



Welcome to the first issue of the 2021/2022 Middleton News.

We hope that you had an enjoyable Summer and made the most of our traditional 'British weather'! As always the sunshine made an appearance once the children returned to school!



This term has seen a bumper crop of new pupils and it has been great fun getting to know them all over this past week. We welcome both the pupils and their extended families to the Middleton School Community. 'Hello' to.....:

Robins:

Andrew
Cosmin
Sadie
Usmaan
James
Ethan
Billy

Penguins:

Crystal
Kerem

Owls;

Mya
Elara
Ensi
Freddie
Amina

Puffins:

Riley

Swifts:

Elvis
Jaxon

Eagles:

Noah
Albie

Kingfishers:

Scarlett
Nacho
Kruz
Osan

Kestrels:

Jake

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

In addition we have had three new members of staff join us. We welcome Louise Esser; a TA in Kingfishers, Jennifer Watts; a TA in Penguins class and Becky Fraser; a TA in Lower School. All three staff members are learning quickly about life at Middleton and settling into their new roles.

About the

Middleton News

The Middleton News is compiled and sent home with your child every two weeks.

It tells you everything you need to know about what is happening in school. You can read about the achievements and learning opportunities of the pupils in each department. 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 each fortnight.

Payments - School Gateway

As with many schools, our aim is to remain as cash free an environment as possible, and we ask parents to make use of the School gateway account wherever possible. It is simple, safe and secure to use and enables you to make payments via your credit / debit card. It also enables us to send you messages direct to your phone. We recommend that you download the free app.

You can also access School Gateway through the home page of our school web site. If you scroll to the bottom of the home page you will find the link. Please ring the office if you need any assistance.

Personal Details

Personal details are held for all pupils within the school central records. These details can be amended, updated and reviewed at any point by families using the Sims Parent online system. We will be asking families to confirm their details once a year. The start of the year may be a good time to check the details we hold for your child and to make any reviews necessary. You may, for example, wish to amend your parental permission choices. The school office will be happy to assist you in this process if you require further support.

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Meet the team!



We are welcoming all families to the school on Wednesday 15th September. This is an opportunity for your child to show you their new classroom and introduce you to the staff in their class. Please note that this is **NOT** a parent consultation and if you would like to discuss any individual concerns then you will need to arrange a meeting with your class teacher at an alternative time. Your class teacher will have sent you a letter detailing your appointment time slot. We look forward to welcoming you to the school next Wednesday.

Life after COVID

The term 'after' may be a little optimistic, but we are certainly moving into a new 'phase' of operations within schools! We are moving forwards with caution but the pupils are enjoying using parts of the school once again that they have not had access to since March 2020! For example, the library, the hall and the dinner hall . . .



Tales From The Chalkface!

Lower School

Our topic this half term is 'All About Me'. The children in Lower School have been embarking upon music lessons, cookery lessons, writing lessons and learning how to interact socially with others.



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In ICT we have been assessing the children's ability and as always they have impressed us with their ICT skills! The children in Owls class and Penguins Class are looking forward to their first swim next Tuesday!



Middle School



The children in Middle School are working on the topic 'My family'.

This week they have created some beautiful portraits of members of their families (with some striking resemblances!). Also in Art they have made collages of their class bird.

All of the pupils in Middle School have enjoyed their first offsite visit this week and are learning how to be safe within the local community.



Swimming for Middle School has not yet been confirmed.

Upper School

This half term the Upper School topic is 'What's New?'


They have shared some news sessions within classes, listening to the adventures of their friends over the Summer holidays. This week in school, the pupils have been learning about inspirational people and have been writing about David Attenborough!



The Upper School are looking forward to their first swim on Thursday 23rd September. More information with regards to this will follow. (Kestrels and Eagles class).

Dates for the diary

Friday September 17th –

Jeans for Genes Day.  Pupils and staff may wear denim into school for a £1

donation which supports the charity Genetic Disorders UK.

Tuesday 21st September; Welcome to new parents; at 7pm we will be holding a welcome meeting for our new parents in the school hall. More information will be sent out to our new families next week.

Attached to this edition of the news you will also receive a list of term dates and INSET days for the academic year, and a calendar of events for the Autumn term.

Texting/ Email Service

As a school we subscribe to a messaging service. This allows us to send text reminders straight to your mobile phone and email reminders to your email account.



It is therefore really **important that you tell us if your mobile number changes** so that you continue to receive these messages and that you **register your email address** with the school. 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.

Healthy Snacks

We encourage pupils to bring snacks in from home to eat at snacktime in their mid morning break. However, this snack should **NOT** contain nuts and should be healthy in nature, for example; a

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piece of fruit, a yoghurt, a cereal bar, bread sticks. We do not permit items such as chocolate bars, cakes or crisps. Lower School pupils do have a snack provided for them from a government initiative. Snack time is often a good opportunity for pupils to try some new tastes and textures and to explore new foods.

Community News

SPACE – we have been contacted by this charity who have a helpline to support parents of young people with ASD or ADHD, and asked to pass on their contact details to parents. Their website is www.spaceherts.org.uk

Dance For Me – you will find this flyer attached to today's newsletter. It is a club aimed at meeting the needs of children with additional needs.

Training – School Transitions; managing anxiety and worries. This CPD is being offered by the NHS to all parents on 20th Sept 12.30-2.30 and again on 29th Sept 10-12 via MS Teams. If you would like the link please contact the school office.

Phew! A busy newsletter. I hope we haven't overwhelmed you on week one with too much information!

Enjoy your weekend and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday. Many thanks

Debbie Hartley



Dance For Me

MAKING DANCE ACCESSIBLE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

WEDNESDAYS

4.45-5.25PM JUNIOR (6+)

5.30-6.10PM SENIOR (11+)

**@WOOLMER GREEN VILLAGE HALL
WITH MISS EMMA**

SATURDAYS

**9.45-10.25AM JUNIOR
(6+)**

**@BISHOPS HATFIELD
GIRLS SCHOOL
WITH MISS EMMA**

To book your place email;

ADMIN@SPITZ-INFO



School Holiday Dates for 2021/ 2022

Autumn term 2021

Wednesday September 1st – INSET Day

Thursday September 2nd + Friday 3rd September – 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

Monday 29th November – Occasional Day

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

MIDDLETON SCHOOL PLANNER
September – December 2021

	September	October	November	December
M			1 School photos	
T			2	
W	1 INSET DAY		3	1
T	2 Pupils return (grp 1)		4	2 Carols round the tree
F	3 Pupils return (grp 2)	1	5 1.15 close for staff training	3
S	4	2	6	4
S	5	3	7	5
M	6	4	8	6
T	7	5	9	7
W	8	6	10	8
T	9	7	11	9
F	10	8	12 Children in Need	10
S	11	9	13	11
S	12	10	14	12
M	13	11	15	13
T	14	12	16	14
W	15 'Meet the staff team'	13	17	15 Xmas Show pm
T	16	14	18	16 Xmas Show x2
F	17 Jeans for genes	15	19	17 Xmas Lunch
S	18	16	20	18
S	19	17	21	19
M	20	18 INSET DAY	22	20 Parties and FC Panto pm
T	21	19 Parent Consultation	23	21 Disco 1.15pm End of term
W	22	20 Parent Consultation till 7	24	23
T	23	21 Parent Consultation	25	24
F	24	22 Harvest Festival	26	25
S	25	23 Half Term	27	26
S	26	24	28	27
M	27	25	29 Occasional day	28
T	28	26	30	29
W	29	27		30
T	30	28		31
F		29		
S		30		
S		31		

INSET Tuesday 4th JANUARY 2022