



## FOCUS WEEK!

Middleton School is celebrating it's 25<sup>th</sup> birthday next week. The children have an exciting week of planned events ahead of them, culminating in a huge party for all on Friday! Monday will see a focus on art activities, Tuesday is our History day and Wednesday will have a maths theme to it. Thursday will involve a series of community events, welcoming back faces from the past! Friday we will receive a visit from a children's entertainer, experience party games, a celebratory lunch and afternoon tea for parents.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT SWIMMING WILL RUN AS NORMAL NEXT WEEK AND PUPILS WILL NEED THEIR KIT SENT INTO SCHOOL ON THEIR USUAL DAY.**

Please read the letter attached to find out a little more about Focus Week and book your places at our afternoon tea.

## Harvest

Harvest Festival took place last Friday afternoon and it was fabulous to see so many parents sharing in our whole school community event. Thank

you also for the overwhelming donation of food and toiletries which have been warmly received by the Hertford District Foodbank.

## SMILE!



A quick reminder that the first Friday back after half term ( 8<sup>th</sup> November) we will receive a visit from the school photographer. All pupils will have individual photographs taken, which may make lovely presents for family and friends at Christmas. If you want to send a personal hairbrush into school for your child on this day then we will endeavour to smarten them up prior to their photograph being taken!

## Parent Consultations

I hope that you have all had an opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their class team. If you have not yet been able to meet with your child's teacher, please contact the school so that an appropriate time can be arranged. Our children make the most effective progress when school and home work 'hand in hand'.

## Tales From The Chalkface!

### Lower School

In Lower School we have finished learning all about the senses in science. The

children have all taken part in a range of sensory experiments to guess the object by it's smell, taste and feel! Everyone did really well trying new foods and being brave; touching things they couldn't see. During our 'all about me' topic each class has made a display with all pupils contributing to the creation!



Each pupil has also learnt about their school and which class they belong to. Each pupil made their own mini model of a pupil wearing the Middleton uniform – complete with kingfisher!

## Middle School

Middle School have been busy exploring both 2D and 3D shapes. All of the children have enjoyed the story of the 'Monkey Puzzle' and learnt the Makaton signs to support the story.



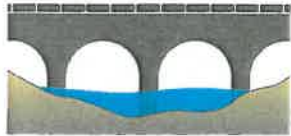
Within cooking, the children have made fairy cakes, which you may have sampled at home! The PE lessons have focused upon safe use of the apparatus, and the children have explored

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their feelings through the medium of dance!

## Upper School

Upper School pupils have been constructing bridges in Design technology! They have considered if they are for pedestrians or vehicles and the properties of the materials used to construct.



In Geography they have been considering the effects of plastic upon the environment, and also considering how we can re-use plastic more effectively.

In RE the pupils have explored a range of religious creation stories. In PE the pupils learnt how to change direction while moving along a piece of apparatus! Good balance required!



## Half Term

Just a quick reminder that the school will be closed for half term week commencing Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October. Children to return to school as normal on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November. I hope you all have a lovely week.

Don't forget that the clocks go back at the end of October. . . but you do gain an extra hour in bed!

## Community News

**Pinewood School** is also celebrating a special

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birthday this weekend. They are 50 years old! They are running a special day of activities this Saturday if you would like to join them for some fun with your family.

I hope that all of the children enjoy their celebratory activities next week. See you all after half term.

Many thanks

*Debbie Hartley*



17.10.19

Dear Families

As you are already aware, we have planned a FOCUS WEEK for all pupils next week ( 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> October). The week will culminate in a grand party on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October. We have booked the services of Rocky the children's entertainer for the morning session and would really appreciate a small voluntary donation (£2.00) towards the cost of this entertainment.

In the afternoon, we would like to invite parents to join us for afternoon tea and to assist us in the singing of 'Happy Birthday'! We can accommodate two adults per family. Please indicate on the tear off slip below if you would like to reserve two spaces at this event. It will begin at 2pm and should be finished by 2.40pm.

Many of the events planned for next week will take place in your child's normal class group and you will be made aware of the activities they have explored.

If you have a connection with an ex pupil of Middleton, please put them in touch with the school so that we may invite them in to talk to us.

We hope you will be able to join us in our celebrations.

Kind regards

Debbie Hartley

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Child's name:

I would like to reserve 1  2  spaces at the afternoon tea, to be held at 2pm on Friday 25.10.19.

I will  will NOT  be taking my child home with me afterwards

I enclose a voluntary contribution of £2.00 towards the cost of the party entertainer.

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