



Thank You!

I would like to begin this week's newsletter with a huge thank you to families, staff and pupils for their support, patience and understanding while we managed our recent Outbreak of Covid19 within the school. We are currently still working within restrictive measures but hope to move into the next phase shortly and will be re-introducing a wider range of activities and experiences to the children. Thank you for assisting us in being able to slow down and prevent transmission and get the school back onto a healthier path!

Remembrance

On Thursday 11th November, we held our remembrance event with staff and pupils at the school. Mrs Goodall visited us and played the last post on the trumpet. The children coped remarkably well with a respectful two minute silence and we joined as a whole school community, while socially distanced outside. Within lessons the pupils have also been learning about why we hold remembrance services and the significance of the poppy.



New Arrival

We would like to congratulate Mr Shasha who is the teacher in OWLS class (and his wife!) on the safe arrival of their beautiful baby daughter Marnie Rose. He is currently enjoying some special time with his new family and will return to school next week.

New Arrival Number 2!

Parents who have visited the school recently will have noticed a new construction on our roundabout.



This will be a professional workspace, used for

meetings visits and training purposes. We are now at the point of needing to equip 'The Lodge' and are making a plea to any parents or family members who may be trades people and could offer the school donations of support. For example, are you a carpet fitter, painter and decorator or gardener? Would you be willing to offer a few hours to the school in exchange for a lovely cuppa and a posh chocolate biscuit! In addition we need to add soft furnishings and blinds etc - any offers would be hugely welcomed!

Tales From The Chalkface!

Lower School

Lower School pupils have moved onto a new topic 'hot and cold' this half term. Children in Robins class have been learning about hot and cold countries in the world and they boarded a plane within class to visit these destinations!



Last week the children enjoyed making firework paintings and they also enjoyed a real bonfire experience within school.



Middle School

The pupils in Middle School are exploring a new topic; 'Celebrations'. The children in Middle School also enjoyed a bonfire and held sparklers!



In history lessons this half term the children are learning about the Victorians. Within maths the children are learning about 'heavy' and 'light'. This week within off site learning lessons the pupils visited Ware to view the display of poppies and lay their wreath.



Upper School

The children in Upper School are now studying 'Significant People'. They have been learning about the Great Fire of London and last week welcomed a baker from the time into class to interview. He looked uncannily like Mr Hayes!



In science, the children have been learning about friction. Last week they enjoyed a 'James Bond' science lesson, exploring the best material to place on the surface of his shoe to stop him sliding across the floor!

Last week the children enjoyed a return to the swimming pool!

PE Activities

PE activities with groups in the wider community have taken tentative steps forward in recent weeks and today a group of Middle School children are taking part in a sports event at Wodson Park with other local schools.

Dates for the diary

Friday 19th November – Children In Need – please note the correct date for this event as it was incorrect in previous letters! The National theme this year is 'Fancy Dress'. If your child would like to come into school in Fancy Dress next Friday please send a donation into school for Children in Need.

Wednesday 24th November at 2.15pm – FOMS – informal chat and

Middleton News

a cup of tea! We are looking to revitalise our parent fundraising group 'Friends of Middleton School' (FOMS). This is a great way to meet other parents and also create funds towards needed items for the school. We are currently hoping to raise funds for a new minibus. Join us for an informal chat to find out more on this date.

Monday 29th November Occasional Day. School closed to staff and pupils.

I hope you have a lovely week-end. . . . only six weeks till Christmas! Get shopping!

Debbie Hartley

