



Middleton News



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Happy Holidays

We have welcomed pupils back to school this week after a fabulous two week half term. Many of the pupils have told me about their exciting journeys – both near and far and it is wonderful to hear that so many families were able to use this additional week, out of usual term time, to enjoy a family holiday. Next year the dates for the May half term are **25th May until the 9th June**, with the second week being the one which is out of recognised school term time. I encourage you to use this time to take advantage of a cheaper and quieter holiday for your family if possible. Please also bear in mind that I am unable to authorise holidays for pupils outside of the Middleton term time dates. So make plans now for next year at May half term!

Welcome

We have this week welcomed a new full time teacher to Robins class (Thank you to Mrs Hill and Miss Sale who did a grand job last half term!)



A big welcome to Mr. Brinicombe who is quickly getting to know all of the children in Robins class! In addition, this week has also seen the start of our second Family Liaison Officer; Stacey Ward.



You may recognise Stacey as she has previously worked as a Teaching Assistant at Middleton. She has now joined Helen Nash to work as a FLO and I am sure that you will be chatting to both Helen and Stacey over the coming weeks.

COFFEE MORNING

It was lovely to see so many parents at our coffee morning today. Thank you to those parents who were able to attend. We will schedule another one in for the start of the Autumn term.



SUNSHINE!

We are all basking in the joy of this current beautiful weather, but it does provide some health and safety challenges within the school environment! We have enlisted our extreme weather risk assessment and are constantly monitoring pupil exposure to the sun and the heat. Please can we ask that you send your children into school with sun cream, sun hats and water bottles. Some curriculum changes may be made as teachers deem appropriate when considering the heat.

Summer term Events

We have lots of exciting events within school planned for the next few

weeks. Next Friday we will be travelling as a whole school community to Wimpole Hall and Farm for our annual whole school outing.

The following week we are holding Sports Day on the Thursday afternoon (29th June).

The following week, on Wednesday the 5th July we are holding an open evening for you to meet with your child's staff team and view their achievements this year.

The family pic-nic will be held on Saturday the 8th July and this will be followed by a swimming gala on the 14th July for Middle School and Upper School. In addition we have departmental assemblies and leavers lunch and a prom

Wow! A busy half term lays ahead! More information will follow over the coming weeks.

Tales From The Chalkface!

Lower School

In cooking this week, the Robins children made strawberry cheesecake.



The children in Lower School have this week enjoyed a trip to Paradise Park, which was organised by the Rotary Club. They had a lovely day and saw lots of animals. Thank you to members of the Rotary

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Club who supported this event and also our parent helpers who came on the day.



The new topic in Lower School is 'The Sea-side'. In ICT lessons the children have been using software to draw a fish.



Middle School

The topic in Middle School this half term is 'Walk on the Wild Side!' The pupils in Toucans class have this week made their own bird feeders and hung them around school.



In music lessons this week the children have been using percussion instruments to accompany a song.



The children are enjoying stories by Julia Donaldson and this week they read 'Monkey Puzzle'

Upper School

The pupils in Upper School have begun their new topic; 'Sport and Leisure'. In life skills lesson this week they have been learning how to sweep and clean the floor.



Pupils in Kestrels class have been learning about temperature in their Maths Measure lessons and used a thermometer to take measurements.



In dance lesson the children have been learning a new routine for the leavers assembly.



MEN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Next week is a national Men's mental health awareness week. This is a good opportunity to reflect

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upon the challenges that we face as parents of children with complex needs and how this impacts our personal well being. One of the parents here at Middleton has shared with us the blog he has written which highlights the need to speak out, share with others and ask for help when needed. Asking for support is an empowering and courageous act and we encourage any parents in need of support to reach out to us.

In support of well being for dads- this weekend is Fathers Day! We hope that all of our dads enjoy a special day of pampering! The children have been busy in school making special treats for you!



Parent View

As many of you will be aware, we are still awaiting an Ofsted inspection at Middleton. At any point you may log onto the parent view link on the Ofsted site to complete a short questionnaire. <http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

Dates for 23/24

Attached to this newsletter is a copy of term dates for the 23/24. Please note that some dates may differ slightly to other schools. For example Middleton breaks up a day later for Christmas for some schools. This is to enable us to take the time in June. Inset days are also included on this list of dates.

Dates for the diary

- Tuesday 20th June** – transition to KS3 talk for Year Four parents
- Thursday 29th June (PM)** – Sports Day
- Wednesday 5th July** – Open Evening
- Saturday 8th July** – Family Pic-nic (11am -2pm)
- Thursday 13th July** – Transition Day

I hope that the weather stays for the weekend and that you are able to enjoy some fun in the sun!

Warm regards

Debbie Hartley



Middleton School Term Dates 2023/ 2024

Friday 1st September – INSET DAY – school closed to pupils

Monday 4th September – school begins for pupils new to the school.

Tuesday 5th September – school begins for majority of pupils

Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October – Half term

Monday 30th October - INSET DAY – school closed to pupils

Friday 3rd November – early closure at 1.00pm to allow for staff training

Thursday 21st December – End of term. School closes at 1.00pm

Friday 22nd December – Wednesday 3rd January – Christmas holidays

Thursday 4th January 2024 – Pupils return to school

Monday 19th February – Friday 23rd February – Half term

Friday 1st March - early closure at 1.00pm to allow for staff training

Thursday 28th March – End of term. School closes at 1.00pm

Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April – Easter holidays

Monday 15th April – pupils return to school

Tuesday 7th May - INSET DAY – school closed to pupils

Monday 27th May – Friday 7th June - Half term (note; **2 week half term**)

Monday 10th June – pupils return to school

Friday 28th June - INSET DAY – school closed to pupils

Tuesday 23rd July – End of term. School closes at 1.00pm