# Middleton Primary School NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2023



### **Coat Donation/Swap Event**



Thanks once again to all parents for your generosity in donating so many coats for our recent 'coat swap' event -

we received well over 100 coats, all in excellent condition! Many of these were collected by grateful parents/children at our event last Friday. We do have several coats left, which will be placed on tables outside of each year group over the next week or so, free to a good home. If we have any coats remaining at the end of this period, we will be donating these to 'Help Ukraine BAMK UK'



### **Foundation Nativity**

Each Foundation class will be performing the nativity 'It's a Baby!' for their parents/carers to watch in the main hall. The performances will be at 2pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December (Ducklings), Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December (Chicks) and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December (Goslings).

### Year Group Christmas Discos

The year group discos will be taking place during the afternoon of **Thursday 21**<sup>st</sup> (Foundation and Year 3 & 4) and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December (Year 1 & 2 and Year 5 & 6). The children should come to school wearing their party clothes (that are also appropriate for outdoor playtimes). Friends of Middleton will send out more information about the discos nearer the time.

#### **Christmas Lunch**

On **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**, our caterers will be cooking a festive meal of roast turkey with chipolatas or a vegetarian meal of a vegan wellington. If you would like your child to join in the lunch celebrations, please have their **order placed as soon as possible** and by **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December at the latest** (www.innovate-psm.co.uk) Please note that there will be no jacket potato or sandwich options on this day. For children that bring in a packed lunch, they are welcome to bring in their own festive food from home.

#### **Christmas Cards**

From Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December our Christmas post box will open, the children will be able to send cards to friends from their class/year group and across the school. Please make sure that the <u>first name and initial of the surname and the class</u> are written on the envelope. Or as an alternative to sending cards this year, may we suggest a donation to your chosen charity? The school staff will be donating to the MK Food Bank this year.





### Winter Sing-a-Long

Each year group will participate in a winter sing-a-long in the small hall, for their parents/carers to watch outside in the main playground, during the week commencing  $18^{th}$  December. We are hoping this will be a lovely opportunity for families to join in with the festive celebrations.

#### **Adverse Weather**

If the school has to close due to snow, we will advise parents by email once the decision is made. Please do not phone the school to find out if we are open.



### **Outdoor Play Equipment**



It has come to our attention that some children are being allowed to use the outdoor play equipment in the Foundation/Year 1 area and the main playground before and after school. All of this equipment is out of bounds during these times and should not be used, please ensure that your child is supervised at the start and end of the school day. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



### **X-Country Success**

Mr Beaumont and Miss King recently took a group of girls from Year 3,4,5 and 6 to take part in a cross country event at Thornton College. The whole team really enjoyed the opportunity to run around the beautiful school grounds and performed exceptionally well. Out of 14 school teams that participated, our Year 5/6 team were runners up in their event, and our Year 3/4 team were the overall winners of their event!

#### Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will take place in the small hall on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December between 8.30am - 8.50am and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> between 3.10pm - 3.40pm. You will be able to access the book fair through the main playground gate and doors by the small hall. Payment for purchases can be either by card or cash, please bring plenty of change if possible. We hope you are able to come along to the fair and support the school.



### **Online Bookings**

Please remember to book ahead online for school lunches and any breakfast or after school club sessions you need for the first half of the spring term. Please note that there will be **no playscheme** running during the Christmas school break.

### **Donations Update**

Children in Need day raised an amazing £580 and the grand total for the Poppy Appeal this year was £689, our thanks go to everyone involved. Our last charity event of this year will be the 'Christmas Jumper Day' for Save the Children & Alzeimer's Society on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December.





## Please make a note of these important dates in your diaries as it is not always possible to send out additional reminders for events that are taking place at school.

Tuesday 5 December	8.30-8.50am	Book Fair in the small hall foyer
Tuesday 5 December	AM	Year 1 visit to local church
Wednesday 6 December	3.10-3.40pm	Book Fair in the small hall foyer
Thursday 7 December	All day	Charity Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 7 December	All day	Whole school flu immunisations
Wednesday 13 December	9.30am	Year 1 WWW performance to parents in the small hall
Thursday 14 December	All day	Year 6 Falcons trip to Bletchley Park
Thursday 14 December	All day	Year 4 trip to Silverstone Museum
Friday 15 December	All day	Year 6 Kestrels trip to Bletchley Park
Friday 15 December	All day	Year 3 Ancient Egypt day
Monday 18 December	9.05am	Year 1 Winter sing-a-long
Monday 18 December	All day	Year 6 Hawks trip to Bletchley Park
Monday 18 December	2pm	Foundation Ducklings nativity performance

Tuesday 19 December	9am	Year 5 Winter sing-a-long
Tuesday 19 December	2pm	Foundation Chicks nativity performance
Tuesday 19 December	2.45pm	Year 6 Winter sing-a-long
Wednesday 20 December	9am	Year 3 Winter sing-a-long
Wednesday 20 December	2pm	Foundation Goslings nativity performance
Wednesday 20 December	Lunch	Innovate Christmas Lunch
Thursday 21 December	9am	Year 4 Winter sing-a-long
Thursday 21 December	PM	Foundation & Year 3/4 Discos
Friday 22 December	9am	Year 2 Winter sing-a-long
Friday 22 December	PM	Year 1/2 & Year 5/6 Discos
Friday 22 December	PM	School closes for Christmas break
Monday 8 January	All Day	School closed for INSET day
Tuesday 9 January	AM	School opens after Christmas break

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