



# Middlefield Community Primary School News

Dear Reader,

It seems incredible that after our week off we will be in the final half term of what has been an incredible year. The final half-term has many exciting events planned for the children to ensure this fantastic year finishes on a high. We have our Summer Celebration Day, Sports Days, Year 6 celebration assembly, the Children's University graduation day, sports competitions and much, much more. We hope you all have a great week and we look forward to seeing all the children return on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

## 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. Prizes include; gliders, pencils, bubbles, play-clay, pads, scribble-pads, parachute aliens, wrist bands and much more. Well done to the children who have already collected 140 stickers this year!

## Packed Lunches

A huge thank-you to everyone who has acted upon the guidance we reissued after Easter however the content of some packed lunches is still raising 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 in class after lunch. Schools are required to positively promote the health and well-being of its pupils. 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



## SATs

The month of May saw our children in years 2 and 6 complete their SATs tests in Reading, Arithmetic, Mathematical Reasoning and Grammar. Year 6 celebrated the end of their testing week by having afternoon tea with their parents in the hall. This was a great success with many parents attending the event to enjoy the many cakes and sandwiches made by the children and our catering company Chartwells. We now look forward to discovering how well our children in Year 6 have done when their results are returned in July.

## Upcoming Events

### June 7

Return to school

### June 22

NSPCC assemblies

### July 14

Celebration Day

### 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

## Year 4 visit to Skipton

This week our Year 4 children (and several from Year 3) visited Skipton in Yorkshire for their residential trip. The trip was a great success with the children and staff arriving back on Friday with many stories of the wonderful things they had done while away. Year 4 will be writing a recount after half term of their time away which we will include in next month's newsletter.

## Liverpool Cup

On the 16<sup>th</sup> May eleven of our boys travelled to Camp Hill for the qualifying round of the Liverpool Cup. Upon arrival we discovered that we had been drawn in a group against some outstanding competition. This didn't deter our team and they gave a great account of themselves in their first game against a team who had finished runners-up in the South Liverpool Cup. Unfortunately after a very close game, with both teams having many chances, the opposition scored just before the final whistle, giving us very little time to reply. Our next two games saw the team come close to scoring on several occasions only to be thwarted by incredible saves. Luck definitely wasn't on our side in these two games and every tackle we made in the box deflected straight to one of their players. This sadly meant that we couldn't progress to the semi-finals but we will return again next year to try again. Well done to everyone who represented their school so well on the day.



## 'Brook' information session for parents

Representatives from 'Brook' Liverpool offered an information session to parents in Years 5 and 6 prior to the children's sessions that they delivered in class on Thursday. This was an informal chat over tea/coffee and a discussion with the parents that attended about what would be included in the class sessions. The session also provided advice on how to initiate often 'tricky' conversations with their own children. Thank you to the parents who attended, the staff from 'Brook' and Mrs Smith for organizing the event.

## Attendance (May)

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) : 91 %  
Mrs Donald (Rec) : 94%  
Mrs Young (Y1) : 95%  
Ms Hunter (Y1): 91%  
Mr Fewtrell (Y2): 93%  
Miss Foulkes (Y2) : 96%

Mr Bird (Y3) : 98%  
Mrs Wood (Y3) : 96%  
Miss Cashen (Y4) : 98%  
Mrs Wilson (Y4) : 94%  
Mr Lymath (Y5) : 91%  
Mrs Smith (Y5) : 97%  
Mrs O'Sullivan (Y6) : 91%

**Well done to Miss Cashen's, Mr Bird's and Mrs Smith's class who all achieved our magic figure of 97%. With a little more effort Miss Foulkes' and Mrs Wood's class will get over 97% for June. Let's see how many classes can get over 97% by the end of June.**

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

## Bikes and Scooters

Please ensure children walk their bikes and scooters when on the playground as riding one around the playground when 350 children are waiting to enter or leave school is a real health and safety issue.

