

11th November

10th February

9th June

9th December

10th March

14th July

To make an appointment, please ask at the school office,
or contact your linked worker for an alternative appointment time

*Appointments are being held back in school, but families may need to be aware of any restriction if the Coronavirus situation changes.
Appointments may need to be held via Microsoft Teams.*



January

Thursday 23rd—Year 6 Young Voices @ 02

February

Thursday 13th 2.45pm Year 5 Class assembly

17th—21st—Half term

March

Monday 10th—SEND Parent Meetings—NEW DATE

Monday 24th & Thursday 27th—Parent Meetings—NEW DATES

Thursday 27th -Year 4 Class Assembly

April

Mon 7th- Mon 21st Easter Hols

22nd April—training day, children back Wednesday 23rd

Wednesday 23rd-Friday 25th—Y4 Grafham Residential

May

Monday 5th—May Day Bank Holiday

Thursday 8th—Year 3 Class Assembly

Monday 12th- Thursday 15th—Year 6 SATS

26th—30th— May Half Term