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Mrs Graffato



It is with a heavy heart that I need to share with you that we will be bidding farewell to Mrs Graffato. Many of you will be aware that Sharron has been unwell for some time now and unable to attend school. Sharron has now decided to retire and spend some well deserved time with her family. Sharron is very sad to be leaving the Middleton community behind, but I am sure that she will still be involved in some family events and continue to be a strong supporter of the school. Sharron has dedicated many years to the pupils, families and staff of Middleton School and we shall miss her hugely. In the new year we will hold a special celebration to say 'Good Bye' to Sharron and I will update you with information on this. 'Thank You' Sharron and good luck with your future ventures!

Audley End

Pupils in Middle School this week enjoyed a magical day out on the Santa Express at Audley End. The children met a Christmas fairy and Christmas elves. They listened to a story read by Mrs Christmas and also met the special man himself; Father Christmas.

They enjoyed an enchanted train ride, sent a letter to Santa and made food for the reindeer! All of the children (and staff!) had a very special and memorable day!



Everyone In

Today a group of pupils from Upper School travelled to Wodson Park for an annual event entitled 'everyone in'. This is a sporting event organised by the Herford and Ware sports partnership to encourage a wider range of children to engage in sport and leisure activities. Mr Wildey was very proud of all of the pupils who attended and joined in so enthusiastically.



Christmas Jumpers



Several families have been asking if we plan to hold a Christmas Jumper Day this year. The answer is that 'Yes' we will, but it will coincide with our Christmas Dinner day; Tuesday 20th December. We will still raise funds for 'Save the children' with this event, but will celebrate our special lunch in our special jumpers!

Parent Questionnaires

We were overwhelmed with the amazing response from parents to our recent questionnaire. Thank you to the many families who gave us feedback in this way. It is very constructive and helpful when considering future strategies and initiatives. As many families may be aware we are imminently due an Ofsted inspection and data is collected via an Ofsted parent questionnaire for this purpose. Ofsted parent view can be accessed by the following link; <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> and you may register to share your view of Middleton School.

Tales From The Chalkface!

Lower School

Pupils in lower school are continuing with their work on Celebrations. Last week the children learnt about wedding celebrations and this week about birthday celebrations. They enjoyed the stories; 'The Scarecrow's wedding' and 'Kipper's Birthday'. The children role played their own wedding ceremony and this week planned for Big Ted's birthday!



In Science the children were learning about materials that are stretchy!



Middle School

Middle School pupils planned a large scale celebration for Big Ted last week as it was his birthday!



The children made cakes and sandwiches. They made party hats and birthday cards, as well as invitations and decorations. A good time was had by all – including Big Ted!

Upper School

The pupils in Upper School are continuing with their topic on 'Journeys'. This week they learnt about the journey to the moon taken by Neil Armstrong. The children were all amazed by this special journey and

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it prompted some beautiful writing;



The pupils have also been learning about the special journeys contained in the Christmas nativity story. In maths the children have been learning about monetary value and in PSHE have been finding ways to control emotions of anger.

Christmas fun!

We are now beginning to think about Christmas in school, with the first of our decorations appearing and visits to meet Santa on the horizon! Listed below is an outline of scheduled Christmas events over the next couple of weeks;

- 13th December** – Santa's Shop for Upper School
- 14th December** – Santa's Shop for Middle School
- 15th December** – Santa's Shop for Lower School
- 15th December** – Carols round the tree for all members of the school community 6.45pm.
- 16th December** – whole school visit to the pantomime; Beauty and the Beast.
- 19th December** – visits from Father Christmas into school am, departmental parties pm.
- 20th December** – Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day.
- 21st December** Christmas disco am and end of term at 1pm.

Please note that our School Show will be performed in the Spring.

Dates for the diary

Thursday December 8th ;
Parent Reading Training –
1.45pm.

Thursday 15th
December;

Carols round the tree –
6.45pm

Wednesday 21st

December – end of term.
1pm finish

Wednesday 4th January

– INSET Day; no pupils

Thursday 5th January –
pupils return to school

As the weather turns colder please do ensure that your child has a warm coat and a hat and gloves where appropriate so that they can continue to enjoy playing outside.

Although we are not currently expecting snow in this part of the country, any inclement weather which closes the school will be communicated to parents via a text message to your mobile phones. Please do ensure that the school has the most up to date contact number for you. An announcement would also be made via the school web site. Fingers crossed that any potential snow will wait until the holidays!

I hope that you are enjoying the exciting build up to Christmas with your family.

Warm regards

Debbie Hartley



