



Adverse weather

We have all noticed the dip in temperature over the past few days. Please ensure that your child comes into school with a warm coat with their name marked inside. It would also be helpful to send in a woollen hat and gloves if your child tolerates wearing these items.



In the unfortunate event of snow or ice it may be necessary to close the school. This is always a difficult decision to make but we must consider the fact that the vast majority of our pupils are transported to and from school via school transport meaning that a decision must be made early and take into account the needs of all.

In the unlikely event that the journey or school site is not deemed safe then we will send a text message to all parents. Please ensure that we have the most recent mobile phone contact for you on our records. We will also display this information on our school web site.

Healthy Snacks

All KS1 children have a snack provided for them in school from central government funding. We ask that parents of pupils from Middle and Upper School send a snack into school daily for their child. This should be a healthy snack such as fruit, yoghurt or bread sticks

and not chocolate. Please note that we are a nut free school.

Lunchtime clubs

We now have a full range of clubs for pupils to enjoy over their lunch break. Some of these clubs are run by school staff and others are run by external coaches. One of these sessions is run by James our tennis coach. Several pupils enjoy a training session with James on a Wednesday morning or lunchtime. I have been very impressed with the skills that they are developing.



Children in Need

Thank you for the donations towards this charity event. As a school we raised £131 for Children in Need. Many of our pupils looked amazing in their special clothes!



Hello

We now have another new pupil in Robins class. Rayyan has settled very well into life at Middleton. Welcome Rayyan!



Tales From The Chalkface!

Lower School

Lower School are continuing their work on hot and cold and have enjoyed a sensory story about 'Elmer in the Snow'. In maths they have been exploring 2D shapes. In PE lessons they have been learning how to climb and explore the larger apparatus



And this week they were visited by the 'Balance-ability' team to explore bike riding and other balance skills.



Middle School

The children in Middle School are starting a new topic 'Celebrations'. In statistics lessons, the children have been learning how to keep a tally chart;



In PSHE lessons the children have been learning about 'Stranger Danger'



In Geography the children have been completing some map work.



The children have also been writing letters to Santa!



In RE they have been sequencing the story of David and Goliath.

Upper School

Upper School pupils are continuing to work on their topic 'Significant People'.



They have been learning about the Great Fire of London and made their own artistic representations of this. Also in Art lessons they have been producing work in the style of Van Gogh – using a fork to score their paint.



This week the pupils in Upper School have also been visited by members of the fire brigade.



Christmas!

We are starting to get prepared for the upcoming festive celebrations in school. All of the pupils have been involved in Christmas cooking missions and this week the aroma of Christmas cake filled the air.



We have enjoyed taking fun photos against our Christmas back drops, which all parents should have access to by the beginning of next week



Next week we will be visited by Santa's shop. The pupils can then purchase gifts for family members. If you want your child to take part in this activity then please pay via Gateway or send some cash into school. We are also busy rehearsing for our school show 'The mouse in Santa's house'. Please do book your tickets to come and watch the performances on the 12th and 13th December. 'Carols round the tree' is already proving to be popular with our families. If you haven't yet bought you tickets then please return the slip and pay via Gateway. It starts at 6.45pm on Thurs 14th Dec.



Middleton News

On Monday 18th December, the Lower School and Middle School will be going to the pantomime Cinderella at the Spotlight theatre in Hoddesdon. Upper School pupils will also enjoy this activity on Tuesday 19th December. Over these two days we are also hoping for a visit in school from the 'man in red' if he is not too busy! Wednesday 20th will be Christmas dinner day. You will have received a letter about this event. Children are able to wear a Christmas jumper into school on this day, to help them get into the festive spirit !

Term ends on **Thursday 21st December at 1pm.** I'm sure you will agree that we have a busy few weeks ahead!

Dates for the diary

Week of 4th December – Santa's Shop.
Tuesday 12th December Show performance PM
Weds 13th December – Show performance AM PM.
Thursday 14th Dec – Carols round Tree 6.45pm
Monday 18th + Tuesday 19th December – Pantomime, Xmas parties and a visit from Santa.
Weds 20th December – Christmas Dinner.
Thursday 21st December – end of term 1pm.
Thursday 4th January – New term begins

I hope that you all enjoy the start of Advent this weekend, and that the weather is kind to us!

Debbie Hartley

