



MIDDLEWICH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER JULY 2017

It has been a very busy half term with various trips, the KS2 summer performance and sports' day along with the PTA summer fair and now we come to the end of the school year.

This year has been a very successful one for Middlewich Primary School. We had a very positive Ofsted experience earlier in the year, we have further developed our curriculum offer with many wonderful experiences for children across the school and our children have continued to shine in all aspects of their school-life.

Thank you to all of the children who have embraced our school goal 'To be responsible, respectful and resilient citizen.' I am very happy to say this has been achieved in abundance. Well done MPS! Wishing all of our families a very happy summer holiday.

Ms La Porta



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Wednesday 19 th July	Music Concert for Y1 & Y2 parents	9.15am
Thursday 20 th July	Y6 Leavers assembly for parents/carers	2.30pm
Friday 21 st July	School closes for summer break	3.15pm/3.20pm
Tuesday 5 th Sept	School re-opens for pupils	8.50am
Friday 8 th Sept	PTA Coffee Morning for EYFS parents	9.00am-10.00am
Wednesday 13 th Sept	PTA AGM	7.00pm
Friday 29 th Sept	MacMillan Coffee Morning- whole school	9.00am - 10.00am

Goodbyes

It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to a number of members staff this summer.

Mrs Eaton has worked in the school for three years, teaching in year 5 and leading the school in the teaching of English. She has made a fantastic contribution to the school in many ways. She is now relocating to Coventry and we wish her well in her new position as Assistant Headteacher.

Miss Chan has worked in year five for one year, covering a maternity leave, and is now moving to a school closer to home. Once again we wish Miss Chan well and thank her for all of her hard work over the year.



Mrs Stokes has worked at the school for several years, supporting a number of children. She has always been a cheery and enthusiastic member of staff and many children have enjoyed her lunchtime craft clubs. We now wish her every success in her new role at a school in Alsager.

Miss Fuller who has worked in year six this year. We thank her for commitment to her role and wish her the best of luck in her new job.

We also say goodbye to the midday supervisor, Mrs Jones and wish her well in her new career.



And of course, because it is the end of the school year we say goodbye to our fantastic year 6 classes. They have worked hard throughout their time at Middlewich Primary School and have grown into mature and responsibly young people. Keep working hard and we know you'll have a successful future ahead of you.

I would also like to say thank you to our head pupil team, Niamh Mullen, Harry Jackson, Kier Grierson and Sophie Yearsley. They have set a wonderful example to all of our pupils and I thank them sincerely for all of their efforts this year.



Keeping Safe Online

In this age, the internet and in particular social media, is so prominent in our lives and we must teach our children to be safe internet users- knowing how to keep themselves safe and acting responsibly and respectfully towards others. Over the last term, the children have thought about how to be a safe internet user. Each year group has had a slightly different focus to reflect the maturity and interests of the pupils. The following resources were used and we suggest these are shared again at home to reiterate the important messages these deliver:

Key stage one and reception:

Pantsasaurus <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-lL07JOGU5o>

Lower key stage two: *Lucy & the Boy* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kwcl-VP3FYc>

Upper key stage two: *I saw your willy* https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sch_WMjd6go

Sandbach Snappers https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FCkit2_fWyg&feature=em-share_video_user

Safeguarding

Can I please remind all parents that we request that no pictures of children at school events are shared on any social media. This includes sports' day and any performances. We ask this in order to ensure privacy is maintained for those children who for reasons of parental choice or Social Care requirement, do not have their image shared publicly. Many thanks for your support in this matter.



Charity Haircut

One of our very caring and considerate pupils, Kate Pawley (y6) is to have approximately 18cm cut from her hair on 31st July 2017 for the charity, The Little Princess Trust. This special charity provides real hair wigs free of charge to children suffering hair loss due to cancer treatment or illnesses. This idea was entirely Kate's and we are so proud of her for thinking of others in such a selfless way. If you would like to sponsor Kate please follow the link below,

https://givepenny.com/kate_pawley_hair_donation_fundraising

Community Charity Day

The family of Sally Hill, the nurse from Oakland surgery who sadly died last summer, have organised a charitable family day in her memory. This will be held on Saturday 12th August, 11am to 6 pm on Market Fields, opposite the fire station.

This is an event to help raise funds for Brake, the road safety charity, in memory of Sally. There will be a range of family fun attractions including rides, face painting and an auction.



School Lunches

We have been informed that the cost of school lunches will remain at £2.10 from September 2017.

Unclaimed bike

In the bike shed there is an older girls' bike with a white frame and blue and pink writing. This has been left for some time. Please do collect this bike if it is yours.

Keeping safe on the school grounds

Last month Mrs Reynolds spoke to all of the children in assembly about three key issues for safety in the school grounds before and after school. The messages delivered were:



1. **Do not walk through the car park.** Instead, follow the path around car park.
This is because there are cars moving at this time and we have had a number of near accidents. Continuing to do this, poses a risk of a child being knocked down.
2. **Do not use scooters or bikes anywhere in the school grounds.** Instead, dismount at the gates and walk your scooter/bike safely to the shed.

Children, including younger siblings often speed around crowded areas, posing a risk to both others and themselves.

3. **Do not play on any of the equipment before or after the school.** No school staff are able to supervise the safe use of the equipment and children using this, encourages very small children who may use it inappropriately.

We do ask that all parents/carers abide themselves by these rules and encourage your child(ren) to do the same. These rules are necessary for the safety of every member of our school community. Many thanks for your support in these matters.

School Car park

Once again, no cars are permitted on the school car park without authorisation from the headteacher. Permits are allocated to Blue Badge holders only. If you do drive to school, we suggest you park in Tesco and make the short walk up to school in order to avoid congestion on Park Road.



PTA News



Thank you to all of the families who came along the summer fair. What a lovely evening it was! We would like to give a special thank you to all of the children who performed on the night- you were all brilliant! Thank you also to all of the dedicated parents and carers who spent a considerable amount of time putting the event together and running it on the night. With a total profit made of approximately, £3000 and many happy faces on the night, we can safely say it was a success for all!

Our PTA do a fantastic job through the year, organising a range of family fun events. The money raised goes straight back into school and helps fund a range of initiatives including trips and visits and equipment. If you would like to get involved in the PTA and help the success to continue, please do come along to the AGM on 13th September. For new parents/carers with children starting in reception classes, there will be a 'welcome coffee morning' on 8th September too. Please do try to come along if you are able.

Messages to School



Please can we ask that any email correspondence to school is made using our main school email address, admin@middlewichpri.cheshire.sch.uk and not via the schoolcomms system as this is not monitored daily.

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www.middlewichprimary.org