



# Middleton News



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## Welcome!

Welcome to the first issue of volume 7 of the Middleton News.

We very much hope that you enjoyed the sunny summer weather.

Certainly from the home / school books and photographs it looks like many of the children have had a very busy and interesting time.



We have had new staff and new pupils in at the start of this term so.....

We would like to welcome our new teaching assistants Miss N Kendall and Mr E Perkins.

We would also like to welcome:

Malachi Ali-Rima (Robins)  
 Colby Butler (Robins)  
 Bobby-Mac Cantwell (Robins)  
 Lorenzo Carnevale (Robins)  
 Noah Leadbetter (Robins)  
 Sienna Smith (Robins)  
 Ethan Stallon (Robins)  
 Aleks Mankowski (Penguins)  
 Jasmine Mensah (Penguins)  
 Joseph Bridgeman (Owls)  
 Charlie Matthews (Owls)  
 Emilia Rose Ronsley (Toucans)  
 Theo Williams (Toucans)  
 Alex Gokool (Puffins)  
 Archie Goddard (Swifts)  
 Pierre Gouleme (Eagles)  
 Liam Sayers (Eagles)

We hope that you enjoy working and learning at Middleton School.

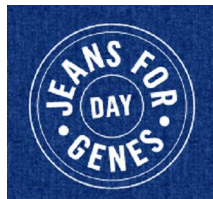
## About the Middleton News

**The Middleton News is the most important piece of paper that your child will bring home.**

It tells you everything you need to know about what is happening in school. You can read about your child's achievements. You can check up on any important dates coming up and you can also read about any community news which we think might be useful to you.

**Please make sure that you empty your child's bag and look for the Middleton News which is published every fortnight.**

## Jeans 4 Genes



We are having our first non-uniform day on **Friday 23 September**. This raises money for Genetic Disorders UK. As many of our children are diagnosed with genetic disorders it seems a very apt charity to support.

Children can come in Jeans or denim or else any clothes or costumes they would like.

We are requesting a donation of £1 as usual. Many thanks.

## Updated Info



Last week you should have received an envelope containing a selection of sheets.

Thanks to everyone who has returned these already.

**Please could you check, sign and return the**

- ✚ **Data Collection Sheet,**
- ✚ **Intimate Care permission sheet,**
- ✚ **Annual Visit Sheets,**
- ✚ **Photographic Permission sheets.**
- ✚ **Medical Information Sheets**

The **data protection** information sheet **does not** need to be returned.

If you haven't already then please return them in the envelope provided via your child's book bag **as soon as you can**.

## Tales From The Chalkface!

Our regular peek into the children's school world will return next edition.

## Texting Service

As a school we subscribe to a service called Teacher2Parent. This allows us to send text

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reminders straight to your mobile phone.



It is therefore really **important that you tell us if your mobile number changes** so that you continue to receive these messages.

Messages sent this way tend to be those that are of short notice such as a cancellation of swimming, reminders about non-uniform days or snow closures.

## Dates

With this version of the news you should have also received this term's calendar. This contains all the dates that we know about already.

It is important to note that any further dates which crop up during the term will be notified through items in the News.

On the back of the calendar there is a list of term and holiday dates

Please note that I cannot authorise any holidays that occur during term time.

## Lost Property

We would ask all parents and carers to please make sure that ALL clothing and shoes that come into school are clearly labelled with their name as it is



impossible to reunite lost clothing that does not have a label in!

## Dinners



A reminder of dinner money costs for this term; Please disregard if your child is eligible for free school meals or is currently in Year Reception - Year 2.

£2.35 per day  
£11.75 per week.

Payments should be made in advance and can be made in cash (in a named envelope to the school office), by cheque (made payable to Hertfordshire Catering Ltd) or via WisePay.

\*Please note: If you require a balance of your account please contact the school office who will be happy to help.

New menu will start after half term and we will send copies home just before the holiday.

**Please note that if your child is in R – Y2 and you would be entitled to Free School Meals then it is worth applying as the school still receives money through pupil premium to support your child in school.**

## Website

Just a reminder that lots of information is available on the website.

[www.middleton.herts.sch.uk](http://www.middleton.herts.sch.uk). This needs a bit of updating at the moment but I will get on to that soon!!!! ☺

## Poorly Children

We would like to remind parents and carers of the need to ring the school

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office (preferably in the morning) if your child is ill so that we can keep our records straight. You can also email the school on [absence@middleton.herts.sch.uk](mailto:absence@middleton.herts.sch.uk)



We do not need a note in this case. If you send a message with the escort then we will need a note but a message in the home school book is fine.

Also please be aware that any child who has **sickness or diarrhoea MUST stay off school for 48 hours after the last episode** of either to ensure that they are clear of the bug.

## Coffee Morning

You should have received a letter about the first coffee morning of the school year on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15 at the school. Please return the reply slip if you are able to attend. We look forward to seeing you.

## Focus Week

The first Focus Week of the year will be taking place during the week of the 26 September. It is entitled *Let's Get Physical* and is focussing on different sorts of physical activity each day. The children will take part in mixed age groups.

**Your child will not need snacks to be provided that week. Home school book entries will be replaced by a short description of the activities your child has taken part in each day.**