



Middlefield Primary Academy

Head's Weekly Newsletter

Friday 6th September 2024

'Be the best you can be!'



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely holiday. Welcome to our new children in Years 3 and 4 and to all of our new Foundation Stage! They have been absolutely adorable and we are looking forward to them starting full time on Monday. I think I've learned all of their names :) They'll test me on Monday I'm sure!

I send out a newsletter with updates every Friday. Your child's teacher or teaching assistant will also use Class Dojo for any important events etc. Please make sure you have access to this. If you do not, please speak to the class teacher.

Thank you to the parents and past pupils for coming into school on Wednesday to support with our 'Groundforce Day'. We have the BEST grounds here at Middlefield, but over the summer holidays, without our children's helping hands, it gets very wild! Miss Jarvis, Ms Rainbird and Mrs Barker have so many plans this year so we might be calling on your help throughout the year :) Special thank you to Hannah



and Noah for their help!! It's lovely having past pupils join us for these events!

We're really looking forward to the new EYFS outdoor area. 'We like to grow it, grow it!' Here it is at the moment.

It's not only the outdoor area we have been improving. The Year 3 classroom has had a revamp with a new carpet and new tables and chairs—thanks to our wonderful PTA! Doesn't it look amazing?



Mr Smith has been doing what he loves the most...showing the children our Library of Wonders. Year 3 were very excited!

Homework will start from Monday for reading (at least 5 times for at least 10 minutes a time) and from Monday 16th September for Maths. (Spelling also for KS2 only).

This morning Mr Smith and I joined a live assembly with half a million other children to celebrate differences and overcoming adversity. We spoke how differences make each of us special and unique. It was lovely having the children coming out the front and saying hello in languages other than English.

The school gates open at 8.30am in the morning. The school doors are open at 8.35am. Some children are coming in very early (8.20am) and waiting outside the school grounds. We are responsible for the children from 8.35am. Please ensure your child is in school by 8.45am at the latest as that is when register starts. Myself and Mr Smith will always be on the playground. Ms Straker (SEND/CO) will be on the KS2 playground on a Monday. If the gates are shut, you will need to go into school via the school office.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Besant and all of Middlefield Children and staff and, of course, our very tired Pippa!





September

Thursday 19th—EYFS phonics meeting 3.15pm

October

Thursday 10th—Individual School Photos

Monday 28th-Friday 1st Nov—October Half Term

November

Monday 4th—Staff Training Day

Tuesday 5th—Children back to school

December

Thursday 12th—EYFS/KS1 Nativity 2pm

Friday 20th—Last day of term

Future dates!

February

Thursday 13th 2.45pm Year 5 Class assembly

17th—21st—Half term

March

Thursday 27th -Year 4 Class Assembly

April

Mon 7th- Mon 21st Easter Hols

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

23rd—25th Year 4 Grafham Residential

May

Thursday 8th 2.45—Year 3 Class Assembly

26th- 30th Half term, (children return Tuesday 3rd June)

June

Tuesday 24th- Sports Day (KS2 am, KS1 pm)

July

Wednesday 16th—Friday 18th—Year 6 Hilltop Residential

24th—Summer holidays

Uniform

See policy—<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/middlefield-primary-academy/UploadedDocument/5c9554d2-666b-4334-86ab-b7397720512f/uniform-policy.pdf>

White or blue polo shirts (plain)

Grey or black trousers/skirt/pinafore with the length of skirt to be no shorter than just above the knee

Grey or white socks, Black Shoes **(Not trainers)**

Royal blue sweatshirt/cardigan ,royal blue pullover or cardigan.

Summer alternative:

Grey/black shorts

Blue and white checked or striped dresses

Children need to have, a pair of wellies and a waterproof coat in school at all times.

Warm coat with gloves, scarf and hat are essential during colder months, a waterproof coat and a sunhat are required during spring and summer months.

PE Kit

White t-shirt

Navy/black bottoms - shorts, leggings, jogging bottoms

Plain navy/blue/black jumper (school jumper can also be worn) NO hoodies

Trainers

Children **must** bring their PE kits into school on their PE day. Please ensure all kit is labelled.

Earrings

Earrings must be removed for PE (best to remove them at home on PE days) . We are no longer allowed to cover them with tape. We would ask that if you get your child's ears pierced, please could it be at the beginning of the summer holiday. Many thanks

Nuts

We are a nut-free school. Please be reminded not to send in nuts, nut based products or anything that may contain nuts for your child's snack or packed lunch

Medication

If your child requires medication in school, you will need to fill in a medical form from the office and any medication needs to be in school at all times.

Home walkers, cycles and scooters

If your child is a home walker, please inform the office. We strongly advise that your child wears a helmet if cycling or scooting to school.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Penalty Notice Fines are changing!

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.

PER PARENT, PER CHILD

Penalty Notice Fines are issued to each parent, for each child that was absent. For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

NATIONAL THRESHOLD

There will be a single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period. These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence. The 10-school week period can span different terms or school years.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:

- £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.
- Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The Second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:

- £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Third and any other Offence (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrate's Court. Prosecution can result in criminal records and fines of up to £2,500.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.