



Welcome back and welcome to 2024! I hope that all of our families had an enjoyable Christmas break and spent quality time with their families. The pupils have returned to school eager to learn and full of energy! Please note that this half term ends on Friday 16th February, which is slightly later than usual. The pupils return to school on Monday 26th February, but we close on Friday 1st March at 1pm for staff training.

Adverse weather



Forecasters are predicting the possibility of snow in the South East of England towards the middle of next week. 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 to and from school, 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. Please also ensure that your child comes into school with a named coat each day.

Lunchtime clubs

In our last newsletter we shared the success of our lunchtime tennis club which is led by an external tennis coach. This month we are focusing upon the work of the pupils who attend the table cricket club. This lunchtime club is also led by an external coach and supported by staff from Middleton School.



Stay and play

Classes have been enjoying our new after school activity held on a Monday entitled 'Stay and Play'. Last week the Penguins class gathered to play with friends after school while their parents also made new friends! Please do check the date for your child's class so that you can attend if possible. New dates are also being shared for classes to have a second play date arranged. Watch this space!

Hello

We now have another new pupil; this time in Kestrels class. Jude has made a positive start to his time here at Middleton. Welcome Jude!

Tales From The Chalkface!

Lower School

Lower School has begun work on their new topic 'People around the world'. They have begun this week by learning about England! They have made English flag cup cakes and visited a supermarket to look for British produce. They have learnt all about the capital city of England; London.



In Science lessons, the children have been learning to label the different parts of a plant.



On Monday the pupils were excited to see a few flakes of snow and went

2

outside to explore this briefly!



In ICT lessons they have been demonstrating their skills on the IPADS!



Middle School

The children in Middle School are starting a new topic 'Shopping'.

Shopping

In Maths lessons, the children have been learning how to make a purchase and also how to be a shopkeeper!



In PSHE lessons the children have been learning how important it is to use kind words with our friends, family and other people.



In Art the children have been completing some 'Big Art' work.



In PE the pupils have been learning about moving in different ways, including crawling, galloping and slithering!



Finally, in music they have been learning to clap to the beat using different notations!



Upper School

Upper School pupils have started learning about 'The Tudors' as part of their new topic. I was particularly impressed with their artistic representations of King Henry VIII.



This week they also made Tudor biscuits.



Middleton News

The children began their start to the term by writing about their new year resolutions!



This week the pupils in Kingfishers took part in a drawing master-class; following instructions to complete a shared design.



Next week the children are preparing to visit a new swimming pool venue!

Dates for the diary

Thursday 25th Jan – L/S and M/S coffee morning. More info to follow.

Thursday 8th Feb – U/S coffee afternoon – more info to follow.

Friday 16th Feb – end of half term.

I wish you all a happy new year and thank you for your continued support.

Debbie Hartley

