

Middleton News



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I hope that all families enjoyed the half term break - despite our disappointment with the weather!

The pupils have settled quickly into the final half term - which is a busy half term with lots of scheduled events! More details of many of these events will follow within this newsletter and also in separate letters so please do stav alert to school communications over the coming days and weeks.

Ofsted Report

As you aware, the school recently experienced a full Ofsted inspection and this week we have received the final report. This report will be published next week, but I have attached a copy for all families to view ahead of its publication next week. We are very proud to be graded as

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in all four areas of judgement and thrilled with the outcome of this final report. It is a privilege to be part of an amazing community and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff for their tireless hard work and dedication, all families for their support and positivity and of course all pupils for their resilience, positive attitudes and kindness. You are all fabulous. Thank you.

Parents on the playground

It was lovely to see so many parents at our recent lunchtime event. I know that the children enjoyed playing with you and sharing their friends with you! I hope that you enjoyed this opportunitydespite both the poor weather and the ongoing building refurbishments!





Thank you to all parents who attended the L/S and M/S coffee gatherings. Upper School are due to hold theirs on the 3rd July at 9.15am.

We hope you can join us.

New playground

Work is finally reaching an end on the refurbishment of a large section of our playground. The children have waited very patiently for an opportunity to try out the new equipment and we hope that by the time this newsletter reaches you all pupils will have tried the new swing and trampette!



Enterprise Week

The week commencing Monday 1st July will be our Summer Focus Week and this time we will be exploring, enterprise, business and careers. We hope that families will become involved in our activities throughout the week as we have lots of events planned. I will be sending a separate letter to all families about the Focus week, but you may want to note that we will be opening the 'Middleton Tea Rooms' Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of that week, where you may book a table for coffee and cakes! Also, on the Friday afternoon we will be hosting a market place where pupils will be able to sell products that they are marketing to families. We will also be holding a sponsored event to raise money for our new sensory room also during this week. Lots to look out for!

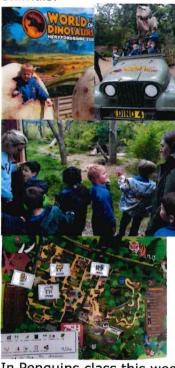
Tales From The Chalkface!

Lower School

Lower School have started their final topic of the year 'Sport and Leisure'. In science lessons the pupils have been exploring the human body and labelling key parts with the correct names.



As a department they visited Paradise Park and had a wonderful day. They have since looked at a map of the park and identified where they found specific animals.



In Penguins class this week they have been reading the story of the 'Runaway Pea'.

Middle School

The children in Middle School have also started their new topic entitled 'Change'. This week they have also performed a departmental assembly to parents.



The classes have also been exploring a new resource entitled 'DRUMBA'. This incorporates drumming with aerobic activity and the children are enjoying this new experience.



Upper School

Upper School pupils are enjoying their new topic; 'Water Water Everywhere'. In Science lessons this week the pupils have made their own thermometers and also worked hard to change cream into butter by hand!



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In food technology lessons the pupils have been tasting produce and deciding what they like and dislike before making their own version!





Sadly we will also be saying 'goodbye' to Mr Perkins in July. We wish him well in his future ventures.

Parent Parking

Please can we remind all parents who drop off and collect their children to remain inside their vehicles until all vehicles are parked and stationary and the thumbs up sign is given by a duty member of staff. It is for the children's safety that we do not move pupils across the playground until it is safe to do so. Thank you.

Road closure

We have been informed by the council that Hoe Lane will be closed between 9.30 am and 4.00pm Wednesday 3rd July to Friday 5th July. It would appear that the closure is from Hertford Rugby Club down to the bottom of Hoe Lane and so we will be able to access Walnut tree Walk

from the top end of Hoe Lane, but there may be travel disruption associated with these works.

FOMS events

In order to raise funds to refurbish the sensory room we have two events for families in the coming weeks.

On Friday 5th July we will be holding a quiz night. This will be lots of fun and we encourage families to create quiz teams at this event. Please note that this event is for adults and is not suitable for children to attend. Tickets are £8 a person and include pizza! On Saturday 13th July we will be holding our annual family picnic 11am to 2pm. This is a great opportunity for families to socialise and meet new class peers and staff. Tickets are £5.00 per family and payable on Gateway.

We have been asked to share with you that there is also a Summer Fayre at Pinewood school on the same day, but 1pm -4pm which you may also like to visit.

Dates for the diary

Monday 24th June – Year 6 residential to Kingswood Friday 28th June – INSET day – school closed to pupils.

Mon 1st - Fri 5th July -Enterprise week Weds 10th July - Open

Evening **Thurs 11th July** – Transition day

Friday 12th July - Swim Gala

Please note that term finishes on Tuesday 23rd July at 1pm

I hope that all families are able to make the most of a long overdue sunny weekend and we wish the Year Six pupils a fabulous time next week on their residential holiday.

Warm regards

Debbie Hartley









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* Please note that this is an event for adults only



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Friday 5th July 7pm at Middleton School

"Friends of Middleton" are hosting a Quiz Night to raise funds towards the new sensory room.

It will be a fun night with prizes to be won and a chance to meet other parents as well as testing your general knowledge!

Make a table of 6 or 8 with friends and family or just come along and we'll find you a winning table.

Tickets are £8 per person and pizza delivered by a local company.

Bring your own nibbles and drinks.

If you would like to take part please return the slip below along with your payment by Thursday 27th June.

We prefer payment by School Gateway.

If paying by cash, please send in a named envelope.

FOMS - Quiz Night

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I enclose £......via the school gateway *

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