



Middleton News



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Welcome

We have had lots of visits from the children who are joining us in September. They will also be joining their new classes next Thursday morning which is our Transition morning.

All children will spend the morning in their new class with their new teams and then will return to their current classes in the afternoon.

Letters will come home on Tuesday or Wednesday to inform you of your child's class team for next year.

I am sorry that this has not been available sooner but we still have new children coming through the system for September and so even at this point the classes are not finalised.

School Picnic

We are looking forward to welcoming you and your children to our picnic on Saturday 14 July.

If you would like a ticket the cost is £5 per family however large. There will be refreshments available (tea, coffee, hot dogs, ice cream) and other stalls. There will be plenty of toys out for the children to play with. Bring a picnic and a rug. It is a great opportunity to meet and talk to other parents / carers old and new.

The picnic will run from 11am until 2 pm.

See you there!!

End of Year Prom

As happened last year, FOMS are arranging an end of term prom for all children on Friday 20 July.

For children in R, Y1, Y2 and Y3 the party will be from 6.30 pm until 7.15.

For children in Y4, 5 and 6 the party will be from 7.30 - 8.30.

The theme this year is princes and princesses.

Tickets are £5 this includes disco, snacks and games.

Parents and carers must attend with their children and be responsible for them at all times.

Swimming Gala

The gala will be taking place on Friday 13th July

(🤩) at Fanshawe Pool.

As with last year the event will be for Middle and Upper School pupils and is a chance for them to demonstrate all of the skills which they have been learning over the year.

The event will start at 1.15 prompt and will be finished in time to allow you to pick up any siblings from other local schools. You will be able to take your child with you at the end of the gala.

Parents and carers of children in Lower School are being invited to watch

their children swim at their normal swim session at John Warner Pool on 17 July. A note will follow to confirm the times.

Sports Afternoon

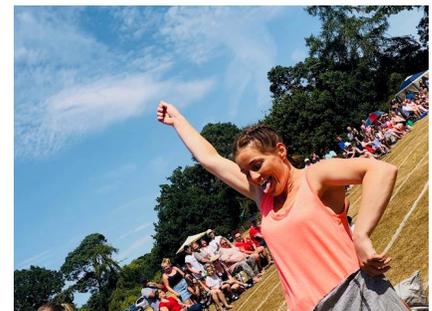
Thank you to all parents and families who managed to come to our sports afternoon on Tuesday. Phew it was hot!!!

As I said on the day it was lovely to see all of the smiling faces on the children who seemed to really enjoy themselves.

A big thank you again to Mr Wildey and Mrs Hartley for their great organisation and to all staff without whose help(as always) these things would not happen.



Thanks also to the mad staff and parents who joined in the races at the end. The children really enjoyed cheering you on.



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Year 5 Parents

As you have not had a meeting in school since the Spring Term Annual Reviews, parents of children in Year 5 should be receiving an invitation to come into school to meet with their child's teacher.

These are short appointments for you to look at your child's work and see how they have been getting on.

Free School Meal Update

Unfortunately, from September 2018 we have had to raise school dinner prices by 10p to £2.50. This is the price we are charged by Herts Catering Limited.

This means that for anyone wanting dinners every day the cost will be £12.50 per week.

Parent / Carer Questionnaire

I would like to thank everyone who has already returned the questionnaire. If you have not yet done so then we would be grateful for all further returns by Friday 13th July. Many thanks.

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Ware Fire Station Open Day

This is taking place this Saturday 7th July from 12.30 – 4pm.

Lots of our children have enjoyed meeting the fire fighters in school and have

benefitted from the information which they have shared.

There are lots of things to look at and do, so if you are looking for a free activity for your child this weekend then pay them a visit.

Ware Museum

Summer activities will be on each Tuesday from 24 July to 28 August from 11 am – 3pm for children aged 4 – 12. Those children under 8 must have an appropriate adult with them.

There is a small charge of £2.50 for each child for each session.

Ware Museum is also looking for adults interested in local history to join the team that helps with the running of the museum. If you are interested you can contact them by filling in a volunteer form available on their website www.waremuseum.org.uk.

Dates!!

Attached to this volume of the News is a calendar for the next academic year. This has also been circulated by email to all families who have shared their email address with us.



Please be aware that, as a result of having the week off in June, we are finishing slightly later than

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other Hertfordshire schools. Our last day of term is Friday 27th July and we will finish at 1.15 pm.

Tales From The Chalkface!

Lower School

In Science we are learning to investigate and make predictions.

We have been doing experiments, thinking about what might happen (predicting) and talking about what we see.

We have made mini volcanoes, investigating things that float and things that sink and making fireworks in a jar.

In Maths we have been learning about how to measure using non standard units. We have had to learn if things are bigger or smaller, the same or different and we have been making practical comparisons by placing objects next to each other. So far we have measured using cubes, hands, feet and steps.

We have been learning about significant events and then we thought about events which we might celebrate in school. We talked about how to plan a celebration or a party.

In PSHE we have started to talk about feelings. We have been trying to identify the difference between happy and sad and think about what might make us feel that way. We have also been thinking about healthy

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eating and balanced diets. We have been preparing different meals which contain at least 5 fruit or veg.

This week we have read the story of The Hungry Caterpillar to link to healthy eating.



A couple of weeks ago we were lucky enough to go on the Kids Out trip with the Rotary Club of Amwell to Paradise Park. It was a lovely day and the children really enjoyed themselves. The volunteers were really kind and helpful.

Middle School

The children in Middle School have completed their topic on rivers with a trip along the River Lee in an electric boat. They all thoroughly enjoyed the experience. They had the opportunity to steer the boat themselves and feed the ducks whilst they travelled along the river.



The children have really enjoyed learning about 'changes' in their science lessons this half term.

The children have also been finding out about the lifecycles of frogs and butterflies. They are exploring changes to water and other materials when they are heated and cooled. Making ice lollies and observing how they change when they freeze has been very popular! They also had great fun peeling a hardboiled egg to find out how it had changed during heating and then used the egg to make a delicious sandwich during their cooking lesson.



In geography lessons the children have been finding out about Burundi which is a country in Africa. They are learning to make simple comparisons between Burundi and England. We sponsor a child who lives in Burundi called Fulgence and the children are currently thinking of ways to raise money to send to Fulgence.

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Upper School

Upper school children have been enjoying their topic this half term based around the Football World Cup. They have been learning about the rules of football and have spent some time designing their own kit.

In Science they have continued their work about the Solar System. They have been finding out the different conditions on the surface of the each planet. They have also made astronauts and are carrying out experiments to learn about gravity on Earth and gravity in space.

In Art the children have been experimenting with sculpture. They have used different materials to build their own structures from their imagination. They have used paper, junk and most recently lolly sticks for their sculptures.

In Maths the children have been learning to tell the time using an analogue clock. They have been practising o'clock and half past.



Kingfishers had a lovely time on the RDA horse riding picnic. They each had a ride on their horse outside in the open instead of in the ring and they had a picnic on the hay bales. Everyone received a rosette to take home afterwards.