



May Mayhem!

May has arrived and we have been very active and busy in school! Apologies for the late production of this newsletter but we were keen to share a feature of our 'Jolly Time' activities with you and needed to take photos on Friday afternoon! Further information can be found at the end of the newsletter!

We are hopeful that the sunshine may settle and stay for the remainder of May. Please do send a sun hat (named) into school for your child and also a named supply of sun cream for staff to apply. Roll on the Summer!

Parents in the playground

Thank you for the fantastic response to the invitation to join us in the playground this week at lunchtime. We had reached capacity by the 9.00 on the morning following the initial communication! This indicates that we may need to run this event again in the Autumn term for those parents who were unable to secure a place this week.

We are looking forward to playing alongside those parents who are joining us this week. Let's hope that the weather is kind to us!

New Roof

For those families who have been part of the Middleton community for some time, you will be

aware that we have had issues with the state of our roof for several years! Many buckets later (and a few storm damage insurance claims) - the local authority have agreed that a new roof is a priority! This is great news but comes at a price as it will mean considerable disruption for pupils over the next six months.

The main body of work is due to commence as we break up for May half term and the work will not near completion until November. Regular site meetings with all contractors ensures that all aspects of health and safety are considered and the school will still be open to pupils during this time frame, but we will need to be flexible and creative with regards to how we work, teach and learn. It will be difficult to escape from some noise disruption and the school will also look quite different when the children return in June. The building will be clad in scaffolding and some internal spaces will be out of use. We are hoping for fine weather so that we can engage in increased off site learning and also take our on site learning outside wherever possible. As we have more detailed information about the last six weeks of term I will of course communicate this to families. The pupils have discussed the changes in assemblies and also within class but you may also want to discuss this with them at home.

Tales From The Chalkface!

Lower School

Lower School pupils are enjoying their new topic 'All About Ware'. They have visited Ware to look at buildings they have viewed in old pictures and compare them with how they look today.



There are plans to visit Ware church, and some pupils have already enjoyed this experience. In English the children have been reading 'The Jolly Postman' and have written letters to post themselves. They have been working hard on their writing skills in class too.



The children have been making sandwiches in their cooking lesson this week.



Middle School

The pupils in Middle School have been exploring art through a range of mediums and have produced some beautiful seaside pictures;



The children have also been writing shopping lists and enjoying the story 'Supermarket Zoo'.

Upper School

The children in Upper School continue to enjoy their new topic 'Britain through the decades'. This week, the children enjoyed a visit from a local historian to hear tales from the period of World War II.



In Measure lessons the pupils have been learning about capacity and using the terms full and empty.



Jolly Time

Friday afternoons, just after two, is the favourite time of the week for many of our pupils! We offer a selection of 15 activities for pupils to choose from. These activities are led by staff who bring in their hobbies from home to share with the children. These activities run for approximately 10 weeks and then we offer a new fifteen to choose from. The pupils get an opportunity to work with peers and staff from different parts of the school and also to learn a new skill or talent! Below are some photos to support just a few of the activities on offer at present;

FOOTBALL;



Middleton News

HAIRDRESSING;



BAKING;



GETTING ARTY;



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BALANCE BOARDS;



DRESSING UP;



PARACHUTE GAMES;



CURLING;



KARAOKE;



FILM CLUB;



IPADS;



TRAINS;



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DOG WALKING;



Dates for the diary

Monday 23rd May –

Year 6 residential holiday

Friday 27th May –

Break up for half term.

Please note that this is a two week half term and pupils return on Monday 13th June.

I look forward to seeing lots of parents on the playground over the coming week!

Warm Regards

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