

# Middleton News



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It is disappointing for all of us to hear that the lifting of restrictions planned for the 21st of June has now been postponed until the 19th July. This decision will have an impact upon our planned calendar for this Summer term. We are currently in the process of exploring safe and creative ways to allow many of our planned events to still go ahead; albeit in a modified manner! As soon as we have further information we will share it with you. I can share, that as per my letter earlier in the week, the parent consultations planned for the week of 28th June will now be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July. You will have received letters from your class teacher about this event. We will need to limit numbers and stagger times and hold this event outside, but at least you will get an opportunity to meet the staff team to reflect upon the year and look at some of your child's

As we have a firmer plan for each event I will update vou.

Sadly we have also been beaten by the weather this week, and our Archery session planned for today has been postponed until the 9th July.

### DATES FOR NEXT YEAR

You may have heard in the news recently that we are being allocated an extra Bank Holiday to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee.



This means that we are able to move our Occasional day back to the Autumn Term. We plan to now hold our Occasional Day on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November, but I will send out a dates sheet at the end of term.

## **Inset Day**

A quick reminder that next Friday, the 25<sup>th</sup> June is an INSET DAY and the school will be closed to all pupils on this day.

#### **Tales From The** Chalkface!

#### **Lower School**

The children in Lower School have started on a new topic; 'The Sea-side'. This week they have enjoyed the story of Kipper and the Sandcastle. The children have also made textured sea side paintings.



Today the Robins class role played a trip to the beach complete with a visit to the ice cream shop!





In Penguins class today the children thoroughly enjoyed making and then exploring 'Gloop'!



In History the children looked at the differences between sea side venues many years ago and sea side venues today. They were intrigued by the bathing huts of the Victorian era!

#### Middle School

The Middle School have begun their new topic 'A Walk on the Wild Side!' which involves all animal life great and small! The children are exploring a range of animal stories; in particular those by Julia Donaldson. This week the Swifts children have

created their own 'Rainbow Fish' in Art.



They have been learning to classify animals in Science and also explored the life cycle of a human, sequencing babies to adults. In RE the children have identified places that are special to them in the school and in PSHE they have learnt about staying safe in the sun!



The children in Middle
School were also thrilled to
begin departmental
number groups this week,
as well as ability groups for
PE. Tiny steps out of
COVID!

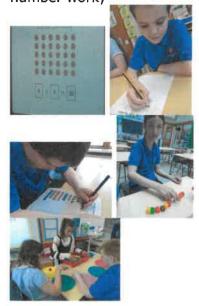
### **Upper School**

The pupils in Upper School have begun their new topic 'Sport and Leisure'. This week they have begun to look at sports around the world and traditions of those countries. They have also listened to inspirational music linked to sport. In English they have been writing about famous sports people and this week looked at newspaper articles about Pele. The pupils have baked scones, made Fathers Day Cards,





And I observed some excellent multiplication number work;



The pupils in Year Six also received their Leavers Hoodies yesterday. They were thrilled with them and couldn't wait to try them on! They are now able to wear them into school if they so wish.



## Final plea for data collection checks

We still have a few remaining families who have not yet logged onto SIMS Parent Lite to confirm that the details we hold on file are accurate. This is an annual requirement. Please

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contact the school office if you need support with this.

## Information and Attachments

Attached to this newsletter is some information that we have been sent by the police with regard to email scams that are currently doing the rounds. Please read and share with others.

I hope that the sunshine returns over the weekend. The classes have this afternoon predicted the outcome of the England – v- Scotland game! With an English Mrs Hartley and a Scottish Mr Hartley it will be an interesting evening in our house! Wishing all the Dads and Grandads a happy Fathers Day!

Kind Regards

Debbie Hartley

### What Parents & Carers Need to Know about



Email scams are when you receive a mail from someone purporting to be a genuine person or company, but is actually an online fraudster trying to trick you into disclosing personal information. This is often referred to as 'phishing'. Normally, people click on the links in an email assuming that they will be directed to a trustworthy website - but fake sites, closely resembling the real thing, are increasingly being set up by cyber criminals specifically to capture your personal information, which could in turn jeopardise your financial, emotional and possibly even physical wellbeing.

#### Disguised Deceptions

Some scam emails can appear to be from companies that you know and use. For example. you could receive an authentic-looking emo advising of a problem with your account or payment method. Instead of reacting to the ail and disclosing personal information like bank details, it's wise to call the company directly on a trusted number to confirm if there actually are any account issues.

#### **Identity Theft**

Another significant risk is falling victim to Identity theft. If a scammer manages to acquire your usernames and passwords, they would then have access to your online accounts – and they could effectively pretend to be you. This could have a massive negative impact if changes were made to your accounts, for instance, or the scammer communicated with your contacts while posing as you.

#### Viruses and Malware

A particularly devasting hazard with scam emails is that some links, when clicked on, could result in dangerous viruses or malware being downloaded onto your devices. This could enable scammers to harvest valuable information without your consent (and sometimes even without your knowledge) or prevent you from accessing the device altogether, making it unusable.

#### Financial Damage

One of the primary consequences for victims of an email scam is the financial cost. If you do click on a scam email and disclose any personal information, it can then be used to take money from accounts belonging to you and your family. Depending on exactly what information the cyber criminals obtain, this could result in significant and far-reaching financial losse

#### Hijacked Accounts

A scammer with access to your accounts could once they're logged in as you - deny you entry. If they were to change the password, it would – in most cases – not allow you any further access. Even for accounts with little or no financial value attached, this could be hugely inconvenient: you could permanently lose data and files that you had invested a considerable

#### Personal Safety

Another danger of scam emails is that, in extreme cases, they could ultimately lead to a threat to your physical wellbeing. If someone is demanding to meet with you and has accessed your personal information (your address, for example), they could attempt to confront you in person – which is of course exceptionally dangerous. Losing control of sensitive information could put you in a vulnerable position.

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## Advice for Parents & Carers

#### **Protect Personal Details**

Never input any personal information into websites that you are unfamiliar with. If you were realirected onto a certain page by clicking a link in an email, entering your personal details could then give away your location or other key information to the scammer. This could then put you in physical danger as the cyber criminals would know exactly where to find and approach you.

#### Beware of Suspicious Emails

If you are unfamiliar with the sender, it's safest to simply not open an email. When an email makes you wary, mark it as junk (to reduce the chance of any recurring issues) and then delete it. Awareness of phishing is the primary method of defence against malicious emails. Once someone knows how to identify and deal with scam emails, they are far less likely to fall prey to them in future.

#### Check Spelling and Grammar

Pay close attention to any spelling mistakes or grammatical errors. Many scam emails can be spotted this way, as they often tend to contain these types of mistakes. Make sure your child knows that if they do spot this sort of tell-tale error and is not sure who the email came from, it's a good idea to either delete the email or report it to a trusted adult to prevent any possible future harm.

#### Access Sites Manually

If you or your child wish to visit a particular website, it's safest to avoid clicking on a link in an email to take you there. Instead, find the site through your search engine or manually type the address into your browser. This significantly reduces the possibility of being redirected to a bogus website where fraudsters could capture your personal information rédirected to a be after you enter it.

#### Don't Open Dubious Attachments

If you or your child ever see any files as attachments on emails that you are uncertain about, do not download them or even click on them: this could result in your systems being infiltrated. If your devices at home do not already have anti-virus software, you should install some and ensure it is regularly updated. This will help you to detect and remove any dangerous files as soon as possible.

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