



# MIDDLEWICH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2017

A belated, but sincere happy new year to you all. The Christmas break is fast becoming a distant memory; nevertheless I hope you had a good one and, like us at school, are looking forward to a great 2017. Please see below for all the exciting events we have planned.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Y4 to Manchester Museum	
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Young Voices, Manchester Arena	
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb/Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y6 Parent/Carer Consultations	
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School closes for half-term	3.15pm/3.20pm
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School re-opens for pupils	8.50am
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Y5 to Stratford-upon-Avon	
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Thur 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Book Fair	
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Mar	PTA Bingo night	TBC
Tue 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parent/Carer Consultations	
We 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parent/Carer Consultations	
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Y6 SATs meeting – parents/carers	5.00pm
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Y5 to Royal Exchange Theatre – technical rehearsal	
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Y5 to Royal Exchange Theatre – performance	
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Red Nose Day	
Tue 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Y4 to Victoria Hall, Hanley – Popera	
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	School closes for half-term	3.15pm/3.20pm
Tue 18 <sup>th</sup> April	School re-opens for pupils	8.50am

## Staffing

This term we welcome 2 new teaching assistants to the team, Mr Clayton and Miss Fuller who will be working in year 4 and year 6 respectively.

As you are probably aware Mrs Reynolds is not in school following an accident where she has unfortunately fractured her elbow. I am sure you will join us in wishing her a speedy recovery and look forward to having her back in school in February.

Following Mr Ward's period of absence, he has now resigned his post as class teacher. We have been very lucky to have Miss Danha teaching 4DW, but she is getting married and moving away from the area later this week. Teaching arrangements have been put in place for the rest of the year. We wish Miss Danha and Mr Ward all the very best for the future.

## PTA News



Thank you on behalf of Middlewich Primary School to all of the PTA members, parent/carer volunteers and school staff, who supported the school disco on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February. It was a very well organised event and the children really seemed to enjoy the new format. Thank you to the PTA disco team for the successful innovation.

## Reading – Middlewich Primary School Book Club

From Year 3 onwards pupils will be given set texts as part of the Middlewich Book Club. These books are carefully chosen to ensure children experience a range of texts and different authors. Some of the books may be quite easy to read, others are more challenging and pupils will need support to read them.

Please share these selected books with your child. You may wish to read them together and share your views on the stories before your child discusses them with a member of staff at the book club meeting. Happy reading everyone ☺



## School APP



Please be aware that we are developing a Middlewich Primary School APP, which will provide parents/carers with more information. This will also enable school to send push notifications and eventually texts through to parents/carers. Once the new logging on information has been sent out to children and parent/carers, the blogs will go live again.

Please look out for further APP information coming your way soon.

## Bicycles and scooters on the school grounds



Please can we ask that no children, including younger siblings, ride their bikes or scooters on the school grounds before and after school. This is to ensure that all children and their families are kept safe at these busy times.



## Parking – No Parking allowed on the school car park without a permit

Please can I ask parents/carers to carefully consider where they are parking when they are dropping off and collecting their children from school.

*I would also like to remind all parents that the school car park is for staff and permit holders only.*



Tesco allow school to use their car park. This provides parents/carers with a local and safe place to use at the beginning and end of the school day.

Our site manager Mr Dilworth will continue to monitor the parking on the school car park on a regular basis.

Remember this is about the safety of YOUR CHILD. Please do not take risks with their safety.

There are schools where very serious accidents, including fatalities, have occurred on school car parks because they were misused. Let's make sure it doesn't happen here.

## Winter weather / Gritting Plan

During these winter months we often have very low temperatures. On any icy or snowy days please look out for the gritting plans on the school gates. This outlines the areas that have been gritted. **Please stick to these areas to keep yourselves safe.** Please also be aware that in extreme weather conditions a decision may be made to close the Willowmere gate. This is to avoid accidents on the long path round the school field.



## Leave of Absence in term time

If you need to take your child out of school, you must complete a Leave of Absence form. This must be returned to the school in advance of the absence. The forms can be collected from the school office and, on completion, should be handed back. Alternatively the forms are available from the school's website.

Headteachers will not grant leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

If parents or carers, contrary to what the school has said, still decide to take their child out of school for a leave of absence then the absence will be coded as unauthorised.

## Messages to School

Please can I ask that any email correspondence to school is made using [admin@middlewichpri.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@middlewichpri.cheshire.sch.uk) and not via the schoolcomms system as this is not monitored daily.

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