



MIDDLEWICH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2018

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Thursday 29 th November	Fluenz – EYFS, Y1, 2, 3, 4 & 5	AM
Thursday 29 th November	Y3 Ghyll Head residential – parent/carer meeting	5.15pm
Friday 30 th November	PTA Christmas Fair	5.00–7.30pm
Tuesday 11 th December	EYFS Nativity for parents/carers	9.20am
Tuesday 11 th December	Y1 & 2 Nativity for parents/carers	1.20pm
Tuesday 11 th December	PTA meeting – Staff room	7.00pm
Wednesday 12 th December	Y1 & 2 Nativity for parents/carers	9.20am
Wednesday 12 th December	EYFS Nativity for parents/carers	1.20pm
Friday 14 th December	Y3 & 5 Wider Opportunity concert for parents/carers	10.30am
Monday 17 th December	Y1 to Stockley Farm	
Tuesday 18 th December	End of term – school closes	3.15pm/3.20pm
Thursday 3 rd January 2019	School reopens for pupils	8.50am

Since returning to school from half term, we have had a busy few weeks. Year 5 met with Middlewich Heritage and members of the Royal British Legion leading up to Remembrance Day. They then wrote and presented a special remembrance assembly to year 5 parents and visitors before laying a wreath at the Middlewich war memorial.

Children across the school learnt about government, democracy and law as part of UK Parliament week earlier this month. Year 5 & 6 pupils also met with our MP, Fiona Bruce who talked to the children about her job as a member of parliament and her inspirations and challenges within her career.



The children had lots of fun on Friday 16th November dressed in spots or their pyjamas and onesies for Children in Need. We are pleased to announce that through the very generous donations of the parents/carers of the school, we raised £657! Well done MPS!

Staff News

Earlier in the school term we said goodbye to Mr Dilworth our site manager. Mr Dilworth worked at Middlewich Primary for over four years and always maintained our school to the highest of standards. We particularly appreciated his green fingers! We now welcome to our staff, Mr Hassall in the role of site manager. Please say hello if you see him around the school grounds.

We would like to congratulate Mrs Parker on the birth of her daughter, Holly. We all had a chance to meet Holly when she had her first visit to school last week.

Communication

Thank you to all of our parents and carers who have now signed up to receive letters and other communications via our Schoolcomms system. Please note that almost all letters which don't have a reply slip will be sent via email only. Paper copies of letters will mainly be sent for trips or events that require a reply from parents/carers.

It is a very busy time of year, so please keep a close eye on communications from school. Thank you again for supporting this system, which reduces our paper and printing costs. If you are not receiving notifications, then please check to see if you are linked to the Schoolcomms App and turn on notifications for texts and emails. For any other queries, please contact the school office.

National Online Safety Team – information for parents and carers

Fortnite Song for Parents – STAY SWITCHED ON! Have you heard the National Online Safety Team's Fortnite song yet? They've reached over 1 million people with the song in just 1 week! If you haven't already heard it please take a look at their videos:

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/NationalOnlineSafety/videos/555060058287627/>

YOUTUBE: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i150BqInjnY&t=2s>

As part of their #WakeUpWednesday campaign, the National Online Safety Team have created a **free guide** for parents & carers to help them stay vigilant when their children are using the App Store. The App Store is used by most Apple device owners and, with millions of apps to choose from and download onto their devices, it's important that parents know how to help their children use the App Store safely. This free guide covers what they need to know regarding the associated risks of the store including; *look-alike apps, in-app purchases, inappropriate material and more.*

TWITTER: <https://twitter.com/natonlinesafety/status/1055071945958531072>

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/NationalOnlineSafety/photos/a.1681508315488685/1907851202854394/?type=3&theater>

Outdoor PE kit

Now that the colder weather is upon us, please include trainers and tracksuit bottoms in with your child's usual PE kit.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 28th September, we held our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning. We would like to thank all of the parents and carers who were able to attend and to all who sent in a donation to this great cause. With all of your help, we raised a fantastic £360 for this charity that holds a special place in our hearts.



Dinner Money

From September 2018 the cost of a school meal has increased to **£2.20 per day, £11.00 for a full week.**

WAYS TO PAY – Please ensure that all payments for school meals are made promptly. Meals can be paid for through Schoolcomms online payments – <http://www.schoolgateway.com>, by cheque (made payable to Cheshire East Council) or by cash (in an envelope, clearly labelled with your child's name and class) . If possible, please send all money into school at the start of the week. Thank you.

PTA News

Thank you to all of the families who supported the PTA Fireworks and Bingo events this month. Lots of fun was had by all!

Over the last few months, the PTA have been busy organising the Christmas Fair to be held on Friday 30th November. Please do come along and support this festive event. We will have many performances from the children as well as the usual Dragons' Den stalls by year 6, tombolas, craft activities and a variety of stalls. And of course, we have a very special visitor, Father Christmas himself!



Please also support this event by sending in your donations for tombolas this week- chocolate (all shapes and sizes!) from EYFS, year 1 and year 2 and bottles from years 3-5. Many thanks. For any PTA related enquires, or if you would like to offer to help at any events please contact the PTA on the following email for more information: PTA@middlewichpri.cheshire.sch.uk.

Willowmere Christmas Market

Willowmere would like to invite you to their Christmas Market. This will be held on Thursday 13th December from 1.30pm. There will be gift and food stalls, clothes and accessories stalls and Santa's grotto! Please call Willowmere on 01606 835413 if you would like any more information.



Middlewich Town Council – film afternoon

Middlewich Town Mayor, Cllr Bill Warmsley, is holding a Charity Cinema Matinee in aid of his charities on Saturday 15th December, 2pm. The doors open at 1.30pm and the film, Small Foot, will begin at 2.00pm. Tickets can be purchased via their website using the link below or by clicking on 'upcoming events' on the home page: <https://www.middlewich.org.uk/events/>

They can also be purchased at the Town Council offices which are open 9am – 1.00pm on Mondays – Thursdays; we can only take cash or a cheque. You can also turn up on the day and pay on the door – cash only.



School Uniform

Please can we remind all parents and carers that correct school uniform should be worn by pupils at all times. Many children do like to wear a Middlewich Primary School badged fleece. However, we do ask that these are worn as lightweight jackets and not as part of their uniform indoors.

Can we also please remind you that children need to wear black school shoes (and not black trainers/pumps). A full list of our uniform is available on the school website, including examples of acceptable shoes.

<http://www.middlewichprimary.org/page/school-uniform/6758>

School car park



Please can I thank all of the parents/carers and grandparents who always park on Jack's 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.** Please reapply for permits in September.

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.