



# Middlefield Community Primary School News

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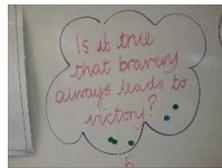
We are now into our second half term of the year, with the first half term seeming to pass in the blink of an eye. This half term begins our passage into the celebration of Christmas which is always a magical and busy time in school for the children and staff. Key Stage 2 have already started to discuss which carols they will sing in their performance and KS1 and EYFS are narrowing down their selection for their performances this year. The children have started this half term back with a new 'Chatter Box' English unit and all seem to be enjoying the opportunity to become fully immersed in their text type that they are studying.

## Super Science Experiments

This half term Year 5 have been visited by Mrs Watson from the Academy of St. Nicholas who has delivered a different experiment lesson each week to both classes. To conclude the visits all of Year 5 visited St. Nicholas and took part in a science lesson in a secondary science lab. Amelia said that her favourite part was, 'Lighting and using Bunsen burners' and Daisy said how she loved the visit because she's, 'A big fan of science.' Thank you to Mrs Watson and St. Nicholas for all the wonderful science lessons this half term.

## Philosophy for Children

This academic year we have embarked on a whole school journey of becoming a P4C school. All the teaching staff are now level 1 trained in the delivery of P4C enquiries and have been facilitating enquiries each week since we came back in September. The benefits for our children are that through this enquiry based approach we can open up children's learning through the exploration of ideas. Below are some examples of questions Year 4 have been discussing and the orderly way in which the enquiry is carried out..



## Upcoming Events

### November 3

Visit from Chaplain Andrew

### November 13

School Book Fair

### November 22

Y5 Anchor Education Performance

### 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

- 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

## Cross-Country

On the 10<sup>th</sup> October our school cross-country team travelled to Clarke's Gardens for their next race of the season. Yet again there was a huge amount of children in each race with over 140 lining up at the start line. This was our most difficult race this season because of the hill that covers about a quarter of the course. All the children raced extremely well and behaved impeccably on the day. We now look forward to our next race which isn't until February 2018. Well done everyone and make sure you keep attending training every week.

## Year 6 Football

Our football season started mid-October with our first game of the season against local rivals St. Christopher's. We started the game at a great pace, soaking up early pressure from St. Christopher's and scoring 2 outstanding goals on the counter attack from Ollie and Harvey. Just before half time St. Christopher's scored a goal from a corner to end the first half 2-1. Not long into the second half we extended our lead with a goal from Charlie Harrison to see us leading 3-1 with ten minutes remaining. Sadly we couldn't hang on to this lead and St. Christopher's netted two more goals before the final whistle meaning the game finished 3-3. Our next game will be near the end of October in a cup game against St. Mary's West Derby.



## Attendance-October 2017

Our target for every class is 100% every week this year. Some classes have made a good start achieving 100% on a number of weeks but for this month the closest class was Miss Foulkes (97%). These percentages are an improvement on last year but we still want to push for the first class to achieve 100% for an entire month.

Mrs Crone (Rec) : 95%

Mrs Donald (Rec) : 93%

Mrs Ellis (Y1) : 93%

Ms Hunter (Y1): 95%

Mrs Beresford (Y2): 91%

Miss Foulkes (Y2) : 97%

Mrs Niedzwiecki (Y3) : 95%

Mrs Young (Y3) : 93%

Mr Jones (Y4) : 96%

Mrs Smith (Y4) : 91%

Mr Lymath (Y5) : 95%

Mrs Wood (Y5) : 96%

Mr Fewtrell (Y6) : 96%

Mr Bird (Y6): 95%

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

## Bikes on the Yard

Please remember that bikes should not be ridden on the playground by **children** or **adults** as they can cause serious injury to our younger children. All the children have been told that they must walk with their bike until they are out the school gate. Many thanks for your support with this issue.



## **We are now on Twitter (@middlefield\_cp)**



Midway through September we launched our new Twitter feed to showcase some of the amazing things that happen in our school. Please feel free to follow us and keep up to date with some of the things our children do each week. We currently have 23 followers so we are feeling a little lonely. Please remember that important dates can also be found on our school website.