

# Middlefield Community Primary School News



Dear Reader,

As the weather improves and we move into Spring our thoughts move to our final term of the year. After our Easter break our Year 6 and Year 2 children will begin the countdown to their SATs in May. The Year 6 SATs begin on the 8<sup>th</sup> May and continue throughout the week so we therefore ask parents/guardians to ensure that they have no holidays booked for that week as it is vital that the children are in school. The Year 2 SATs begin on the 8<sup>th</sup> May also, but the children have 2 weeks to complete their tests. We wish everyone a wonderful 2 weeks break and look forward to seeing the children return refreshed for the Summer Term.

## Packed Lunches

In recent weeks the content of some packed lunches has begun to raise concerns with the staff in the dinner canteen and children have commented to staff how some of the things they have eaten have definitely had a negative impact on the behavior and ability to concentrate. **May we remind parents that children cannot bring fizzy drinks to school but can bring drinks such as plain water, milk (semi-skimmed), unsweetened fresh fruit juice, diluted fresh fruit juice, fruit or dairy based smoothies.** Schools are required to positively promote the health and well-being of its pupils. Work around healthy eating is a high priority. To ensure consistency and to keep packed lunches in line with food standards for school meals, **packed lunches should not contain the following:**

- Fizzy / sugary drinks in cartons, bottles or cans
- Chocolate-coated products / sweets / confectionary
- Chocolate spread as a filling for sandwiches
- Sugared / toffee and salted popcorn
- Crisps or any packet savoury snacks high in salt and fat
- Salted nuts



## School Playground

Just a few polite reminders about the school playground, particularly at the beginning and end of the school day.

- **Dogs should not be brought onto the playground** (even if they are being carried) as they are a health and safety risk.
- Many of our children come to school on bikes and scooters, which is a fantastic way to keep healthy. **We ask that the children refrain from riding their bikes or scooters on the yard and walk them to the bike-shed.**
- Finally, we would like to ask that parents/carers closely supervise children on the yard, especially if they are climbing on equipment before or after school.



## Upcoming Events

### April 4

Year 3 and 4 Family Reading Event 2:15-3:00

### April 6

EYFS Easter Bonnet Parade

### May 1

Bank Holiday

### Lateness = Lost Learning (figures below are calculated over a school year)

5 minutes late each day = 3 days lost!  
10 minutes late each day = 6 days lost!  
15 minutes late each day = 9 days lost!  
20 minutes late each day = 12 days lost!  
30 minutes late each day = 18 days lost!

### Attendance . . . something to think about (figures are approximate to illustrate the impact of poor attendance) Attendance over the course of one school year

98% Attendance = 4 days absent from school  
95% Attendance = 10 days absent from school  
90% Attendance = 4 weeks absent from school  
85% Attendance = 5½ weeks absent from school  
80% Attendance = 7½ weeks absent from school

## Autism Training Drop In Session

The Liverpool Autism Training Team, who are part of Liverpool City Council children's service, are offering training, advice and support to families/carers of children who are awaiting an assessment of Autistic Spectrum Disorder or who have received a diagnosis, on the 12<sup>th</sup> June (9:30am-12:30am) at the 5 Children's Centre on Conleach Road. The sessions are tailored to meet the needs of different age groups and to support their development.

For more information contact the team:

Tel: 0151 225 6632

Email: [asdtrainingteamliverpool.gov.uk](mailto:asdtrainingteamliverpool.gov.uk)



## School Sport

What an amazing month it has been for sport in our school. Our under 9's football team met local rivals St. Christopher's in the Quarter Final of the cup. At full time the score was 2-2 which meant that the game had to go to extra-time. Sadly, due to two very well worked goals from the opposition, we lost the game 4-2. Well done to Warren Brown and Ben Berry who scored our goals in the first half. Our Year 6 football team have also played another league game, this time against Carleton House. The game was played at a superb pace with skill and quality evident on both sides. After one of the most exhilarating games we have played this season the final score was 3-3. Well done to Jerome (Y6), Mason (Y6) and Ben (Y4) who scored our goals.

This month has also seen our Cross-Country season draw to a close, with our final league race, the Small School's Championship and the City Championship. We are still waiting to discover in what position our teams finished in the league, however we did enjoy great success at the Small School's Championship. Our boys' team had their best race of the season finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> overall, with stand-out performances from Ethan Horrocks (3<sup>rd</sup>), Ben Reynolds (4<sup>th</sup>) and Ben Wilcox (17<sup>th</sup>). In the girl's race Lilly Bagan yet again had an incredible race finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> and Izabelle Fitzgerald had her best race of the season finishing 17<sup>th</sup>. These fabulous results meant that both our teams qualified for the City Championship on the 28<sup>th</sup> March.

The City Championship saw our children racing in some of the worst weather we had experienced all year. The torrential rain seemed to suite Lilly, who headed straight to the front from the very start. With 250m to go Lilly was part of a group of four girls who had pulled away from everyone else. Just before the final bend Lilly put in a huge sprint to pull away from the other girls and see her finish the season as City Champion. Well done to everyone who competed and a huge thank-you to the parents who supported their children at a very cold and wet Wavertree.



## Attendance (December to January)

Our target for every class is 97% which means that every child must aim to attend school every day. A child missing 1 day of school each week will finish the year with 80% attendance which over 5 years totals 1 whole year missed.

Mrs Crone (Rec) : 95%  
Mrs Donald (Rec) : 92%  
Mrs Young (Y1) : 94%  
Ms Hunter (Y1): 95%  
Mr Fewtrell (Y2): 94%  
Miss Foulkes (Y2) : 96%

Mr Bird (Y3) : 95%  
Mrs Wood (Y3) : 92%  
Miss Cashen (Y4) : 95%  
Mrs Wilson (Y4) : 94%  
Mr Lymath (Y5) : 93%  
Mrs Smith (Y5) : 91%  
Mrs O'Sullivan (Y6) : 92%

**Well done to Miss Foulkes' class who are our best attending class this month. We need everyone to help THEIR class reach the magic figure of 97%.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER: Holidays taken during term time will not be authorized by the school.**

## In Line by 5 to 9

**Please remember our school day begins at 5 to 9** and any children in school or in line at this time will be given a sticker. These stickers are added to your child's individual chart and for every multiple of 10 they receive a prize. Sadly any child arriving after 5 to 9 will not receive a sticker so please ensure they are on time so they don't miss out on their prizes.



