



MIDDLEWICH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER MARCH 2018

May I take this opportunity to wish all of our families a very happy Easter.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Thurs 29 th Mar	School closes for Easter holidays	3.15pm & 3.20pm
Mon 16 th April	School re-opens for pupils	8.50am
Tues 17 th April	Y2 to Knowsley Safari Park	
Tues 17 th April	Y3 swimming lessons begin	
Tues 17 th April	PTA meeting – Kinderton	8.00pm
Tues 24 th April	Tempest Photography in – class photographs	
Mon 14 th – Thurs 17 th May	Key Stage 2 SATs (year 6 only)	
Tues 15 th May	PTA meeting – staff room	7.00pm
Tues 22 nd May	EYFS to Blue Planet	
Fri 25 th May	School closes for half term	3.15pm & 3.20pm
Mon 4 th June	School re-opens for pupils	8.50am

Payments to school

Please remember that when sending any payments to school, they are placed in a sealed envelope clearly marked with your **child's name, class, date and reason** for payment (trip/dinner money/snack).

Kitchen News

Cheshire East Catering held their annual awards evening on Friday 9th March. We are pleased to announce that our Catering Supervisor, Mr Barnes, won the Customer Care Award. The team were runners-up in the Happiest Kitchen category and Mrs Whitby was a runner-up in the Best Colleague category. Huge congratulations to them all!

School Uniform

Please can I remind you that all pupils should wear their full school uniform, including black shoes, to school every day. For PE, pupils should wear the red PE t-shirt and navy/black shorts/jogging bottoms. A full list of uniform can be found on our website.

Year 5 Shakespeare Project

Despite the snowy weather at the end of last month, year 5 enjoyed their one-night residential to Stratford-Upon-Avon to 'walk in the shoes' of Shakespeare. As part of their trip, the children enjoyed visiting Shakespeare's birthplace and the church where he was baptised, married and buried. The children were extremely well behaved and a great time was had by all.

Year 5 recently performed their adaptations of Hamlet at the Royal Exchange Theatre in Manchester. They worked exceptionally hard towards this and the end result was an amazing performance by both classes. Well done to year five and all of the staff who have worked so hard on this project.

2018 Run Middlewich

The first Middlewich 5k and Family Fun Run will be held at Middlewich Cricket Club on Sunday 22nd April. For more information on this event visit www.runmiddlewich/Middlewich-5k or email runmiddlewich@gmail.com

Barnaby Bear Goes to Space and Singfest

Over the last two days the children in year 2 and year 4 have performed at the Crewe Lyceum Theatre as part of inter school concerts run by Love Music Trust. The children have worked so hard over the last few months learning the many songs, actions and dance moves. During both performances the children were so enthusiastic and really did themselves proud. Well done!

E-safety

We currently do allow pupils in years 5 and 6 to bring a mobile phone to school if their parents/carers require them to do so for walking home reasons. If this is the case, please ensure you have sent a letter into school giving your permission. It is made clear to the children that phones may not be used on the school grounds and should be handed into the class teacher during registration. However, recently a number of children have been found using their phones on the schools grounds before and after school. If this should happen in the future, those pupils will not be allowed to bring their phone to school.

We are aware that a number of pupils are accessing the 'Roblox' and 'Fortnite' via phones/tablets and game stations. Please do have a look at the following safety guides which give details of the games and how parents/carers can put measures in place to keep their child safe if they access them.

A parents' guide to Roblox

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/roblox-guide-parents>

A parents' guide to Fortnite: Battle Royale

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/parents-guide-fortnite-battle-royale>

There is further information on the school website parent page regarding apps and games that children access, including music.ly. Please read this IMPORTANT information.

PTA News

Thank you to the PTA members who organised two successful events this term. The disco and the bingo were both well attended and much fun was had by all.

Over the next few meetings, the PTA will be discussing arrangements for the summer school fair. If you would like to be involved in organising the event, or helping on the day, any help would be very much appreciated. Please email the PTA at pta@middlewichpri.cheshire.sch.uk if you would like to volunteer.



School car park

Please can I thank all of the parents/carers and grandparents who always park on Tesco car park each morning and afternoon for drop off and pick up. By not parking at school and at the top of Park Road, you put children's safety above your personal convenience.

No cars are permitted on the school car park without authorisation from the headteacher.

Permits are allocated to Blue Badge holders only. **If you must park on the local roads, please park responsibly and with residents in mind.** Take particular care when reversing on Park Road.

This is an area of heavy congestion, with many very small children using the paths, which makes it high risk for accidents. Children's safety must be the highest priority for us all.



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. Please do not send texts to school via the Schoolcomms system as this is not monitored daily.

For more news and information, please visit our school website – www.middlewichprimary.org