



Spring has Sprung!



Welcome back to the Summer term. We have been blessed with blue skies and sights and sounds of Springtime! We have also been blessed with a school full of children who are very happy to be back in school learning.

Parent Survey

A big thank you to all of the parents who very kindly filled in our recent parent survey. It is so helpful to gather parent views and our aim is always to include the views of all stakeholders in future practice. We would welcome responses from more families and encourage you to complete the survey if you have not yet done so. It will take just a few minutes and can be anonymous. Please click on the following link to complete the survey – thank you as we really appreciate your feedback.

<https://forms.office.com/r/gKzYvr6Snm>

Data Collection

You should now have all received your invitation to sign up on SIMS Parent lite. We now ask, if you have not done so already, to sign in and check all the data we have on file for you and your child and make any necessary amendments. If all details are correct then you will need to click

on the "confirm no changes" button so we know you have checked the details. This is a secure system compliant to GDPR regulations and going forward will replace the yearly data collection sheet which used to get sent home for signing. Please contact the school office if you have any problems with this system who will do their best to help. Thank you for those who have already done this.

Football Fans!

Today we were very excited to have a visit from a professional footballer. Billy plays for West Ham (apologies to fans of other Premiership Teams – the visit was organised by Mr Hayes who is a West Ham fan!) Billy spent some time with the children, answering their questions and also trying out some football skills with them! Check out the web site next week as there will be a blog about this exciting visit!



A visit from Finley the dog

The children also enjoyed a visit today from Finley the dog. He pops into school from time to time and the children are always thrilled to see him!



Tales From The Chalkface!

Lower School

The children in Lower School have a new topic; 'People Who Help Me'. This week they have been exploring the roles of people who help them at home, and also trying a few household chores! If you need your car cleaning this weekend, then the Robins children may be able to assist!



Today the Owls class were making jam tarts in their cooking lesson – I hope you got to sample them!



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Middle School

The Middle School pupils also have a new topic 'Beautiful Bodies'. The children have been learning about healthy lifestyles and have created their own skeletal artwork!



Puffins class made representations of the human eye in their Art class.



Toucans class have been writing about the things that they saw and heard on their Spring walk. They have also been having fun on the Astroturf with hoops and learning new tricks!



Upper School

The new topic in Upper School is 'All About Ware'. They will be learning about art and music in the local area as well as the history and geography of the town. In Science the children are studying lifecycles, and this week have explored the lifecycle of a butterfly.



The Kingfisher class pupils have enjoyed representing landscapes in a range of materials.

Focus Week

The week commencing 4th May (Mon 3rd of May being a bank holiday) we will be holding our next Focus Week. It will run from the Wednesday to Friday with a focus upon leadership skills and teamwork. We have lots of exciting activities planned and the week is already looking to be lots of fun for all! This will also be the first time that we have expanded social contact beyond class bubbles. We will be meeting other classes outside with social distancing but we are very excited at the prospect at meeting with different people from our school community.

Covid Symptoms

Things are certainly moving in the right direction with regards to the pandemic. However, if your child or a household member develops symptoms then it is still essential that you contact the school either by; e mail the school on sharron.graffato@middleton.herts.sch.uk Or leave a message on Mrs Graffatos phone; 07740410650 Please do let us know ASAP if a member of your household should test positive so that we may complete track and trace procedures.

Dates for next year

I am attaching to this newsletter key term dates for next year. I am aware

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that it feels like we have barely started the current academic year, but know that some families like to forward plan holidays and child care. Good luck if you are planning a holiday! Please be aware that there will be two weeks at May half term so that our families may book a holiday at a quieter and cheaper time of year, when other school age children are not around.

Have a great weekend

Debbie Hartley

School Holiday Dates for 2021/ 2022

Autumn term 2021

Wednesday September 1st – INSET Day

Thursday September 2nd – Pupils return

Monday 18th October – INSET DAY

Friday 22nd October- End of half term

25th – 29th October -October half term –

Monday 1st November- Pupils return

Friday 5th November – school closes at 1.15pm for whole staff training

Tuesday 21st December – End of term 1.15pm

22nd December – 3rd January – Christmas holidays

Spring term 2022

Tuesday 4th January – INSET Day

Wednesday 5th January - Pupils return

Friday 11th February – break up for half term

14th -18th February – half term

Monday 21st February – pupils return

Friday 25th February – school closes at 1.15pm for whole staff training

Friday 1st April – End of term 1.15pm

4th April -18th April – Easter Holidays

Summer term 2022

Tuesday 19th April – Pupils return to school

Friday 27th May – end of half term

30th May – 10th June Half term (2 weeks)

Monday 13th June – pupils return

Friday 1st July – INSET Day

Friday 22nd July – End of term 1.15pm

25th July – 31st August – Summer Holidays

*** 6th June – Occasional day , 7th June- Day in lieu from 4th January, 8th / 9th June= 4 x-half days for whole staff training, Friday 10th June - INSET Day, ***

