



# Middleton News



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## Children In Need

The children enjoyed attending school in fancy dress last Friday ( as did the staff!) and we shared information about Children in need in our weekly assembly. Thank you for your generosity of donations as we raised £187.10 for this charity.



## COVID19

As you will be aware, from the letter sent home on Monday, we are now experiencing our second serious outbreak of Covid here at Middleton. When in an outbreak situation we must follow the guidance and direction of the local authority and public health. This has meant a tightening of bubbles and reverting back to restrictive measures within school. We are hopeful that as more people receive their booster vaccinations, the transmission rates will drop and we may be able to re-introduce a wider range of activities and experiences for our pupils. If you need to report a positive COVID case out of school hours then the contact point is Mrs Graffato on 07740410650 or at [sharron.graffato@middleton.herts.sch.uk](mailto:sharron.graffato@middleton.herts.sch.uk)

## Carols around the Christmas Tree

We are looking forward to meeting many of our families at this event to celebrate the start of the festive season next week. It will be held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 6pm-7pm. Tickets for families must be purchased in advance via Gateway. All tickets must be purchased by 10.00 am on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November. The ticket price includes a hot drink and a mince pie upon arrival but there will also be a raffle and a couple of stalls for children if you would like to bring some loose change! We will need to be mindful of COVID restrictions at this event. We will be seating families according to their department and ask you to respect social distancing with others. The school building will be closed and there will not be access to toilets. Please 'pay a visit' before you leave home! If the weather is particularly adverse then this event will need to be cancelled, but we will inform families if this is the case by 3.30pm on the day. Be sure to bring your fine singing voice as we will be belting out some carols!



## Occasional Day

A quick reminder that the school will be closed on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November for an Occasional Day. We will see the children on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

## Tales From The Chalkface!

### Lower School

Lower School pupils are enjoying their new topic 'hot and cold'. In this chilly November weather they have been learning about the warm climate of Spain!



The children have begun to learn about temperature in Maths, and in Food Technology they have been thinking about equipment which heats and cools food. The Owls class have begun to make a giant advent calendar;



The children continue to enjoy Autumnal walks, and have been using this as an opportunity to learn to change their shoes independently!



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### Middle School

The pupils in Middle School have been busy working on their new topic; 'Celebrations'. They have learnt about Advent promises and visited Van Hages to look at Advent products.



In Maths the children have been exploring the concept of 'heavy' and 'Light';



In history lessons the children have been dressing as Victorian children!



### Upper School

The children in Upper School re-enacted the Great Fire of London last week, with health and safety at the fore!



In art lessons this week, the pupils have been learning about the artist Paul Klee and recreating his style of pastel art work;



In statistics lessons the children have been learning about Tally charts and data display. This was all the more motivating with the use of Haribo sweets as a resource! Sounds like my type of maths lesson!



### Christmas Photos



Work has begun in earnest to create our Christmas Photos of the

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children – this year they are Victorian Carollers! Look out for a letter in your child's book bag over the coming week.

### Dates for the diary

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November**  
Occasional Day. School closed to staff and pupils.

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**  
Carols round the Christmas Tree 6pm-7pm.

### Community News

I have been sent information regarding two community events which may be of interest to families;

The charity 'Herts Inclusive Theatre' have forwarded information regarding their online HIT Be Yoga sessions – aimed at those with special needs or a disability. If interested you can call them on

01923216951 or email on [admin@hit-theatre.org.uk](mailto:admin@hit-theatre.org.uk)

The Watersmeet theatre in Rickmansworth is holding a 'relaxed' performance of it's pantomime Cinderella on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> December at 11am. This may suit youngsters with Autism. Tickets can be purchased on 01923 711063

Have a lovely long weekend. . . . watch out for possible snow!

*Debbie Hartley*

