

Updates

Friday 29th April 2022

We hope that you had a great Easter break! Last term was fantastic in school and felt a little more normal with school trips taking place and more visitors in school. We have had World Book Day, authors in school, Bikeability, Reception visited White Quarry Farm, a Planetarium, Science Week and visitors, Red Nose Day, Easter Services and a bun sale...definitely more normal!

We have started the summer term very well and attendance is already improving, thank you! It is really important to send your child to school everyday so learning does not become a worry for your child, they have already missed so much. Please, please send your child to school every day and on time! The school day starts at 8.50am.

We are no longer advising children to stay off with a cough or a cold, children should now only be at home if they are Covid positive for 3 days (PCR test/lateral flow results MUST be emailed to school) or genuinely ill. Learning and retention has been affected significantly and if your child is not in school, they will not catch up. Please bring your child to school every day.

Fundraising and donations

Thank you to everyone who contributed and sent in money for our School Council Charity day. £390.00 was raised and has been banked for Ukraine. ❤️

Our next fundraiser is to purchase a defibrillator to have on the school site. We have been donated £250 funding from the local council and £300 funding from the original application. The total cost is £1150 so we need to raise £600. The school council have suggested having another non-uniform day, donating £1 on **Friday 6th May** and a bun sale. Please send in bun donations on 5th and 6th May, 30p an item.



Thank you to Iceland Middleton who donated chocolate eggs to us before Easter and also to the parents/ carers who nominated MSM Reception on Facebook to win some Easter Eggs from the St John's Centre.



Year 6 SATS - Monday 9th May

This year, Year 6 children all over the country will undertake KS2 SATs – Statutory Assessment Tests each morning during the week beginning Monday 9th May. We do not want you or your child to worry about these tests, they are something that they do regularly in school each term and they assess where your child is at in their learning journey. We are asking that your child gets a good nights sleep during this week. A number of children look exhausted since returning to school after Easter due to being up late gaming or texting their friends. When tired, you do not do your best. We want all children to do their best! It is important that children are on time to school every day.

Vacancy - Lunchtime Assistant - 10 hours -11-1pm daily - Living Wage

We have a 10h lunchtime assistant post on our friendly team. You must like children!!! The role will involve supporting classes in the hall at lunchtimes, cutting up food, encouraging children to eat, clearing plates, wiping tables and encouraging and supporting play on the playground/field during the lunch period. Forms available from the office.

Goodbyes and welcomes! 😊

Before Easter we wished Mrs Jayne Little, our School Office Administrator a farewell in church after working at Middleton St Mary's for 15 years. Thank you to the parents/carers who joined us. She would like to thank the parents and carers for their kind messages and gifts. We also said goodbye to Year 6 HLTA, Mr Leamey who has moved onto be an Attendance Officer at a High School. We wish them both well for the future!



Miss C Southern
Office Assistant



Miss H Bucknall
Academic Mentor

Miss C Southern joined the office team working alongside Mrs P Murray, Office Assistant and Ms D Leeming, School Business Manager. We also have recruited a new Teacher, Miss H Bucknall as an Academic Mentor. Miss Bucknall is based out of class and is working one to one and with small groups of children across the school to help children catch up on their missed learning due to Covid. This is a government funded initiative and we are delighted to have another teacher at Middleton St Mary's.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We are delighted to have filled one parent governor vacancy! 😊 Sarah Kerr, parent of Amy in Y6, Harry Y4 and Sophie YR. We now have another vacancy for parent governor! If you are interested in this exciting voluntary role, please telephone the school and ask to speak to Mrs N Wood who can tell you more about this role.



Read, Read, Read! ❤️

Please encourage your child to read at home every day. Reading is a life skill and will help them in everything they do. If you need some pointers, please speak to your child's class teacher. Sadly, we saw a reduction in children achieving their Accelerated Reader targets in KS2 this term with only 72 children achieving their target compared to 128 last half term. The next reading quiz points will be collected in and stopped on Monday 6th June – first day back after the holidays. Certificates will be awarded on Friday 10th June for those children who have met their points score or exceeded it. KS1 children will be awarded their certificates (and prizes for 100, 200, 300 books read).



School closes and Jubilee Day

School will close on Friday 27th May for half term, reopening on Monday 6th June for the final summer term. On this day we will celebrate the Queen's Jubilee with a school fun day. Children will be invited to come to school dressed in red, white and blue...there will be a picnic lunch, bouncy castles, ice-cream van and juggling workshop. Each child in school on this day will receive a small gift to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee.

Mrs N Wood, Headteacher

Diary Dates

MONDAY 2ND MAY - SCHOOL CLOSED – MAY DAY

Friday 6th May 2022

Non-uniform day - £1 donation and 30p buns
Fundraising for a defibrillator

Monday 9th May – Friday 13th May
Y6 SATS WEEK

Friday 27th May – Last day of term

The Queen's Jubilee Party in school. Children to wear red, white and blue and enjoy a packed school fun day to remember! ...

Monday 6th June – School re-opens

Thursday 21st July - Y6 Prom

Friday 22nd July - School closes for the summer