



Christmas Jumpers



As mentioned in my letter earlier this week, we will be holding our 'Christmas Jumper day' to support Save The Children on 17th December when we have our Christmas lunch. Please send a donation into school for this good cause.

Flu jabs!

A quick reminder that the children who we have consent for will be receiving flu jabs in school on the 14th December. If you have received this vaccination for your child out of school, since completing the consent form, please let us know so that we can amend our list.

Festive Frolics

As we race through December, we are beginning to feel a little festive and engage in some creative activities – many of which include glitter – not a popular time of year with our cleaners!



Several pupils have enjoyed a special trip out to visit Santa.



Children have enjoyed posing for their Christmas photos, which most families should have now received an order form for. Next week we will be performing our Christmas songs and tucking into Christmas lunch.



This will be followed in the final two days with Christmas parties, a disco and hopefully a visit from the man in the red suit himself! All events will be risk assessed and held with caution and protective measures in place.



Tales From The Chalkface!

Lower School

Lower School pupils are continuing with their topic 'hot and cold' and have learnt about the country of Canada. They have also created chilly snowmen pictures!



The children have been learning about the nativity story and have used role play to explore the story telling elements of this tale. They have also been busy creating some festive cookery delights for friends and family!

In statistics, the children have been learning to sort and match colours in Robins class this week.



In ICT we have been learning to create sound using our 2 Simple software.



Middle School

The pupils in Middle School thoroughly enjoyed their Victorian Day last week. They paraded their costumes on the cat walk and then attended a strict lesson in a Victorian school with Mrs Morgan! They created some Victorian toys and experienced Victorian Physical education!



In Statistics the children have been finding out about favourite Christmas songs and then creating a pictograph to display their results.

They have also been making some festive delights – which include salt dough decorations for the tree.



In PSHE the children are learning about 'People who help us' and next week will be finding out about the postal service.

Upper School

The children in Upper School have been learning about Christmas around the world. Each pupil has selected a country they would like to research and has discovered how Christmas is celebrated in this country.

In maths the children have been using money. They have explored the concept of coin value and used coins to add them together to make a set amount. In art the children have learnt about abstract art

and created their own abstract masterpieces.



As a Christmas treat the pupils have visited Van Hages as part of our off site learning plan this week.



In ICT, they have been using 2 Simple Email which is an e mail learning tool which only works within the ICT Suite and children can type or draw their messages. They have their own password to log on.

Sad Farewells

Sadly we will be saying Goodbye to a few members of staff as we reach the end of this Autumn term. We will be losing Miss Hatton, Miss Parkes and Miss Notley from Lower School. They will be missed by pupils and staff alike and we wish them well in their future ventures.

Dates for the diary

Tuesday 21st December

Last day of term. School closes at lunchtime.

**Transport pick up 1pm,
Parent pick up 1.10pm.**

Middleton News

Tuesday 4th January

INSET Day- school closed to pupils.

Wednesday 5th January

First day of Spring term for pupils.

Contact Over Christmas

We hope that our Middleton Community remains fit and well over the festive break.

However, if you are unfortunate enough to test positive for COVID then we will need to be informed (even if well into the holidays).

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

Fingers crossed this is not going to be an issue for anyone!

I am aware that some families like to purchase gifts of gratitude for staff members at Christmas time. This is very kind and they are gratefully received. However, please note that as HCC employees we are unable to accept monetary gifts ie ; cash or vouchers.

I sincerely wish everyone a happy and healthy Christmas, where you may spend quality time with loved ones. Thank you for your support, as always, throughout the term. Here's to a more prosperous 2022!

Seasons Greetings!

Debbie Hartley